

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 6, 2013

Page 1 of 6

The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:25 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Office. Mayor John W. Finley called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Councilman Tom Bragg	Present
Councilman Rhett Matheney	Absent
Councilman Terry Robison	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Dorothy Shriver, Carol Morris

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

Excuse Absent Council Member

Councilman Blackburn made a Motion to excuse Councilman Matheney from the meeting, seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of October 15, 2013

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Robison made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Dille.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 6, 2013

Page 2 of 6

Public Participation

Ms. Dorothy Shriver addressed council regarding the Christmas decorations that are stored in her barn. Ms. Shriver stated they would like to find someone to put them up again this year; and, she will not be able to store them once the Christmas season is over.

Ms. Shriver has headed this up for several years and would like to donate all of the decorations to a group or someone and have them take it over. They advertised last year for someone to take it over and no one responded.

Mayor Finley stated he appreciated everything she and her group has done over the years and hopefully we will be able to help find someone to take this project over.

Ms. Shriver stated if no one here will do so; she will be donating them to Columbus.

6:11 P.M. Tim Bragg entered the Council Meeting.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported October Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$2,970.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$15.00; Treasurer of State - \$522.00 for a total of \$3,507.00.

Mayor Finley reported October Income Tax receipts as \$42,523.26. Mayor Finley reported October Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$230.01; Meters - \$1,381.44 for a total of \$1,611.45.

Mayor Finley reported the cut-off date for spending will be December 6, 2013. The only exception is for an emergency and a separate purchase order must be cut regardless of the dollar amount.

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from the Ohio Department of Transportation in reference to bridge inspection reports. Mayor Finley passed the letter around for Council to view.

Mayor Finley reported one of his goals is for a new Village Hall. Mayor Finley has been speaking with Senators and Congressmen seeking any possible grants or funds available to help purchase one.

Mayor Finley stated in order to get to the point of applying for any grants or loans; we must have a projected cost. Mayor Finley stated he is bringing this request to Council to get their approval for him to work with an architect to get a set of drawings and a builder's estimate, at a cost of around \$2,000. Mayor Finley stated once he received the layout of the office, he would bring it back to Council. Mayor Finley stated he has a list of basic items he will go over with the architect as to what our needs would be.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to allow the Mayor to work with an Architect to draw up plans for a new Village Hall at a cost of \$2,000; seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Ordinance 13-19

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 13-19, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROPER VILLAGE OFFICIAL TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DECLARING AN

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 6, 2013

Page 3 of 6

EMERGENCY.

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

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 13-19 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Ordinance 13-19 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the UV and screen have been installed and is operating pretty much full-time now; additional wiring with the Scada system is still needed. Village Administrator Thompson stated we are going to upgrade our current Scada System, as it currently doesn't call us out on all problems.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the sidewalk project on Riverside is now complete. The wall is up; however, we ran out of the blocks and the supplier does not currently have anymore and are not sure when they will come in. If they are not in soon; it may be Spring before the project is finished.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Burgess and Niple regarding the Hawk Sewer Plant. The cost to evaluate what is there and come up with options is estimated to be around \$8,000. Village Administrator Thompson stated once we sign the contract with Burgess and Niple he will contact EPA to see what we can do.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Buckeye Hills to check for any funding options and it does not look good due to the situation it is in. This is a site specific project and most of the grants are for low to moderate income projects; however, he is still looking.

Mayor Finley reported he and the Village Administrator met with the National Guard regarding the Hawk Treatment Facility to see if they had any options or money to assist us. They said they did not have any money; but, they may have some suggestions. We will be keeping in touch with their personnel and they will do what they can. Mayor Finley stated he did let them know there will probably be an increase in their bills to help offset these costs.

Village Administrator Thompson stated the National Guard has other places facing the same situation we have here.

Village Administrator Thompson stated it will probably be after the first of the year before we have anything from Burgess and Niple. Village Administrator Thompson stated EPA is working with us since we are progressing forward.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the employee's life insurance has been turned over to Dearborn National. By making this change, there was an 18% cost savings.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 6, 2013

Page 4 of 6

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she would like to see these changes go through a committee so they know what is going on.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he attended the Sub-Committee meeting for Issue I road paving. The Village went in with the County and that group scored first in points for the County. It was then taken to Buckeye Hills and prioritized; if everything stays the same as in the past, there will be a good chance we will be funded.

Village Administrator Thompson reported we are having some issues with one of our pumps at the Kennebec Booster Station. The pumps are around 30 years old and we are having difficulty repairing it; it is working, but we still have concerns. He is looking at replacing one pump this year and the other one in the next year or two.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Opera House HVAC project cost ranges from \$32,000 to \$102,000; depending on what we are going to do. Village Administrator Thompson stated he had a meeting with them yesterday and the grant proposal must be in by November 15th. Village Administrator Thompson stated in regards to the HVAC project; we have some funding for this and are looking to get additional funding.

Village Administrator Thompson reported Shelly and Sands started the paving project today, Fifth Street is milled and ready for paving tomorrow; then, they will begin on the alleys.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with the Commissioners and the Planning Committee today regarding water run off issues, and how we can resolve these in the future. Discussion was made regarding holding and retention ponds on subdivisions and developments. The Planning Commission is going to come up with a proposal on an issue at the North End of town. Village Administrator Thompson stated in the near future we will have to come up with a plan for run off.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we are having an issue with a trailer in town; he has discussed it with our Village Solicitor. According to our current ordinance, there are certain requirements they will have to meet; if a variance is needed, they will be addressing it with Council.

Councilman Dille stated he is still having some water pressure issues at his home. Councilman Dille stated the Village crew did a good job finding the leak on the water line.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported someone contacted her regarding the utility pole at Morris Drive and Kennebec. It is still leaning from where it was hit with snow plow last year.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Dille stated he was unable to attend the last Park Board meeting. Councilman Dille reported he has been in contact with Jason Givens with the Little League in Junction City; he has a lot of information we can gather from him. They put lights around their field for around \$1,200. Councilman Dille stated he has been in contact with the Board President, Kevin Morrow; and, they are working together to possibly fix our lighting problem.

Councilman Dille questioned the Village Administrator if he had a chance to look at the roll up windows at the park. Village Administrator Thompson stated yes, he and Chris Apperson have; however, they haven't gotten them fixed as of yet.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 6, 2013

Page 5 of 6

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Robison reported the next Joint Public Utility meeting will be held on November 18, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at Malta Village.

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reminded everyone of the Special Meeting on November 12, 2013 to work on the budget for 2014. Councilwoman Blackburn stated she would like incoming Councilman Darrell Newton to attend. Councilman Robison stated he would contact him.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Robison stated he feels there has been ample time to get the house down on Union Avenue. Councilman Robison stated it is more of a safety issue now than it was before. One floor fell in on someone; and, one wall is bowed out toward the sidewalk. Councilman Robison questioned if it was something the Village needs to look at and possibly knock it down; then, bill them for time and equipment.

Mayor Finley asked the Village Administrator and Chief of Police to talk to them about this tomorrow.

Councilman Dille reported he attended the Trick-or-Treat that was done around the Square. Everyone thought it was nice and enjoyed it. He feels we should continue doing it each year.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the Key Club received 30 bags of groceries for the food pantry.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison reminded everyone to let him know when there were boil alerts so he could post them on the website.

Executive Session

Councilman Robison made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Village property; seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:12 P.M. with no other business to discuss when coming back out. Mayor Finley requested Fiscal Officer Henry, Village Administrator Thompson; and, Solicitor Tarbert to attend the Executive Session.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to come out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Dille.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 6, 2013

Page 6 of 6

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:25 P.M.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Dille made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till November 19, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

John W. Finley
Mayor

Ellen M. Henry
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.