

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Regular Council Meeting

Visitors: Joe Dugan, Sean Schmidt, Ron Jones, and Brian Klase.

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.

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*

1. The December 4, 2019 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:05 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 November 20, 2019 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the November 20, 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 amend the agenda to make legislations A, B, and C emergency legislations and to waive the three-read process for legislation D.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated that we are approaching the end of the year. By law, we have to have three readings and 30 days following the third reading, it becomes law.

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Because of the way the calendar falls, there was concern that, if we do not have a quorum at the next meeting, it would be best to do this tonight. The reason for the emergency readings is because a lot of this has to be done by December 31. Mayor Puckett stated that we get contracts and accounts that have to be done by the beginning of the year. They don't allow us the time to get three readings in and wait the 30 days. We try to minimize passing legislation as emergencies but sometimes it is a necessity.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Puckett gave the monthly court report as follows:
For the month of November, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$41, court costs \$112, additional costs \$29, city revenue from fines \$160, and Niles Municipal court fines \$598.10 for a total to the city of \$940.10. Mayor Puckett stated that, although he wasn't there, he heard a lot of good things about Christmas In the Village. He thanked all the volunteers. Without them, we wouldn't be able to do this wonderful event.

Mayor Puckett stated that throughout the year, we have an employee that has gone through a lot and put in a lot of hard work and he would like to thank Peggy Palmer for all her hard work. Peggy handled all our tax cases with RITA. It is notable of all the things she's done and she's worked really hard this year to get everything straightened around. Solicitor Ross stated that, through Mayor's Court, Peggy has brought in about 300 cases of people that hadn't filed local taxes over the years. Through Peggy's hard work, we got about 95% of those folks to file. Hopefully, that will make its way to payment to the Village. She did a great job.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich congratulated the Mayor and Council on being awarded a grant for the 2020 Roadway Resurfacing of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Eastgate announced that McDonald did meet the cutoff for the award which was 64 points. We did receive 75 points. There is legislation tonight to accept that and go into agreement with OPWC next year for this project.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Geauga/Trumbull Solid Waste Management is renewing their agreement and shopped out for a hauler. When they do this, we also renew our agreement. This is for our recycling, which is a cost-free activity for our residents. Their new director, Jennifer Jones, has put in the contract that they will be taking glass again. This is still unofficial. Mr. Domitrovich stated that we have started demolition on 452 Pennsylvania Avenue. Residents will see that the house is being raised and it will be done systematically. The proximity to the neighbor's house is closer than we've ever had a house in a demolition. The demolition started today with a lot of handwork in demolishing the roof. According to the agreement, the house will be down and the lot leveled by December 20.

Mr. Domitrovich stated that the Village is continuing to pick up leaves. There was a little break due to Christmas decorations and some other operational management things with our employees. We are back on schedule with picking up leaves for the residents. Please bring them out to the curb and we will pick them up for the next couple weeks.

Mr. Domitrovich wanted to thank everyone for their help with Christmas In the Village. Mr. Lewis participated in great length as well as Bil Stamp, Don and Laurie Smith, and Michele Titus to name a few. Of course, Mr. Harvey is always involved with pre-planning although he was out this year. He is always an integral part of the celebration. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their participation the night of the event. We had around 300 people at the event. The weather was perfect. Millie Ritz did light the tree and she was very happy about it. It was a very well-run event and everyone had a very good time. He again thanked everyone for all their time and the support from the Village to host the event. Mr. Domitrovich also thanked the residents of the Village for decorating. He was impressed with all the houses throughout town that are decorated.

Police Chief Bill Woodley no report.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt no report.

Solicitor Ross no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis stated they met this evening for caucus and discussed the agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, council minutes, and legislation.

Parks & Buildings Mr. Harvey thanked everyone that was involved in Christmas In the Village. It is a signature event in this Village that brings a lot of people together. There

7. Committee reports cont'd.

were several people that came forward to help this year. The lights are outstanding. This is an event that everyone looks forward to and with good reason.

Safety Committee Mr. DeZee thanked the Police and Fire Departments for escorting Santa Claus to the Fire Department for Christmas In the Village.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated that it is time to pay the City of Niles for our part in the upgrade of the water treatment plant. We will make our first payment of \$186,000.00 on December 18. Mr. Lewis thanked the office staff, especially Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. Domitrovich for their hard work. They are going to enter into an agreement with Team Office for the computers and cyber security that will save us about \$7,000.00 a year in doing so. Mr. Lewis also praised Peggy Palmer for all her hard work in handling the RITA cases. Mr. Bradley stated that he would like to recognize our fiscal officer, Lori Canada. She has put a lot of conscientious work into her office. If there is something you need or want, it's organized and things are done alphabetically.

Service Committee Mr. Bradley stated that there will be three emergency readings this evening. This was done so the legislation could be passed in the case of no quorum on December 18. Also discussed was the participation in the OPWC State Capital Improvements. Mr. Bradley stated that the Sewer District 3 is almost in fruition.

Planning Commission Mr. Bradley stated that Planning Commission will meet on February 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. They will determine if they will make changes to the contractor's ordinance on how they register to get guidance in how they put in driveways.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Emergency Reading Of Ordinance No. 3244-19 For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance No. 3230A-19 (The "Salary Ordinance") To Address The Salaries And Wages

11. Legislation cont'd.

Of Street, Water and Wastewater Department Employees; To Provide That All Others Salaries And Wages Of Certain Officers And Employees Will Remain The Same, Reaffirmed And Ratified; And For The Final Purpose Of Repealing Any And All Other Ordinances Or Resolutions In Conflict Therewith.

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

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Ordinance No. 3244-19 pass third reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

B. Emergency Reading Of Resolution No. 1815-19 For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator To Enter Into A Client Services Agreement With Medicount Management, Inc., 10361 Spartan Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215, For The McDonald Fire Department EMS Billing Services For A Three Year Term Beginning January 1, 2020 Through December 31, 2022.

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

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Resolution No. 1815-19 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

C. Emergency Reading Of Ordinance No. 3245-19 For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Village Ordinance No. 3215-17 For The Purpose Of Adopting The Previously Established Schedule Of Fees For Building Permits, Zoning Permits, And Other Fees; And For The Purpose Of Increasing Fees Concerning The Rental Inspection.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Ordinance No. 3245-19 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

D. First Reading Of Resolution No. 1816-19 Authorizing And Directing The Mayor, Village Administrator, And/Or Fiscal Officer To Execute An Agreement With The Geauga/Trumbull Solid Waste Management District For The Single Stream Drop-Off Recycling Program Commencing January 1, 2020, And Ending December 31, 2022.

11. Legislation cont'd.

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

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to waive the three-read process of Resolution No. 1816-19.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

E. Emergency Reading Of Resolution No. 1817-19 Authorizing The Mayor, Village Administrator, And/Or Fiscal Officer Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, To Prepare And Submit An Application To Participate In The Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement And/Or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) And To Execute Contracts As Required.

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

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Resolution No. 1817-19 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$29,508.98.

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: none.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:29 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer