

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Regular Council Meeting

Visitors: Sean Schmidt, Larry Schmidt, and Joe Dugan.

Staff: Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Lori Canada and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

1. The December 18, 2019 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. Bradley – present

Mr. Seitz – present
Mr. Fisher – present
Mr. DeZee – 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 December 4, 2019 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the December 4, 2019 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – 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. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Puckett wanted to congratulate Mr. Seitz on his retirement from council. He knows that there isn't a person who cares or wants more for the Village than Mr. Seitz. Mayor Puckett stated that Mr. Seitz has always been a great councilman, a friend, and he wishes Mr. Seitz well. Mayor Puckett also congratulated Mr. Schmidt on his appointment and Mr. Lewis on his re-election.

5A. Solicitor Ross issued the Oath of Office to Mayor Glen Puckett, Ray Lewis, and Sean Schmidt.

All were followed by a photo op.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that he and Mr. Wolford have been meeting regularly about the demolition of the Scarbrough house. With the proximity of the neighbor's house, they are going to do an encapsulation with plywood to further protect the houses around it. All the utilities have been disconnected. It is just better to err on the side of caution. Mr. Domitrovich also stated that leaf pickup is done this Friday, December 20. The Street Department will stop picking up loose leaves at the curb for the season. If residents still have leaves, please bag them and they will still be picked up. The leaves will not be picked up by the leaf vac machine after December 20. Mr. Domitrovich thanked Mr. Seitz for his years of service and his commitment to the Village. He has worked on many projects with Mr. Seitz. It is commendable that with the things that have happened in Mr. Seitz's personal life, as a councilman, he served as full-time as he could, even though it's a part-time position. Mr. Seitz never stepped away. He hung in there until the very end of his term. Mr. Domitrovich commented on how many pieces of legislation Mr. Seitz has helped to pass over the years for the benefit of the Village. He wished Mr. Seitz good luck.

Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Domitrovich if there would be an increase in cost incurred by the Village for the encapsulation of the Scarbrough house. Mr. Domitrovich stated that it would cost a couple hundred dollars for the plywood.

Police Chief Bill Woodley distributed his end of the month report for November and it is as follows:

For the month of November, the Police Department received 212 calls from the 911 center. They investigated 39 formal complaints and conducted 24 traffic stops resulting

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in 11 citations. They issued 6 parking warnings. The Police Department responded to 2 animal complaints, 9 alarm drops, 2 welfare checks, 18 Mayor's court summons, 4 noise complaints, and 6 parking complaints. They conducted 8 bank drops, responded to 2 calls for suspicious activity, 4 calls for suspicious person, 6 calls for suspicious vehicle, and 21 medical calls. The Department continued and completed their DTBs (daily training bulletins) for the month of November.

Chief Woodley stated that the McDonald F.O.P. Lodge is sponsoring "Shop With a COP" this evening. They are sponsoring 11 children who will be allowed to spend \$175 each at Target. The FOP will provide pizza and drinks at the McDonald High School before heading off to Target.

Also, the McDonald Police Department and the McDonald F.O.P. participated in "NO SHAVE NOVEMBER" benefiting the American Cancer Society to which they raised and donated \$400.

Chief Woodley thanked Mr. Seitz for his service to our great little community and wished him the best of luck in the future.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt thanked Mr. Seitz for his years of service and wished him well on his retirement. Chief Stitt's report has been submitted.

Solicitor Ross also thanked Mr. Seitz for his services. He said that it has been a pleasure working with him.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis stated that Caucus met this evening and the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, council minutes, and legislation. January meetings have been set for: January 2 for re-organizational meeting, January 14 for committees and January 15 for council. All meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Mr. Lewis congratulated Mr. Seitz on being a councilman for over a decade. He sees Mr. Seitz as a friend, a colleague, a mentor, and on. Mr. Lewis stated that a lot of folks in the public aren't aware of what Mr. Seitz has been through in the last year, with new employment and having the opportunity to potentially step down. The fact that Mr. Seitz stuck around to help us maintain a council in light of the unfortunate passing of Mr. O'Brien is very commendable.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey thanked Mr. Fisher and Mr. Seitz for their work on the Parks and Buildings Committee. Mr. Harvey stated that he has had the

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pleasure of working with some outstanding people over the years. They all brought something different to the table but their goal was always to move the Village forward. Mr. Harvey stated that he is looking forward to working with Mr. Schmidt, who will bring new ideas and a fresh mind. Mr. Harvey also wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Mr. Harvey told Mr. Seitz that he will miss him.

Mr. Bradley stated that he would like to address something that probably involves Safety, Parks and Buildings, and the Police Department. He stated that, in light of the criminal activity and damages we've had at the baseball fields, he feels that we need to put gates on the entrances to the ballfields so that nobody can enter after dark. Also, there was a young lady from Indiana that requested the ability to park somewhere besides her driveway. There were many vehicles in her drive in the morning. Also, Mr. Bradley stated that there are people down at the ballfields that turn part of the parking area into their additional parking zone. There is a trailer that is parked down there and vehicles that park there all day long. Mr. Bradley thinks that if we have a policy or plan in place that we do not park on Village parking lots, that it also needs to be stated and enforced there. If our policy is standardized throughout the Village, 99% of criminal activity will be on foot, not with vehicular traffic.

Safety Committee Mr. DeZee stated that EMS had 21 calls and the Fire Department had 16 for a total of 37 calls.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated that he spoke with former Mayor and State Senator Glenn Holmes and he wanted to congratulate Mr. Seitz. Mr. Lewis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Service Committee Mr. Bradley stated that there will be an emergency reading for the Ohio Plan for Risk Management through Love Insurance for package insurance. Also, there will be an emergency reading for employee insurance through Medical Mutual. Additionally, the repair work that is being done on Olive Street should be wrapped up by Friday.

Planning Commission Mr. Bradley stated no report.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee stated that Saturday, December 14, Community Chest members hosted a Christmas with Santa. They answered 67 letters to Santa from Grandma Elf. Also, 27 children from 10 families will have a better Christmas. They also gave out food vouchers to families to help them have a Merry Christmas. There was a craft table out for the kids to decorate their bags. The Community Chest would like to thank council for the use of the Community Room for that event. Many families

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were very thankful for what they did.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Brian Fisher extended his condolences to Mr. Harvey on the loss of his sister. The love that Mr. Harvey has for the Village is very clear. He could be with his family grieving the loss of his sister. The fact that he is here shows the kind of heart he has for the Village. Mr. Fisher thanked Mr. Seitz for his service to the community. Mr. Fisher stated that Mr. Seitz is one of those guys that if you give him the respect that he deserves, he gives you the respect you deserve. He has always carried that in council and Mr. Fisher has always respected that. Mr. Seitz never came at Mr. Fisher or any of the other guys that respected him. Again, that is professionalism. Mr. Fisher thanked Mr. Seitz again for all his years of coaching, as a building inspector, as a councilman. That is a lot of years of service.

Sean Schmidt, 709 Illinois Avenue. Mr. Schmidt thanked Mr. Seitz for his years of service. He had the pleasure of being one of Mr. Seitz's football players when he was young. When Mr. Schmidt decided to run for council, he asked Mr. Seitz if he could meet with him to talk about everything he has done for the Village and how council works. He stated that he has really big shoes to fill but he will do his best. Mr. Seitz told Mr. Schmidt that he'll be fine.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Emergency Reading Of Resolution No. 1818-19 For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And Village Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc., Through Love Insurance Agency, 373 Center Street, Suite A, Chardon, OH 44024, For The Village's 2019-2020 Package Insurance In The Amount Of Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 00/100 Dollars (\$24,230.00) Commencing December 1, 2019 And Ending November 30, 2020.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Resolution No. 1818-19 pass emergency reading.

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

B. Emergency Reading of Resolution No. 1819-19 For The Purpose Of Accepting The Health Insurance Proposal From Medical Mutual Of Ohio Through National United Brokers, Inc., 4151 Executive Parkway, Suite 210, Westerville, Ohio 43081, For The Village Of McDonald, Ohio's Employee Health Insurance Coverage For A One-Year (1) Term Commencing January 1, 2020 And Ending December 31, 2020; And Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer And/Or Village Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With Medical Mutual Of Ohio Through National United Brokers, Inc. For Health Insurance.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Resolution No. 1819-19 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$310,280.33.

I, Lori Canada, 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. Seitz – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Harvey would like Mr. Seitz to have the honor of closing out the meeting tonight.

Mr. Seitz thanked everyone for all the wonderful things that they said tonight. He really appreciates that. He said that he loves everyone too and he loves this Village. It has been his pleasure.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Seitz at 6:41 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer