

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Dave Martin, Ken Miner, and Joe Dugan

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

1. The April 4, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present
Mr. Seitz – present
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 March 21, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher, to approve the March 21, 2018 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

11. Legislation add C – first reading of an ordinance for a zone change at 175 Ohio Avenue.

D – First reading of a resolution employing a solicitor

13. Miscellaneous – add Executive session to discuss compensation of elected officials

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report Mayor Puckett gave the monthly court report as follows: for the month of March Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$240, costs \$550, fines \$1325, Niles Municipal Court fines \$1160.34 parking tickets \$90, reports \$5 for a grand total of \$3370.34.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that curbside stick pick up will resume tomorrow and continue through the summer.

-the VA met with GPD regarding the bid specs for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project. A few minor changes were made and the specs are being reviewed by the Solicitor.

-the VA attended a meeting of the Trumbull County Council of Governments on March 28. The Village is going to join the COG at a cost of \$100 per year. They have bylaws and are recognized by the State of Ohio. They will meet quarterly.

-the VA and Mayor met with the Trumbull County Engineer's office regarding shared services/equipment and the bulk purchase of salt. Their bulk rate is slightly lower but we have to pick up the salt as opposed to having it delivered directly to the Village as Morton currently does.

Police Chief Bill Woodley distributed his end of the month report as follows: For the month of March the Police Department received 191 calls from the 911 center. They conducted 72 traffic stops resulting in 20 traffic citations. They made 13 criminal arrests. They responded to 3 animal complaints, 7 alarms drops, 4 parking complaints, 1 call for suspicious activity, 2 calls for suspicious person, 6 calls for a suspicious vehicle, 2 stand by calls, 2 calls for threats made, and 19 medical calls. They conducted 4 residential security checks and completed 2 hours of continued police training as well as their daily training bulletins. Officers Jones and Walp were in attendance for the senior class walk out in protest of gun

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Violence.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt had previously distributed his end of the month report as follows: for the month of March the Fire Department responded to 17 EMS calls and 6 fire calls. They are working on a smoke alarm campaign with the American Red Cross. Firefighter Robert Golden passed his EMT course. They are having some safety issues with their radio coverage and are looking into a few ideas on how to fix it.

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, current legislation, Trumbull County Council of Governments, zone change for 175 Ohio Ave., Solicitor's contract, park attendants, paving bids, and executive session

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated that Park and Buildings met last evening and discussed the Relay for Life; plans are moving along. The Easter egg hunt was a success thanks to the Girl Scouts and others who helped. There were over 4000 eggs and it was very well attended. They discussed the Positive Impact Day which will be held on May 9 and they hope to have a good turnout. The 100th anniversary committee is working on a number of ideas such as bands, games, food vendors etc. They discussed the basketball courts and that will be brought up again next meeting. They also discussed park attendants.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to advertise at the school for park attendants.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

Safety Committee Mr. Seitz reported Safety met last evening and discussed the repeater for the Fire Department. They are having trouble with their radios. They are going to piggyback with Weathersfield for a trial period. They discussed a

7. Committee reports cont'd.

guardrail on Marshall Road and whether it was needed. There is a second reading of the salary ordinance for an increase for the police department and Safety supports it.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated Finance met last evening and discussed the purchase of the excavator which has been budgeted. There is a slight increase in price but it will be handled within the budget. He also stated that he will be setting meetings with the department heads soon to discuss the 2019 budgets.

Service Committee Mr. Fisher stated Service met Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. and discussed the Niles sewer agreement. There was no update at this time since the Solicitor is reviewing the paperwork and it will be kept on their agenda. They also discussed the COG meeting for shared services with a membership fee of \$100. They also talked about the solicitor's agreement, health care options, and the accepted bid from Wolford of \$6500 for the demolition of 328 Illinois Ave. They discussed the NOPEC energy grant, and road paving on Parkside Place.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated the advertisement dates are April 11 and April 18 with an opening date of April 27 at 12 noon.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

Planning Commission Mr. Bradley stated Planning Commission will not meet this month (April) since there is no business to conduct.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Dave Martin, 305 W. Third St. addressed Council with the following questions:

8. Remarks from persons or groups present cont'd.

Why was the original COG blocked?

Mr. O'Brien stated that he, Mr. Fisher, and another councilmember served on the original COG and he doesn't remember them being blocked. Mr. Fisher stated their focus was a lot different back then than it is now. Their focus was with JEDDS. He stated that the COG back then lost interest and quit meeting.

Mr. Martin stated he travels Third St. and Second St. quite a bit and both are getting bad and wonders how neither was picked for road resurfacing this year. Mr. Bradley answered he lives on Third St. and sees the condition of the road but explained that Parkside Place needs a complete in - depth repair.

Lastly, Mr. Martin asked why the 100th anniversary was going to be held in October. Mr. Martin gave a brief history of McDonald and the alumni that come home for the Firefighter Festival. He stated they won't be able to come home again in October. Mayor Puckett stated they picked a date between the Firefighter's Festival and Christmas in the Village.

9. Old Business:

A) Ad Hoc Committee – Basketball Courts – Mr. Bradley stated no report

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Second reading of an Ordinance 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 the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – abstain
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

B First reading of a Resolution 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 that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

C First 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 first reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

D First 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 first reading as read.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated that Solicitor Ross has served this Village for ten years and he has not had a raise in that time. He has had to handle a lot of business for the Village and has been a valuable tool. We did decide to bump up his pay to \$35,000 a year.

Mr. Bradley stated there isn't a councilman here that hasn't had to deal with Solicitor Ross and has received prompt and accurate information from him.

Solicitor Ross stated that he has worked for the past decade and thoroughly enjoys working for the Village. He'll stay as long as they will have him and thanks for the vote of confidence.

Mayor Puckett stated you earn every penny.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$47,919.21.

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. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous:

Mr. Harvey commented on the passing of Chief Randy Pugh of Weathersfield Fire Department. He was a dedicated firefighter who did his job well.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to go into executive session at 6:54 p.m. to discuss compensation of elected officials.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated there will be no business conducted afterwards.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye	Mr. O’Brien – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye	Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye	Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to exit executive session at 7:32 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye	Mr. O’Brien – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye	Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye	Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fisher at 7:32 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer