

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Kyle Puckett, Ken Miner

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

Press: Jon Wysochanski, *Tribune Chronicle*

1. The April 18, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 3:05 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present

Mr. Seitz – absent

Mr. Fisher – present

Mr. Harvey – present

Mr. Lewis – present

Mr. Bradley – present

2. Pledge of allegiance

One minute of silence in remembrance of American troops serving throughout the world and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

3. Approval of the April 4, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the April 4, 2018 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the agenda as presented:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett stated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration plans are moving along. They are close to securing a band and stage. Mr. Rupe is moving along with the plans for the Positive Impact Day.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** stated things are moving forward with the advertisement for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project and bids will be opened April 27, at 12 noon.

He met with Caitlyn Irgang regarding the Relay for Life. They have more things planned this year and some Village concerns were addressed. A lot of teams have already signed up.

**Police Chief Bill Woodley** – no report.

**Fire Chief Todd Stitt** – no report.

**Solicitor Ross** – no report.

7. Committee reports:

**President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis** reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, and May committee meetings which will be held May 1, at 6:00 p.m.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** stated Park and Buildings will meet May 1. He also spoke on the Relay for Life with the plans well under way. There is a lot on on their website and on the school's website. He encouraged all to check it out. They have set a goal of \$50,000.

Concerts in the Park have been set and begin July 12. They are sponsored by local businesses.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Mr. Harvey attended a luncheon today with the Trumbull County Children's Services where the issues of child abuse and the drug epidemic were discussed and how it impacts childrens lives.

**Safety Committee Mr. Seitz** -In the absence of Mr. Seitz, who is working, Mr. Lewis stated Safety will meet May 1, at 6:00 p.m.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** stated Finance will meet May 1, at 6:00 p.m. and asked for support of the salary ordinance for full time officers.

**Service Committee Mr. Fisher** stated Service will also meet May 1, at approximately 7:00 p.m. There are a couple pieces of legislation, the Trumbull County COG and the Solicitor's contract. He encouraged support for both of them.

**Planning Commission Mr. Bradley** – no report.

**Community Chest Mr. O'Brien** – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business:

A Ad Hoc Committee – Basketball courts –

It was moved by Mr. Bradley to place port-a-jons on Ohio Avenue near the basketball courts.

Discussion: Mr. Bradley stated that he hopes to alleviate some bad behavior by providing these. He wants to try and keep the courts open.

Mayor Puckett does appreciate Mr. Bradley bringing a possible solution to Council but he does not agree with it. He does appreciate that he is trying to resolve a problem.

Mr. Harvey stated that we have prepared ourselves with camera updates, signs, and the courts are open 8-6 seven days a week, and he feels that we need to give the court users a chance to prove themselves. They know what the rules are. He said the hours can be lengthened or cut depending on their behavior.

9. Old Business cont'd.

Mr. Fisher stated a lot of planning and money has gone into upgrading the tennis and basketball courts. We have missed the boat by not building a bathroom in the area at that time. He would not like to see the courts closed because of the money and time that has gone into revamping them. He stated we should try the port-a-jons first before we tear down and repurpose the facilities.

Mr. O'Brien stated he is going to vote no, nothing good is going to come out of putting port-a-jons out there.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Harvey – no  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – no  
Mr. Lewis – no

Motion failed.

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Third reading of Ordinance No. 3218-18 For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance Number 3214-17 (The “Salary Ordinance”) To Increase The Wages Of Full Time Police Officers; To Provide That All Other Salaries Of Certain Officers And Employees Will Remain The Same, Reaffirmed And Ratified; And For The Final Purpose Of Repealing Any And All Other Ordinances Or Resolutions In Conflict Therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Ordinance No. 3218-18 be passed as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – abstain  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

B Emergency reading of a Resolution No. 1789-18 For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Village Of McDonald To Join The Trumbull County Council Of Governments And Authorizing The Mayor And Fiscal Officer To Execute Any Necessary Agreement.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Resolution No. 1789-18 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated we did have a first reading on this. This is a timeliness issue. This will be a benefit to the Village.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

C Second reading of an Ordinance Approving A Zoning Change To The Property Located at 175 Ohio Avenue From A "CA" Zoning District To An "IA" Zoning District Clarification.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

D Second reading of a Resolution Employing The Solicitor Under The Covenants And Conditions Of The Attached Agreement And Determining To Employ Attorney Douglas W. Ross As Solicitor For The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Commencing July 1, 2018, Through And Including June 30, 2019.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that the resolution pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley– aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$84,559.21.

I, Robin DeBow, Fiscal Officer of the Village of McDonald, Ohio do hereby declare that the bills are true and correct and the money is in the bank to pay them.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley– aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Fisher thanked all Council past and present that have handled Village business with nothing but thoughtfulness and consideration and professionalism. I'm glad to see that we can agree to disagree.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. O'Brien at 3:30 p.m. All voted aye.

---

Mayor

Attest to:

---

Fiscal Officer