

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: October 15, 2013

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:10 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	Present
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 Hemry, and; Village Administrator John Thompson

VISITORS: Carol Morris, Fred Morris, Darrell Newton

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of October 1, 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 Rhett Matheney, Abstain; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

Public Participation

Mr. Darrell Newton addressed Council regarding his concern over the new downtown lighting. Mr. Newton feels the lighting is too dim; making it hard to see people in the crosswalks. Council concurred it was a softer lighting. Village Administrator Thompson stated they are suppose to put out the same power as the old lights. It was questioned if it

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would make a difference if we put up the glass globes; and, Village Administrator Thompson stated these were the globes that were recommended to be used with the LED lighting.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported on the letter he received from Parkway Auto Sales and Service that was shared with Council. Mayor Finley stated they have a nice business in town and wants to support them. Mayor Finley has invited the owner to come and explain to Council what services they offer. Mayor Finley stated he encourages all local businesses and their success.

Mayor Finley reported September Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$6,808.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$104.40; Treasurer of State - \$1,246.60 for a total of \$8,159.00. Mayor Finley reported September Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$232.09; Meters - \$1,229.25 for a total of \$1,461.34. Mayor Finley reported September Income Tax receipts as \$22,477.95.

Mayor Finley stated everyone received a copy of the pool expenditures and revenues to date. Mayor Finley stated it was a tough year for the pool. Discussion was made regarding the new slide; hoping it will attract more children. Mayor Finley brought up the idea that maybe we can do something to keep flood waters and the creek from backing up into the pool. Village Administrator Thompson will check into what can possibly be done.

Mayor Finley reported he will be out of town on November 5, 2013; and, questioned if Council would like to reschedule the next Council Meeting for November 6, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to reschedule the November 5, 2013 meeting until November 6, 2013 at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

The November 5, 2013 meeting was rescheduled for November 6, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Finley reported he attended the Mayor's Court update training presented by Ohio Municipal League last Friday. Mayor Finley stated he received his continuing ed certificates and they will be displayed in the office.

Ordinance 13-17

Council went over the proposed Alley Ordinance and made a few minor changes before presenting for passage. Councilman Dille stated he felt signs should be placed on Eleventh Street and Beechwood so there won't be any questions. Village Administrator Thompson will have the signs ordered and placed.

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 13-17, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ALLEY WEIGHT LIMITS

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

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Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, 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 13-17 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

Ordinance 13-17 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 13-18

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 13-18, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE GENERAL AND STREET FUNDS

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

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

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 13-18 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

Ordinance 13-18 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the crew has begun picking up leaves within the Village. They are going to try a schedule this year; with picking up leaves south of Main Street on Mondays; north of Main Street on Wednesday; and the Additions in between. Village Administrator Thompson stated there will be times when something happens creating them to get off schedule; however, they will catch up those times when time allows.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the sidewalk project has begun at Riverside and Liberty by the Eagles Park. Village Administrator Thompson noted this was being done through the Distress Grant.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Notice to Proceed on the alley paving has been signed. Village Administrator Thompson stated he hopes they will begin within the next week to ten days; and, then it should be completed in about a weeks' time.

Village Administrator Thompson reported some signs have been removed by the new bridge area; trying to keep it looking better.

Village Administrator Thompson reported a letter was received from EPA regarding the Hawk Sewer Plant. He stated we have had some issues and have tried to remedy them with

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the assistance of the EPA; but, it is still not operating properly. Village Administrator Thompson stated there is not enough load on the plant to make it operate properly; and, we are not able to meet the NPDES guidelines.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the work at the sewer plant is progressing and expected to be completed on time. He is hoping to have it up and running in two weeks. The screens are to be installed on October 28th or 29th; with the substantial completion by the end of October and final completion by end of November.

Village Administrator Thompson reported Kelly Wells started today as our Part-time Administrative Assistant.

Chief of Police Troy Copeland

Chief Copeland reported in the month of September there were 44 citations and 2,000 miles were driven. Chief Copeland reported there was a B&E at the Church of Nazarene; theft cases on Seventh Street; an assault on Seventh Street; and another B&E at a garage on Sixteenth Street.

Chief Copeland reported he has been taking the cruisers in for maintenance to prepare them for the winter season. Chief Copeland stated he has purchased cameras for all of the cruisers; body cameras for the officers to take into a scene; two portable alcohol breath testers for the nightshift; an evidence locker that has eighteen compartments with individual locks; a new radar for the white Dodge Charger; a cage for the 2012 Dodge Charger; and a laser gun for all to use.

Chief Copeland reported all officers attended training last week at the EMA building for the new OLEG reporting system. Chief Copeland stated this is offered by the State through the Attorney General Office; it is a free internet based reporting system, now the officers can do their reports on the laptops in the cruisers instead of coming in the office.

Councilman Dille questioned where the internet service was coming from for this. Chief Copeland stated Wi-Fi.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Hemry

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported September month to date expenditures and revenues; and, year to date expenditures and revenues, as follows: General Fund month to date expenditures \$31,995.73, revenue \$41,487.08; a difference of \$9,491.35; year to date expenditures \$401,921.39, revenue \$618,106.98; a difference of \$216,185.59. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$54,602.80 leaving a balance of \$161,582.79.

Street Fund month to date expenditures \$4,905.71, revenue \$6,564.62; a difference of \$1,658.91; year to date expenditures \$43,799.12, revenue \$54,714.93; a difference of \$10,915.81. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$2,860.94 a difference of \$8,054.87.

Water Fund month to date expenditures \$27,888.00, revenue \$47,573.47; \$5,170.93 of that amount came from Morgan Meigs; a difference of \$19,685.47; year to date expenditures \$231,104.67, revenue \$361,458.35 a difference of \$130,353.68. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$113,066.24 a difference of \$17,287.44.

Sewer Fund month to date expenditures \$23,096.85, revenue \$49,897.20; \$4,747.12 of that amount came from Malta for Joint Sewer Operations and Maintenance; a difference of \$26,800.35; year to date expenditures \$312,114.98, revenue \$432,207.74; a difference of

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\$120,092.76. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$148,534.97 leaving a year to date deficit of \$28,442.21.

Water Capital Projects Fund month to date revenue \$1,660.73; year to date revenue \$17,203.77.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Dille reported he attended the Park Committee Meeting that was held on October 8th. AEP donated posts for the perimeters; for the light posts. They discussed usage fees on the leagues; endorsement plaques on tables (new tables are coming); S & S Plumbing will be doing the winterizing; and quotes on mowing of the park and seeing what the best method will be. Councilman Dille asked Village Administrator Thompson to check out the roll up windows as they are leaking. Village Administrator Thompson stated he and Chris Apperson went over and looked at them to see how they could be fixed. Councilman Dille stated they are also discussing a fund raiser; purchasing benches with endorsements. The next scheduled Park Board Meeting will be held on November 4, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in Malta Council Chambers.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Matheney reported we are getting ready to pave alleys; everything is going well.

Mayor and Council stated they are very pleased with work the gas company is doing on the line replacements and have had several good comments.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Economic Development Office has eight offices to lease out for new entrepreneurs. Cinda Erickson will be opening a satellite office; along with Thompson's Child and Adolescence (they are based out of the Zanesville area and help troubled children).

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Robison reported the next Joint Utility Meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 7:00 P.M. in Malta Council Chambers.

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn stated we have been discussing a workshop and waiting to hold it until after the election to involve any new Council Member. Councilwoman Blackburn stated they need to get their ideas together so the Fiscal Officer can begin preparing the budget. After a brief discussion, a Special Meeting was set for Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of a work session and preparing for the 2014 Budget.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Bragg reported concerns over those using scooters and driving them in the streets; fearing someone will be injured. Councilman Bragg stated the downtown area sidewalks are wheel chair ramp accessible.

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Discussion was made regarding the preparing of an Ordinance. Councilman Matheney stated he wants to see what the laws are and what can be done. Councilman Robison stated he will check on other ordinances.

Councilman Robison stated he has been receiving a lot of complaints about the house that is being torn down on Union Avenue. It seems to be taking them a very long time to get it down; and, he was under the understanding that today was the deadline for demolition to be completed.

Councilman Dille stated he has been reviewing the Property Maintenance Ordinance and feels it needs some work. Council will review this during the work session.

Mayor Finley stated he will begin looking at the committees and would like anyone to get with him if they would like on a certain committee.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison reported he will add the leaf pick-up schedule to the website.

Councilman Robison noted he has added the boil alert notice section; and, to please let him know when there is one so he can add the notification.

Councilman Robison stated he has added the Trick-or-Treat schedule to the website; it will be on October 31, 2013 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Other Business

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the Homecoming Parade will be Friday evening; and, questioned if the Village had been notified. No one at the meeting was aware; but, will make note of it.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she was approached by Ginny Bond to have the Square closed on the 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 for Trick-or-Treat as was done last year.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to close the Square on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. for Trick-or-Treat, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

Mayor Finley requested Village Administrator Thompson to notify the State; and, Chief Copeland to put up no parking signs on the surrounding streets.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated the Key Club will be doing Trick-or-Can again this year; all the food collected will go to the Food Pantry. Councilwoman Blackburn reported they collected eight boxes of canned goods last year.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

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The meeting was adjourned till November 6, 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.