

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
Regular Council Meeting

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 2, 2020 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:03 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Fisher – present
Mr. Schmidt – present

Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. DeZee – present
Mr. Joynes – 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 November 18, 2020 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – 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. Lewis – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Puckett reminded everyone to stay safe during the pandemic. He is hopeful that everyone is following the Governor's orders. He hopes everyone had a good Thanksgiving and wished everyone a safe holiday. Mayor Puckett stated that Councilman Fisher will go into a little more detail about something the Village is going to sponsor. The Girl Scout troop is also going to possibly host another event. When we get more details, we will put them on our website.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that our leaf season is coming to an end. The Street Department employees will be out with the leaf vac machine one more time. The last day the machine will be out is Wednesday, December 9. We will then take it apart and put it back together to be a backup plow truck. If residents still have leaves and we have nice days after that, they would be encouraged to call the Municipal Building. They would still be picked up in bags. Our priority then would be snow plowing and maintenance on the road for bad weather. We will also be out one more time for branch pickup.

Mr. Domitrovich thanked Chief Woodley and Chief Stitt for including him in an event that Chief Woodley came up with.

Police Chief Bill Woodley stated that his report has been submitted for the month of November and it is as follows:

For the month of November, the Police Department investigated 26 formal complaints and 23 traffic stops resulting in 9 citations. They conducted 6 bank drops, 3 criminal arrests, and 1 residential security check. They also investigated 1 traffic crash and issued 4 parking tickets. The department completed their DTBs for the month of November.

Chief Woodley stated that he spoke with McKinley Motors today. The new police cruiser will be fully equipped and will be given back to the Police Department tomorrow.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt stated that his report has been submitted for the month of November and it is as follows:

The McDonald Fire Department responded to 18 EMS and 11 Fire calls for a total of 29 calls.

Solicitor Ross stated that there has been some activity on the Facilities Use Agreement but he will yield to Mr. Schmidt to report on that during Service.

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. We have a request by our Fiscal Officer to carryover two vacation days from 2020 to 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to approve Mrs. Canada's request to carryover two days from 2020 to 2021.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated that Parks and Buildings met briefly last night.

Safety Committee Mr. Fisher stated that both Chief Woodley and Chief Stitt have submitted their month-end reports. Chief Stitt brought back new COVID guidelines from the Trumbull County Board of Health. He has relayed that information to the administration. Hudson Radio has received some of our radios. We are just waiting on some of the repeaters. Mr. Fisher stated that our new police cruiser will be back in service soon. The Police Department computers have been upgraded and everything is operating as it should.

Mr. Fisher stated that our safety forces, Chief Woodley, and Chief Stitt along with our Village Administrator, formulated a plan to have a parade with Santa Claus through the Village. The Police and Fire Departments are going to escort Santa up and down the streets throughout McDonald. The event will be held on December 11 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Fisher stated that, unfortunately, we can't pass out candy canes but at least all the kids can see Santa Claus.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated that we discussed the 2021 first reading of a permanent budget during Committee meetings. We did decide to add the third payment for the OPWC. That is the one change this evening. We are basically taking the payment that was deferred for 2020 due to COVID and paying that in 2021.

Mr. Lewis stated that we have an account with Premier Bank that is going to be a

7. Committee reports cont'd.

non-interest-bearing account effective December 31. Mr. Lewis is still waiting on phone calls from local institutions. He is hoping to have some information for the second meeting in December.

Service Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that we have a second reading of the revised sewer rates. We are continuing to work with Nate Ogden for our employee healthcare benefit rates.

Mr. Schmidt stated that Solicitor Ross spoke with School Board President John Saganich today in regards to the Facilities Use Agreement. They were able to work together to make a few changes. Solicitor Ross sent the agreement over to the school for their approval and to pass it at their next meeting. Mr. Schmidt stated that, at our next meeting, we will likely be able to pass a resolution and waive the three-read process.

Mr. Domitrovich stated that our broker from Buckeye Energy will be sending letters out to Village residents offering the rate of \$3.17/mcf. The letter will come from Constellation to our residents that have not yet enrolled. This is an opt-in program. If there are any questions, residents can call the Municipal Building.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated no report. Planning Commission will not meet until after the New Year.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee stated no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Third Reading Of Resolution No. 1839-20 Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2020, And Ending December 31, 2020.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that the Resolution No. 1839-20 pass third reading as read.

Roll call:

11. Legislation cont'd.

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

B. Second Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Ordinance No. 3176-15 To Revise The Charges For The Operation, Maintenance, And Replacement Costs For The Use Of The Village's Wastewater Treatment Facility And Sewage System Effective September 1, 2020 Which Will Be Reflected In The Fourth Quarter of 2020 Billing In January of 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

C. Emergency Reading Of Ordinance No. 3255-20 To Amend Appropriations For 2020 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 2020.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Ordinance No. 3255-20 pass emergency reading as read.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

D. First Reading Of An Ordinance Of Appropriations For 2021 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 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that the ordinance pass first reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada thanked Council for allowing the vacation days to be moved to 2021.

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$55,240.71.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:24 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer