The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 8:16 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 Rocky Woodburn, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Hemry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS:

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of May 15, 2012

Councilman Robison made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilman Matheney.

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.

Special Minutes of May 22, 2012

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to add Malta’s water bill in the amount of $7,397.13, seconded by Councilman Robison.
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 approve the bills as amended, seconded by Councilman Matheney.

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

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

Council signed off on the May Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley stated Council will find a breakdown of MS Consultant’s fees to date in their packets.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned if the Village Administrator was satisfied with their work. Village Administrator Thompson stated he had no objections and they work very well with us.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned if their fees were reasonable. Village Administrator Thompson stated their rate structure is pretty much the same as other Engineering Firms.

Councilman Dille questioned if we were receiving all the drawings on the project. Village Administrator Thompson stated they are actually redoing the current drawings we have and will send them to us once they are complete. Councilman Dille questioned if they would be electronic or hard copies. Village Administrator Thompson stated we will receive hard copies of them and once it is complete, we will receive a digital copy also. Village Administrator Thompson stated he is also receiving some small electronic maps from them now. Councilman Dille stated he believes we should get electronic copies of the maps.

Public Participation

Ms. Teresa Brannon, Pool Manager reported on the Pool. Ms. Brannon feels the pool is doing real good. Ms. Brannon reported admissions are now at just over $10,000 to date; and, concessions received $1,184.05 to date. Ms. Brannon reported they were closed on Friday due to the weather. She stated a lot of parties have been booked.

Ms. Brannon reported the Art Teacher is volunteering to do murals on the walls of the meeting room.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Matheney stated while we were on the pool, he would go ahead with his report. Councilman Matheney reported First National Bank has donated $15,000 to the pool; in which, he is looking at purchasing tables, chairs, umbrellas; and, to put a new fence up. The remaining $5,000 from First National Bank is going in for pass money and will be used as maintenance monies. Councilman Matheney stated with the money, we will have enough to put linoleum on the meeting room floor at a cost of $2,035.15. The ceiling will be repaired with new light fixtures and it will be painted by Saturday; then, the flooring can be laid.
Village Administrator Thompson is checking on a quote for sliding boards to go with the Distress Grant.

Councilman Matheney stated there are a few small issues that need addressed by the crew. The hot water heater is leaking; shower is leaking; and, the toilet in the girls restroom still needs fixed. Apperson’s are currently working on the toilet. Councilman Matheney stated the storm drains need checked also, as water is coming up in the bathrooms.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we will take the camera out there and look through the line.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported he received a request from the Jaycees to close the Square on Saturday, June 9th for the Annual Cruise-In. None of Council had any issue with the closing of the Square.

Councilman Bragg stated the Son’s of the American Legion will need to close the Square on June 29th and 30th for the Festival and again on the morning of June 30th for the 5K run. Councilwoman Blackburn stated the parade will begin at 5:30 on the 30th.

Mayor Finley reported he had received a request from Katy Chapin with Relay for Life and has given approval for them to place purple ribbons on the meters on June 7th and remove them on June 16th.

Mayor Finley reported May Income Tax receipts as $29,959.27. Mayor Finley reported May Mayor’s Court receipts as follows: Village - $4,389.95; Morgan County Treasurer - $131.50; Treasurer of State – $957.50 for a total of $5,478.95. Mayor Finley reported May Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - $330.00; Meters - $1,558.34 for a total of $1,888.34.

Mayor Finley reported he sent an e-mail out on an Appalachian Leadership Training Program RCAP will be presenting on June 26th at 6:30 P.M. at the M & M Fire Department. Mayor Finley stated all of Council was welcome to attend if they chose to.

Mayor Finley reported he receive an e-mail from Zemba almost on a daily basis letting him know where everything stands with the project.

Mayor Finley stated he wanted to congratulate Damon Drake on passing his Waste Water II Exam. Mr. Drake is now our Licensed Waste Water Plant Operator.

Mayor Finley received a thank you card from Zemba that he passed around for council to view.

Mayor Finley stated he wanted to thank the VFW Post 4713 and the American Legion Post 24 with what they done with the Wall and the Lima Company. He congratulated them on a job well done. Mayor Finley stated Dave’s Landscaping and a lot of other people put a lot of time into this. It was great for our community and the Veteran’s and their families. This went very nice and was very well attended.

Mayor Finley stated he wanted to congratulate the Outdoor Extravaganza committee and members; it looks like it went very well this year.
Ordinance 12-13

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 12-13 for the third and final reading, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT AND USE OF A VILLAGE CREDIT CARD.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to pass Ordinance 12-13 on the third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Robison.

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 12-13 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 12-17

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 12-17 for the second reading, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS UPON SAID PROPERTY AND TO SELL SAID PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

After a brief discussion Council agreed to amend the Ordinance to include a minimum bid of $300 for the property; the seller will prepare the deed; and the buyer must pay all transfer and recording fees.

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

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 Bragg made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 12-17 on an emergency measure, with the amendment to include a minimum bid of $300 for the property; the seller will prepare the deed; and the buyer must pay all transfer and recording fees, 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 12-17 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 12-18

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 12-18 for the second reading, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE, OHIO IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOUSE BILL 9.

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to pass Ordinance 12-18 on the second reading, 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 12-18 passed on the second reading.

**Ordinance 12-20**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 12-20 to be passed on emergency, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE THROUGH THE ODOT CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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 Bragg made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 12-20 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 12-20 was duly adopted.

**Ordinance 12-21**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 12-21 to be passed on emergency, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

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

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 12-21 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.

Ordinance 12-21 was duly adopted.

**Village Administrator John Thompson**

Village Administrator Thompson reported that Damon Drake has received his Class II Waste Water License. Village Administrator Thompson will be contacting EPA to make Damon the Operator in Charge.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the sewer line on Fifth Street has been installed and they will be putting the final coat on the asphalt today. They will need to do clean up yard work and get it seeded in.
Village Administrator Thompson reported the Hawk media filter is now taken care of. We have minor clean up left; and, are back in automatic service now. We are waiting to do our monthly test to see how it will work out.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the plans for the Sewer Separation on Seventh Street from Union to the river are finalized and it will cost around an additional $58,000. Village Administrator Thompson stated he has a copy of the drawings and he needs to get two easements.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has been working on the Distress Grant; getting quotes on painting the water tank and the water slide for the pool. Village Administrator Thompson stated he will need to meet all the Health Department requirements on the slide. Village Administrator Thompson stated he will be getting ahold of an Architect for the heating and cooling at the Opera House.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he would like to meet with the Public Utilities Committee to go over the Water and Sewer Ordinance. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Village Administrator Thompson stated there is a leak and some toilet issues at the pool; he will get with Craig VanNess and get that scheduled.

Village Administrator Thompson stated the First Street building is now torn down and will hopefully be cleaned up this week.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the street sweeper has been repaired and it is doing a much better job. He feels the crew has a better understanding on how to operate it. Village Administrator Thompson stated it will be a constant maintenance item as it is getting some age on it.

**Fiscal Officer Ellen Hemry**

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported she received notification from Auditor Yost’s Office that the Village’s request to create a Water Capital Projects Enterprise Fund has been approved.

**Streets & Alley Committee**

Councilman Robison stated there is still some striping and painting needing done. Councilman Robison stated he wanted to thank the Village and the crew for the weekend Memorial Day when the wall came in; he heard a lot of good comments on how good the Village looked. He wants them to know that Council appreciates what they do.

Mayor Finley stated he has talked to Village Administrator Thompson about a way to pave alleys; possibly purchasing a paving box and doing the work ourselves. Village Administrator Thompson is looking into it.

Councilman Robison questioned if we had the GPS unit on the computer yet. Village Administrator Thompson stated they will be here on June 15th to put the program on our computer. Councilman Robison stated he will check on a GPS unit price. Village Administrator Thompson stated we will need to make sure it is compatible with our software.
Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn stated there were a lot of good compliments at the Extravaganza about how beautiful our Village is.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated the Extravaganza was a good success. There were around 3,200 tickets sold; sales were up 1,000 tickets.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the Fourth of July Fireworks will be held on June 30th at 10 P.M.; the Parade is at 5:00 P.M.; the Festival will begin at 6:00 P.M. on Friday the 29th and directly after the Parade on Saturday.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported there will be a Chicken BBQ on Friday night of the Festival also.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported Pap’s Kettle Corn done well at the Extravaganza along with McKitrick’s Ice Cream. McKitrick’s stated they were not prepared for the crowd that was there.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg reported the next quarterly meeting with Malta for the Joint Utilities will be held on July 23rd at 7:00 P.M. in McConnelsville Council Chambers.

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Gessel stated the Credit Card Ordinance was passed tonight; so, after 30 days the Fiscal Officer will be sending in the credit application.

Councilwoman Gessel reported she has done everything with the Pay Ordinance and it is still hanging with the Village Administrator, Mayor and Fiscal Officer at this time.

Councilwoman Gessel reported she has a request for some of those large urns to be placed in Village like JoAds uses.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she has had a request from someone to buy a diving board we aren’t using. Village Administrator Thompson stated it would have to be declared as surplus. Councilman Matheney stated we are saving it; as it will replace our old one when needed.

Councilwoman Gessel stated Commissioner VanHorn told her the County has received money to demolish vacant housing. Mayor Finley stated he has just been in contact with Shannon Wells and she stated she is out of money until August.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Dille stated he had been in contact with Pool Manager Teresa Brannon regarding scheduling an employee swimming party; and, they are trying for either August 5th or 12th.
Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Dille reported he has finished adding the anti-virus to the Village computers.

Councilman Dille reported the Governor passed the Texting Cell Phone Law and it will come into effect in September 2012. Chief Woodburn stated there is a six month grace period with warnings; except for in Columbus as they had already passed an ordinance.

Councilman Robison reported he talked to the lady on South Eighth Street. She had originally thought the sign was to be from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; however, he came up and found the minutes where it was to only be from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Councilman Robison stated he informed her Council could not get involved in neighborhood disputes.

Councilman Robison stated he will meet with her later in the week and inform her the sign will stay from the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and the parents can load and unload from the alley.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adjourn, 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.

The meeting was adjourned till June 19, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

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.