

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Cliff DeZee, Frank Sudol, Nick Sudol, Bob Duncan, Karen Duncan, Joe & Tammy Gearhart, Don Muzenic, Becky Long, Colleen Woodley, Bill Woodley, Sr., Kali Harvey, Kate Harvey, Walt Bradley and Sandie Bradley, Jill Puckett, Dori Kagarise, Paula Ray, Danica Ronghi, Paul Pancoe, Joe Dugan, Dee, Lance, Louie Ronghi, Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan, Michelle Firment, and other family and friends.

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Fire Chief Nick Kish, Police Chief Lou Ronghi, Acting Police Chief Bill Woodley, Officers Ryan Ronghi, Walt Jones, Jeff Walp, Austin Bucan, Ron Pratt, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The December 20, 2017 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Klase – present
Mr. Fisher – 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 6, 2017 regular council minutes and December 13, 2017 special council meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the December 6, and 13, 2017 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – 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. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett read a letter of retirement from Police Chief Lou Ronghi. (See attached letter)

It was moved by Mr. Klase to accept the letter of retirement.

Roll call:

Mr. Klase – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Puckett asked for confirmation on the appointment of Ryan Ronghi as Police Lieutenant and William Woodley as Police Chief.

It was moved by Mr. Klase to confirm the appointments of Ryan Ronghi as Police Lieutenant and William Woodley as Police Chief and to waive their probationary period.

Discussion: Mayor Puckett stated that both these gentlemen have been working in the capacity of their new positions so a probationary period is not needed.

Roll call:

Mr. Klase – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – abstain
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

5A. Oaths of office:

Solicitor Ross issued the Oath of Office to Lt. Ryan Ronghi. Retired Chief Lou Ronghi pinned the Lieutenant's badge on his son.

Solicitor Ross issued the Oath of Office to Police Chief William Woodley. Mrs. Woodley pinned the Chief's badge on her husband.

Both were followed by a photo op with family.

Solicitor Ross issued the Oath of Office to Walter Bradley, Richard Harvey, Brian Fisher, and Mayor Glen Puckett.

All were followed by a photo op with family members.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich reported that the Ohio EPA will be doing some soil testing in the park by the Woodland Pavilion.

Mr. Domitrovich congratulated Chief Ronghi on his retirement and Chief Woodley on his appointment and wished them both well.

The VA commented that it is Brian Klase's last official meeting and stated it was a pleasure to work with him.

He also stated that it was a pleasure working with outgoing Fire Chief Nick Kish. He stated that he appreciates working with Mr. Harvey, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. O'Brien and looks forward to working with Mr. Bradley.

Police Chief Bill Woodley congratulated Lou Ronghi on his retirement and said he was a mentor and dedicated to his job as police chief and it has been an honor to serve with him and wished him the best. He also thanked his guys for their dedication to the department.

Fire Chief Nick Kish gave his end of the month report as follows: for the month of November they answered 16 EMS calls and 5 fire calls and attended 22 man hours of training.

Chief Kish offered his congratulations to all.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross stated he issued the oath of office to Mr. O'Brien prior to tonight meeting.

Solicitor Ross offered his congratulations to Lou Ronghi and said it was a pleasure working with him and that he was an asset to the Village. He hoped they could continue with their luncheon dates. He stated he looks forward to working with Chief Woodley and Lieutenant Ronghi.

He addressed Chief Kish and stated it was a pleasure working with him. He also expressed that he is looking forward to working with the four councilmen.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. O'Brien – In the absence of Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Lewis reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, oaths of office and the retirement of Lou Ronghi. He thanked Lou for his dedication and professionalism to the Police Department. He congratulated Bill and Ryan and stated they will do a fine job. He wished all the best to Chief Kish and Mr. Klase. He looks forward to working with Mr. Bradley

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey thanked his committee members for the all they have accomplished this year. He commented on the summer park program which offered activities for young and old. He looks forward to working with everyone next year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Safety Committee Mr. Klase congratulated Lou Ronghi and stated that he made a positive impact on the Village and wish him good luck with his future endeavors. He congratulated Ryan and appreciates what he has done to step in and help out. He stated that Chief Woodley has been an asset this past year and wished him luck in the future. He appreciates the law enforcement and the multiple hats they wear to protect and serve the citizens. He stated it was an honor working with Chief Kish and wished him the best. Lastly, he stated that it has been an honor to serve on council.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis - report.

Service Committee Mr. Seitz stated a lot has been accomplished this year with Lou and the others. We are going to be in good hands.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated that the schedule of fees is on the agenda this evening for a third reading. The only change has been to add the fees for the rental of the Community Room. He continued that there had been a lot of community policing while Lou was here and he hopes he enjoys his retirement. He also stated that Bill has done a fantastic job this past year and so has the new Lieutenant. He thanked Nick for his professionalism and wished him well.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – In Mr. O'Brien's absence there was no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Third reading of Ordinance No. 3215-17 For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Village Ordinance No. 3164-14 For The Purpose Of Adopting The Previously Established Schedule Of Fees For Building Permits, Zoning Permits, And Other Fees; And For The Purpose Of Adding Fees Concerning The Rental Of The Community Room.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Ordinance No. 3215-17 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated that the only change is to add the fees for the rental of the Community Room.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Seitz – 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 \$74,710.83.

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

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. Lewis to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Seitz stated is it nice to be part of this nice community and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:59 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer