The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:05 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers. Mayor John W. Finley called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

- Councilman Tom Bragg Present
- Councilman Darrell Newton Present
- Councilman Terry Robison Present
- Councilman Mark Dille Present
- Councilwoman Michele Blackburn Present
- Councilwoman Diane Offenberger Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Hemry, and Village Administrator John Thompson

**VISITORS:** Jay Cordray, Devin Cain

**Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes of September 5, 2017**

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bills of the Village**

Councilman Newton made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Abstain; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

**Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation**

Council signed off on the September Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.
Public Participation

Mr. Devin Cain addressed Council requesting North and South Kennebec to be closed at 8:30 A.M. for Heritage Day. Since Council made the decision to only close the Square from Noon to Six, they need longer time for some of the booths to be set up and thought they could do it on Kennebec. He also requested No Parking signs to be put on Main Street and North and South Kennebec on Friday evening.

After a brief discussion Councilman Bragg made a Motion to close North and South Kennebec; from the Alley by First National to the Alley before Peoples Bank at 8:30 A.M. and then close the entire block including the Square at Noon, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Abstain; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The Motion carried.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported September Income Tax receipts as $29,061.91. Mayor Finley reported September Mayor’s Court receipts as follows: Village - $5,167.00; Morgan County Treasurer – $51.35; Treasurer of State – $1,275.45 for a total of $6,493.80. Mayor Finley reported September Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - $386.00; Meters - $1,467.40 for a total of $1,853.40.

Mayor Finley stated he was in receipt of a letter from ODOT regarding reports of bridge inspections. If any of Council wishes to review this, they can get a copy of the letter.

Mayor Finley stated he received a booklet on Christmas Displays.

Mayor Finley stated Fiscal Officer Hemry e-mailed Council a notice from OML regarding their fall seminar. If anyone wishes to attend, they need to get registered.

Mayor Finley reported he will be attending his Mayor’s Court update training this Friday in Columbus.

Mayor Finley reported Trick-or-Treat has been set for October 30th in conjunction with Malta Village from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Offenberger questioned if the rule was still to leave your porch lights on if you were participating.

Mayor Finley stated yes.

Ordinance 17-11

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 17-11, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FIRE LANES AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to pass Ordinance 17-11 on the third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Robison.
Ordinance 17-11 was duly adopted

Ordinance 17-14

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 17-14, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-14 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Ordinance 17-14 was duly adopted.

Mayor Finley stated he has been talking with Attorney John Wells regarding the annexation of the preschool, there is no final paperwork yet.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the paving is completed; however, there is still some curbing work on Poplar Drive.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the painting of the water tank is completed. When we began filling it there was a minor leak; the company is coming back in to work on it this week and it should be filled next week.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he passed out a copy of the street and alley evaluation to Council. This shows the length and widths, their ratings; and, the cost for repair of the pavement. Some of them would be chip and seal, while others are just filling of cracks. Village Administrator Thompson stated this will be a good tool for the future.

Councilman Bragg questioned where we were at with the repair of the blacktop from the Sewer Separation Project.

Village Administrator Thompson stated it is pretty much completed.

Councilman Dille questioned how much longer would we be doing hot mix.

Village Administrator Thompson responded two more weeks.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned how long Kennebec would be under construction.
Village Administrator Thompson responded the last he spoke with them, they said it would probably be another three weeks.

Councilwoman Offenberger questioned if a guard rail would be added.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he was not sure; but, probably not.

Councilman Dille stated he feels a sidewalk needs to be installed and we should be searching for financial assistance for this.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he does not feel we could get any grants for a sidewalk.

Council asked if the State was going to fix the sidewalk that is there.

Village Administrator Thompson stated when speaking with the State Inspector, he would not commit to fixing it.

It was noted the Final Pay Application was signed and sent in for payment to McVoyt.

**Chief of Police Troy Copeland**

Mayor Finley stated he wanted to compliment the Chief and his Department for jobs well done. We have had three successful drug hits with Atlas. Mayor Finley stated he is extremely happy about that.

Mayor Finley informed Council that the State is now demanding finger printing for an M4 or above. The Chief is going to be pricing finger print scanners to put in the cruisers.

Chief Copeland stated it needs to be completed for any jailable offense.

**Economic Development Committee**

Councilman Newton reported there is a tree on Tenth Street that is in bad shape.

**Other Business**

Councilwoman Blackburn reported on the Park Committee Meeting. Councilwoman Blackburn stated most of the board members have resigned from the park board. McConnelsville’s committee is going to meet with Malta’s committee so they can discuss what direction the village’s need to go with the park. Councilwoman Blackburn scheduled a meeting for Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in McConnelsville Council Chambers. She noted she will be inviting the Sport Committee Heads to attend the meeting also.

Mayor Finley stated we have some real problems and need to take this very seriously. This is a great facility and it takes a lot of work to keep it up.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated approximately 3,000 people go through there during a weekend tournament.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated our committee believes there needs to be a Director.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he agrees it needs a hired person; a paid Director.
Councilman Bragg questioned if anyone has ever checked into hiring someone through an Internship. Mayor Finley had mentioned that a few years ago.

Councilman Robison stated he believes there needs to be an admission charge and that fee can be used to pay the salary of the Director.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated yes; and, the concession stand also.

Fiscal Officer Hemry noted to Council that she will be absent at the next meeting.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Finley requested Council to go into Executive Session to discuss property; with no action being taken when coming out. Village Administrator Thompson and Fiscal Officer Hemry were invited to attend the Executive Session.

Councilman Bragg made Motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:45 P.M.

Councilwoman Offenberger made a Motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilwoman Offenberger made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till October 17, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers.

_________________________________  ___________________________________
John W. Finley                  Ellen M. Hemry
Mayor                          Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of McConnelsville concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.