

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Cliff DeZee and Ken Miner

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 February 16, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – absent*
Mr. Puckett – present
Mr. Lewis – present

*Mr. Harvey was ill

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 February 3, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the February 3, 2016 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the agenda as presented:

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor stated a records retention meeting was held between caucus and council this evening. The records will be sent to the state for approval for destruction.

Mayor stated we received a letter from the Ohio Public Works Committee saying we will receive \$74,981 for road improvements to McDonald Avenue. Mr. Domitrovich has been working with the Trumbull County Engineer's office.

Mayor Holmes attended a meeting at the Trumbull County Roadway Engineer's office concerning possible ways to raise monies to do road improvements and stay ahead of the harsh winters we have been having. There was a suggestion of a gas tax with the money being set aside for road improvements. It seems we may want to reserve comment at this time.

Mayor received an email from Robert Kirkpatrick concerning our drone ordinance. Mayor spoke with him today and he understands what we are attempting to do. He offered his service if anyone wants to be trained on using a quadcopter.

Mayor Holmes read a letter from Mrs. Ginger Evans commending Norma Pignanelli for her presentation "Frosting Cookies" at the Community Room. She also commended the Street Department for the cleaning of the lot and stairs, workers that did the work at the Community Room, staff, and Millie and Christina Elks for making all welcomed. She thanked Council for the vision of what the room could really be.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated they are moving on the Community Room activities. They have tentatively planned Bingo and exercise classes. Millie Ritz has taken registration for all types of activities. They are compiling the ideas and getting an active calendar.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Mr. Domitrovich stated from all the things done at the Community Room from the construction to contracts or establishing programming, he couldn't have done it without Solicitor Doug Ross and his guidance. He expressed his appreciation.

The VA stated trash is one day late due to the snow emergency. Pickup will resume tomorrow.

Finally Mr. Domitrovich said hats off to his Street Department crew who worked from 1:00 a.m. this morning until 2:00 p.m. today plowing snow.

Mayor Holmes stated the guys did a great job on the streets.

Police Chief Lou Ronghi thanked the residents for complying with the parking ban. We didn't have any incidents or accidents. He also stated that he attended a meeting of the Historical Society.

Fire Chief Nick Kish – no report.

Mayor stated that Murphy Lewis will be back in touch with Chief Kish regarding drug free workplace training.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – no report.

Mayor Holmes stated he forgot to mention that Armstrong sent us a letter informing us that the rates were going up. All the residents will be notified that there will be an increase in the cost for services.

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, Armstrong letter, letter from OPWC, and the County meeting regarding a gas tax to aid road improvement.

Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett stated Park and Buildings will meet March 1, following Safety.

Safety Committee Mr. Lewis stated Safety will also meet March 1, at 6:00 p.m.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz stated they will have the first reading tonight of our 2016 permanent budget under legislation. Our next committee meeting is set for March 1, at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Holmes stated this is the permanent budget that will be submitted to the auditor. There is going to be strict adherence from Finance and the Chief Fiscal Officer, Village Administrator and all our department heads on trying to stay within this budget. Typically at the end of the year we have to make some transfers to make sure our line items don't run negative.

Service Committee Mr. Harvey – in his absence there was nothing to report.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase reported Planning met last Wednesday. At the meeting the Mayor discussed the Real Community Solution and engineer visit, Trumbull County Engineer proposed gas tax, and Mayor's Association meeting where they discussed a bike trail and a canoe launch. Mr. Border reported he completed 34 inspections and there is one building permit under consideration. Mr. Martin, Trumbull County Planning Commission representative, discussed Warren's solar power system and cost savings for their electric, GIS mapping systems using drones for their maps, Niles well and water system, and fair housing CDBG grants. The Youngstown Warren Airport is in the developmental stages of adding a customs agent for international flights.

Mayor stated there are two items that Council should be briefed on. Julie Green did send us a map and proposal for a spur off the Greater Greenway Bike Trail. It was something that happened quickly. Mr. Domitrovich gave an overview of the proposal. The program will be funded by the State. We may change the route. We are trying to establish a sensible location that will attach to the line from Riverside Gardens to the Greenway trail. Mr. Domitrovich will bring a copy of the map to the next committee meetings.

Mr. Domitrovich gave a summary of his meeting with RCAP regarding water infiltration into the sewer system.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Emergency reading of Resolution No. 1763-16 Adopting A Statement Of Policy – Affirmative Action Program (A.A.P.) And Equal Employment Opportunity Policy (E.E.O.P.) For The Benefit Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Puckett to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Puckett that Resolution No. 1763-16 be passed as an emergency.

Discussion: Mr. Seitz stated this basically states McDonald, Ohio has never discriminated against persons with respect to race, religion, color, gender, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or identified as a disabled veteran or veteran. We pass this each year.

Mayor stated this is a timeliness issue so it is being passed as an emergency.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

B First reading of an Ordinance To Make 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

11. Legislation cont'd.

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. Lewis that the ordinance pass first reading as read.

Discussion: We appreciate everyone's hard work on this; thanks Robin. This needs to be sent to the auditor soon but we have time for all three readings.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$154,917.68.

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

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Puckett at 6:57 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer