

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Tenton Antoli, Ali & Bonnie Nagi, Rick Lutz, and Ken Miner

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Fire Chief Nick Kish, Police Chief Lou Ronghi, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The April 6, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 6:35 p.m.

Roll call:

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

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

Mayor stated that the Village Administrator did ask 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 March 16, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Puckett to approve the March 16, 2016 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Harvey to accept the agenda with the following additions:

11. Legislation – add B –resolution contract with Ohio Valley; C – resolution for the Solicitor's contract; D – resolution to purchase a cruiser

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report - Mayor Holmes stated that the County Engineer is having his annual dinner at DiVieste's Banquet Hall on April 27, at 6:00 p.m. Public Officials are free and it is \$20 for a guest. The Trumbull County Engineer has been kind to McDonald. We would like to support that endeavor. The Mayor cannot attend and encouraged others to attend.

Mayor Holmes read a letter from Mr. Rupe inviting Mayor and Council to participate in the Positive Impact Day on May 4, 2016. There will be cleanup around the Village and schools.

Mayor Holmes stated for the month of March Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$132, costs \$299, fines \$757, Niles Municipal Court fines \$663, parking tickets \$265, police reports \$10, law enforcement fund \$25 for a grand total of \$2151.00.

Dave Scholnick of *TheVindicator* has asked the Mayor to pass a proclamation condemning illegal gun violence. He will proclaim June 2 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. It is nationwide movement.

Mayor stated that the Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Council wants to make it known that our base is in danger of closure. They want our citizens to rally around our airbase. It has a national mission that we need and also the importance of the impact locally can't be understated. With the cuts that have been done they are consolidating bases all over the country.

Mayor stated regarding our parks, the Chief has done a great job every now and again, we have beautiful parks and we are going to move forward with our splash pad this year. I'm for an inclusive, safe environment. He appreciates Safety and Park and Recs, the VA, and the Police Chief working together. They have corralled those individuals and are investigating things. This happens from time to time and I appreciate the Chief's forthrightness and foresight into looking back at our history on how many reportable instances that was there. We averaged less than one a year in the last ten years. With that being said maybe that is too many

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

As long as we move forward with oversight we continue to move forward with the maturity of our residents and Village Council we can create inclusive environment that is going to be safe and protecting our residents. Safety and Park and Recs are looking at procedures moving forward with the splash pad. There will be protocol associated with the splash pad. In no way shape or form have I seen oversensitivity or emotionalism associated with the recreation of our citizens. I appreciate the maturity that Council has and our administration has moving forward.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich – in the absence of the VA, Mayor Holmes stated spring cleanup with curbside pickup will be held April 12 & 13. Put your items out on night before your regular trash pickup. You can only put it out that night not both nights. If anyone has any questions they can call the Municipal Building. Also he thanks Millie Ritz and all those associated for the great job she is doing in the Community Room. That program is growing and growing and growing. Mrs. DeBow is putting together another grant that is due Friday and we appreciate that as well. The services are growing and we would like to go for a full-fledged grant as soon as we have the opportunity.

Mayor also stated that some of the old park equipment has been removed for safety reasons. The items will be replaced with something sooner or later.

Police Chief Lou Ronghi stated he distributed his end of the month report to the Mayor and Council as follows: For the month of March the Police Department investigated 31 formal complaints, made 18 traffic arrests and 8 criminal arrests. The midnight shift found 2 business doors unsecured and investigated 5 alarm drops. They issued 14 parking tickets along with a number of verbal warnings. One residential security check was performed and 4 junk vehicles were investigated. The TC 911 center received and dispatched 196 calls to the department.

A number of the officers received training in Use of Force and De-Escalation. All officers completed training on EOPOTA on responding to sexual assault. Lexipol is up and running and they are in the early stages of updating the department's policies and procedure manual.

A 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor was ordered from Statewide Ford Lincoln out of Van Wert Ohio and it is expected to be in around the end of summer.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Chief Ronghi spoke to three classes at the high school regarding texting while driving, juvenile driving laws, seatbelt laws, problems with heroin in the Tri-County area, social media, and domestic violence.

Fire Chief Nick Kish stated Lt. John “Scooter” Williamson has been awarded a scholarship to attend a hazmat conference in Maryland.

Chief Kish commented on the outdoor fire code regarding open burning. He also stated that there is a fundraiser by Never Muzzled who will raise funds to provide pet oxygen masks for Youngstown Fire Department and if all goes as well as expected they will provide other departments with the masks. McDonald is one of those departments. It will be held at The Federal Restaurant in downtown Youngstown on Saturday, May 21 from 2-7 p.m.

For the month of March the Fire Department had 23 ems calls, 6 fire calls and attended 78 hours of training.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – 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, Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Council, County Engineer’s dinner, and Eastgate projects for next year.

Mayor Holmes stated we had a visitor from Ohio Valley Waste to make sure we are happy with their services.

Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett reported Park & Buildings met Monday in the Community Room and discussed the splash pad. The committee will put together rules and regulations for it.

Safety Committee Mr. Lewis reported Safety met Monday and discussed the recent incidents at basketball courts. They came to the conclusion that the Police Department will increase police presence there. They also discussed upgrading a camera across the Village. They will work with Park and Buildings regarding the policies for the splash pad. Mr. Lewis congratulated Lt. John “Scooter” Williamson on the award of the scholarship.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Mayor Holmes stated regarding the basketball courts sometimes that happens and Safety and Park & Buildings showed great maturity and foresight in getting information from the Chief and seeing what we may need to do moving forward. He appreciates Safety and Park & Buildings working together on this.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz – In the absence of Mr. Seitz, Mr. Harvey stated they met on Monday and discussed legislation that is on the agenda this evening.

Service Committee Mr. Harvey reported Service met Monday where they discussed the garbage contract, solicitor's contract, Niles contract, and the post office contract. There also was discussion on future projects and grant money. He also stated there is three pieces of legislation on the agenda this evening and asked for everyone's support.

Mayor stated we have had a five-ten year plan in the past and moving forward with the same there are some no interest loans and grant applications to help with that but with the present resources we can move forward with improvements and road resurfacing for the next decade.

Mayor Holmes stated that we went with Code Red for about three years and the contract is up in June and we will not be renewing it.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase stated the building permit fees for the month of March was \$570 for fees with a construction value of \$318,000.00. Planning Commission is cancelled for this month.

Mayor asked Mr. Klase to address contractor registration at Planning Commission. Council's opinion individually is that they may want to look into that and have Planning Commission review it and make a recommendation to Council. Our fees may go up but it also protects our residents.

Mr. Harvey stated he forgot to bring up about putting Village lots up for sale. It is under consideration at this time. They are waiting for a recommendation from the Solicitor how it should be done to meet State statute.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Mr. Ali Nagi, 328 Indiana Ave. addressed council with the issue of street parking in his neighborhood.

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

He stated that the people that live on the east side of Indiana park their vehicle in the street all weekend long even though their driveways are empty which makes it hard for the residents on the west side to get out of their driveway. Mr. Nagi has a large pickup truck and has trouble backing out of his driveway when the vehicles are in the street. He has spoken with the neighbors but the neighbors have their reasons for leaving their vehicles in the street. Mr. Nagi also stated that when cars are parked in the street it creates one-lane traffic which would hinder an emergency vehicle from getting through. He asked Council to look into the situation. He would also like a sign that says "Kids at Play". He stated that you don't see this problem on other streets in the Village except the 300 block of Indiana. Some streets have some cars parked but not to the extent that Indiana has. He distributed photos for Council to review. He asked Council to review the situation and try to come up with a solution. He indicated that there have been some fender benders up there.

Mr. O'Brien replied that he used to live on that block and at one time parking was allowed 24/7, 365 days a year. Some vehicles were left out all winter or summer long. He had no problem backing out when he lived there and he also had a large pickup truck. Also a neighbor with a pull along camper never had a problem getting in and out of the driveway. He suggested Mr. Nagi improve his driving skills or back into the driveway.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business:

A Bids for garbage contract

Mrs. DeBow read the bids as follows:

<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>First year</u>	<u>Second year</u>	<u>Third year</u>
Republic Services 3670 Hendrick Rd., Youngstown, OH	\$10.95	\$11.28	\$11.62
Ohio Valley Waste 1534 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown OH	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.40
Waste Management 12201 Council Dr., North Jackson, OH	\$ 9.69	\$ 9.69	\$ 9.69

10. New Business cont'd.

<u>Alternate Bid</u>	<u>First year</u>	<u>Second year</u>	<u>Third year</u>
Republic Services	\$ 450	\$ 475	\$ 500
Ohio Valley Waste	\$ 412	\$ 424	\$ 436
Waste Management	\$ 431	\$ 444	\$ 466

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Puckett to accept the base bid only of Ohio Valley Waste.

Discussion: Mayor stated Mr. Lutz from Ohio Valley did present himself at Caucus. They are the lowest and best bid and have given the Village admirable services throughout the contract.

Mr. Harvey stated that the bid figure is the last figure of the current three-year contract. There is no increase for three years on this contract. It is a good contract.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation:

A Third reading of Ordinance No. Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2016, and Ending December 31, 2016.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Klase that Ordinance No. 3189-16 be passed as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Klase – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

B First 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. Puckett to the resolution pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated this is for the base bid only.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

C 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, 2016 Through And Including June 30, 2017.

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

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated this was reviewed during the committee meeting and he appreciates all the hard work the Solicitor puts in for us and he looks forward to another great year having him with us.

Solicitor Ross responded thank you and it is a privilege and pleasure to work with you guys every year and he looks forward to doing it again.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

D First reading of a Resolution For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor And Fiscal Office 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. Puckett that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mayor thanked Council for getting them an SUV.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$47,458.71.

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

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mayor stated a meeting will be held with Ohio Insurance Service

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

on Friday, April 8, at noon. There are some concerns with service that we have with our health insurance provider.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. O'Brien at 7:25p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer