

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Daniel Bodnar, Cliff DeZee, and Ken Miner

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Police Officer Dan Superak, Solicitor John Chaney, and Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich

1. The April 20, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 6:25 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present
Mr. Seitz – present
Mr. Klase – present

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Puckett – absent
Mr. Lewis – present

*Mayor Holmes stated that Mr. Puckett, Chief Ronghi, and Chief Kish have asked to be excused from tonight's meeting.

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 6, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Seitz to approve the April 6, 2016 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the agenda with the following amendment:

11. Legislation - Add D – first reading of a resolution for the Alternative Tax Budget

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Holmes stated Positive Impact Day is May 4 and they have asked the Mayor to speak. They would love to see many there to participate.

On May 7, Mayor will be attending a meeting of the Ohio Public Works Committee. At the Small Governments meeting they will approve some of the grant applications that didn't get approved locally.

Mayor Holmes received a letter from NOPEC, our electric aggregation. We received a six percent savings than the non-aggregation rate. We'll do that until 2018.

Mayor received a letter from Barbara Sylvester inquiring about the repair to the sidewalks on her street. She is on social security and cannot afford to repair her sidewalks and asked if there are any grants or money to take care of this issue. Mayor stated that this issue has been discussed. It is State statute and Village law that the homeowners are responsible. Mayor stated they would love to do that but cannot go around the entire Village repairing/replacing sidewalks. It is cost prohibited. One course of action would be to enforce the ordinance to make the property owner repair the sidewalk. We're trying to find every avenue that will help the residents.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated the splash pad parts have been received for the underground work. They have removed some old and broken equipment from the park and cleaned the area. They will be working on removing the fence surrounding the old wading pool and begin on the underground work for the splash pad. He thanked Mrs. DeBow for her help. The next shipment of parts will be around the first or second week of May. It is hoped that most of the construction will be complete by Memorial Day.

The VA thanked Millie Ritz for her work at the Senior Room and keeping

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

an active schedule of programming for our seniors. They did host Judge Fredericka from the Probate Court in Trumbull County who gave a presentation to our seniors. We had approximately 30 seniors in attendance.

The Street Department employees are working everywhere right now. They are attending to the ball field needs, street needs, and finishing a tree removal program that has been going on for a couple years due to the Emerald Ash boring beetle. We removed those trees which left us with 90 to 100+ stumps that needed grinding. They are in the process of cleaning up and planting grass.

Mayor brought up the cicadas that are due to appear this year. Mr. Domitrovich stated they are completely harmless to humans. It creates a protein that other organisms feed on. They do not harm the trees. They lay eggs on the end of branches that will drop to the ground and burrow into the ground and feed off the roots for another 17 years until they appear again.

Police Chief Lou Ronghi – In the absence of the Police Chief, Officer Superak had no report. Mayor thanked the police department for stepping up patrols around the recreational facilities.

Fire Chief Nick Kish – in the absence of the Fire Chief, there was no report. Mayor stated they are working on the Memorial Day services as well as their on-going training.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross - in the absence of Attorney Ross, Attorney Chaney stated there was no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. O'Brien reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation where they added the alternative tax budget, changes to the committee meetings and council meeting, letter from Mrs. Sylvester on repair to the sidewalks, and employee health insurance.

Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett – In his absence, Mr. Lewis commended the street department for their hard work. Park and Buildings will meet May 4, at 5:00 p.m.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Safety Committee Mr. Lewis thanked the police department for their hard work and keeping the courts safe. Safety will meet on Wednesday, May 4, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor asked about Lexipol and Mr. Lewis stated they are training through a webinar. Officer Superak stated Chief Ronghi is adding policies as they go through it.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz stated there is legislation tonight and Finance is in agreement with them. The Alternate Tax Budget will be a first reading which is our yearly acceptance of the Trumbull County budget. Finance will meet May 4 and they will be discussing health care.

Service Committee Mr. Harvey stated there is legislation for the garbage contract, solicitor's contract, and cruiser purchase. Service will also meet on May 4.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase – no report.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Second reading of a Resolution Accepting The Bid Of Ohio Valley Waste Service, Inc., 1534 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509, For The Performance Of The Village's Municipal Solid Waste Collection Services Agreement And Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator To Execute An Agreement With Ohio Valley Waste Service, Inc.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the resolution pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

B 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, 2016 Through And Including June 30, 2017

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the resolution pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

C Second reading of a Resolution For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor And Fiscal Officer To Enter Into A Contract With StateWide Ford, 1108 W. Main St., Van Wert, Ohio 45891 For The Purchase Of A 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Harvey that the resolution pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

D First reading of a Resolution Adopting The Alternative Tax Budget Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017 And Submitting Same To The Trumbull County Auditor.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Harvey that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Seitz stated this is our yearly acceptance of the county tax budget.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$154,264.04.

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. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Harvey to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Holmes stated that Mrs. DeBow did inform him that she will not be at the committee meetings on May 4. She may be gone for that week.

13. Miscellaneous: Mayor Holmes stated the Mahoning River Mayor's Association will meet tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at the Penguin Place, 240 N. Champion St. Both county engineers will be there talking about projects that we had in Mahoning and

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Trumbull County.

He also stated that on May 17 the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee will be electing a chairperson for this year. Also Small Government chair and vice chair, and Linda Baliff who runs the Issue I & II LTIP and SCIP will be at that meeting. It's about a month from now so if there is anyone that would like to attend it is an open meeting.

Mr. Domitrovich stated Candy Ward who heads up a Girl Scout troop in McDonald is looking for permission to extend the garden they built behind the retirement home.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to grant permission to expand the garden facilities behind the retirement home.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mayor stated that we did have two girls earning their Gold Award doing programming at our senior center. Mr. Domitrovich stated he has two boys earning their Eagle Scout award.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. O'Brien at 6:55 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer