

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Ken Miner and Dan Camuso

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

1. The August 17, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 6:44 p.m.

Roll call:

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

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

* Mr. Klase had a medical procedure done and could not make the 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 July 20, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the July 20, 2016 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

11. Remove D from the agenda—emergency reading of a resolution for McDonald Ave. paving project.

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes stated there were a few points in the bid specs that needed clarified.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report

Mayor Holmes stated for the month of July Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$140, costs \$335, additional costs \$29, fines \$1,465, Niles Municipal Court fines \$670, and parking tickets \$280, for a grand total of \$2919.60.

Mayor asked for confirmation of the appointment of Jason Grimaldi as a volunteer firefighter. He has been recommended by Chief Kish. He was on the department in the past and then moved out of the area. He is back and would like to serve again.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Puckett to confirm the appointment of Jason Grimaldi as a volunteer firefighter.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor spoke on a letter he received for the County 911 requesting our participation in a Multi-Agency Radio Communication seminar that will be held on August 30, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Kent State University, Trumbull Campus.

Mayor stated there is also a Financing Our Future seminar at Covelli Enterprises this Friday, August 19, from 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It is for commercial,

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

industrial and government financing.

Lastly, the Mayor stated it came to our attention that Vertical Runner Trail Mix Series was attempting to hold a race at Woodland Park facilities. There was no formal request to Council. There are questions as to whether it was completely non-profit or where the money was going. The protocol by which we afford use of those facilities looking at what Carnegie intended those facilities to be and what Council has traditionally approved, we are not going to post any type of request. We don't have any official type of request. We are not sure of the parameters of the race. He expressed appreciation to Council for trying to vet this issue and we'll inform them that we need proper notification and the ifs, whys, when.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich reported that he attended a pre-construction meeting at the Trumbull County Engineer's office regarding the McDonald Ave. paving project. Some more information is needed from the successful bidder before moving forward.

The Street Department is trimming trees right now. They will have an aerial vehicle in town for a couple more weeks. They are managing some large dead trees and then they will trim up the other trees. There is a very strict schedule for the next couple weeks.

Mr. Domitrovich is still working with GPD Group on an application for funds for the 2017 paving project which will be for the streets south of Marshall Road.

The VA spoke on the success of the splash pad. He thanked Paul Stitt and Cindy Green Robinson for showing up on opening day. They both were very instrumental in the planning for a splash pad. He appreciates their efforts. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for electing to do the splash pad. He stated the park programming finished last week with the Spartan Challenge where over 50 children participating. Hats off the Katie Politano for all the programming she provide for the kids in the park this year.

Lastly, Mr. Domitrovich thanked Solicitor Ross for communications on a legal matter that has been cleared up with an install of a drainpipe on personal property and the establishment of an easement. He appreciates it greatly.

Police Chief Lou Ronghi gave his month end report as follows:

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

For the month of July the Police Department investigated 43 formal complaints, made 21 traffic arrests, 13 criminal arrests, found 4 business doors unsecured, investigated 10 alarm drops and issued 15 parking tickets. They received 234 calls from the 911 center.

The department is once again participating in the AAA School's Open Drive Carefully Campaign They will be posting posters informing drivers to be careful and look out for children as they return to school.

Chief stated he received the first rebate check for our insurance carrier for using Lexipol in the amount of \$1552.00. He is continuing to work on the new state standards set by the Ohio Collaborative Board which was formed by Governor Kasich. Lexipol will play a big part of the department coming into compliance with the new standards.

School starts August 22 and the department will be providing security for the school district again for the 2016-2017 school year.

Chief said his department will be participating in the Trumbull County "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. It is geared toward targeting OVI offenders and will run August 19 through September 5.

Lastly, Chief Ronghi wanted to personally commend General Operations Foreman Shawn Stevens and Water Department employee Mike Schuller on the great job they did installing the splash pad. They took this lengthy project on and saved the Village thousands of dollars and need to be recognized for their superb efforts.

Fire Chief Nick Kish thanked Mayor and Council for the appointment to his department this evening. He also stated the Trumbull County EMA has two, Polaris ATV's that were purchased a few years ago. They are six-wheeled vehicles with a bed in the back so you can secure a patient on it. Chief Kish will borrow those to use during the football games and cross country meets. He thanked Linda Beil and the EMA for allowing the use of the vehicle.

Mr. Kish thanked the Village Administrator and his men for cutting up and clearing a tree from a residence in town during a recent storm. He appreciates the cooperation between the departments.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – no report.

Mr. Camuso entered the meeting.

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, summer recess, Vertical Runner use of park – Council has denied the use of the park, fire appointment, Financing our Future seminar, 911 meeting at Kent State, PACE program, Board of Zoning Appeals appointment, Aflac presentation, and the 2016 paving project.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to exit summer recess and go back to the bi-monthly format.

Roll call:

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

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett stated on the successful park programming this year along with the Concerts in the Park. Park and Buildings met last evening and discussed rules for the community room. They will meet September 7, at 5:00 p.m. before caucus.

Safety Committee Mr. Lewis stated after speaking with Chief Ronghi it has been determined that the Lexipol has been a real asset to the Police Department. They will also meet on September 7.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz stated the committee has been asked to review the longevity, vacation, and retirement benefits. Despite the slow bleed in the general fund they still need to take care of the employees. Last night Finance discussed these items but due to work constraints Mr. Seitz was unable to attend the Finance meeting and asked Mr. Lewis to report on the meeting. Mr. Lewis stated they discussed the raises to our full-time employees. They will raise the salary of the part-time police officers to \$12.00 per hour to bring them on par with all the other departments. They also are looking to reinstating some benefits that were eliminated in 2006. They looked at a 3% raise for full-time employees and 4% for department heads. They also will give a 4% raise for the Fire Chief.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Harvey to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation to amend the salary ordinances.

Discussion: Mayor asked if it would be effective January 1, 2017 and Mr. Lewis answered yes. Mr. Lewis also stated in the light of the budget the police department did not replace the seventh officer when he retired and they also retired the police dog to save money.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – abstain
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Seitz stated Finance will meet September 7, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Service Committee Mr. Harvey stated we met last night and discussed the legislation on the agenda this evening. We will also meet on Wednesday, September 7.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase – in his absence there was no report.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business:

A. Bids for Village-owned lots – Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow stated only two bids were received and they are as follows:

Trevor Westervelt	1208 Ohio Ave., McDonald	Lot#6	\$1000.00
Trevor Westervelt	1208 Ohio Ave., McDonald	Lot#7	\$ 400.00

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Puckett to accept the bids from Trevor Westervelt.

10. New Business cont'd.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes stated Mr. Westervelt did indicate that as soon as he could he wanted to enhance his property and his family is growing and intends to add on to the house.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Motion carried.

B. Bids for McDonald Ave. Phase I project – Trumbull County Engineers opened the bids and provided a copy of them to the Village. Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow read the bid as follows:

Americon Ind. \$119,783.00

11. Legislation:

A Emergency reading of an Ordinance No. 3192-16 To Amend Appropriations For 2016 To Various Divisions Of The Village Government For Each Of The Several Objects For Which The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Has To Provide Out Of The Monies Known To Be In The Treasury Of Said Village During The Year From The Collection Of all The Taxes And From All Other Sources Of Revenue For 2016.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Harvey to suspend the rules of council.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz , seconded by Mr. Harvey that Ordinance No. 3192-16 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes stated that we don't like to do things under emergency but we did change our appropriations for a couple of reasons. One to purchase the property that will enhance the historical value of what we do with our buildings and the historical society. I appreciated Council moving forward with that. Also we have to make sure we follow the guidelines of the County Auditor.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

B Second reading of an Resolution For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or The Village Administrator To Enter Into A Lease Between The Village, As Landlord, And The United States Post Office, As Tenant, And A Commission Agreement With CBRE, Leasing Agent For The United Stated Post Office.

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

Roll call:

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

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

C Emergency reading of an Ordinance No. 3193-16 Approving The Editing And Inclusion Of Certain Ordinances As Parts Of The Various Component Codes Of The Codified Ordinances Of McDonald, Ohio.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to suspend the rules of council.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis that Ordinance No. 3193-16 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes stated we codify with Walter Drane Co. and this will keep us timely.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Motion carried.

D. Emergency reading of Ordinance No. 3194-16 For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance No. 2958-04, Modifying Certain Truck Routes, As Established Within The Village Of McDonald, OH.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Puckett to suspend the rules of council.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr., seconded by Mr. that Ordinance No. 3194-16 be passed as read.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes stated that before we finished the Olive Street Bridge we had concerns about the truck traffic using it. Now that it is back up and running this will help with the truck traffic.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – 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 \$173,928.44.

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.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes asked if this was an amended report and Mrs. DeBow answered yes she added one bill to pay for the fence around the splash pad.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mayor stated that he and the Village Administrator will be meeting with members of the Regional Chamber and a conference call with Teresa Wright of US Steel concerning their property.

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Mayor read a note of thanks from Michael Sacco. Council supported Michael to attend Buckeye Boys State this past June.

Mr. Seitz asked Mr. Camuso if he wanted to address Council. Mr. Camuso, owner of Vertical Runner, apologized for advertising and printing material for the Trail Mix Series without asking for the use of the park. It is a Billy Goat Challenge for adults. We have no intention of making money. They money charged will cover our costs. He does have liability insurance and project cost analysis. There is not much to it. He stated they have no idea how many people will participate. He explained the costs of advertising, printing the flyers, and a runner's booklet.

Mayor Holmes thanked Mr. Camuso for attending. He also explained the use of the park stipulated by the Carnegie family. The gray area may be the advertising of Vertical Runner's name being a private entity. We've been very rigid renting the park. We allow the Lions Club, the FOP, and the Fire Department Social Organization. There are all non-profit entities. We have an ordinance that prohibits solicitation in the park. You not being here at the time, Council collectively thought it may be best to put on the brakes until the questions are answered. I don't know if they want to answer it at this time or not.

Mayor asked for confirmation of the appointment of Kyle Joynes to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Seitz to confirm the appointment of Kyle Joynes to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes stated he would like to get the GenX group involved. He is stepping up to the plate. He is a fine young man and will do well.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Harvey at 7:27 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer