

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Ken Miner and Cliff DeZee

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The February 21, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:20 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – present  
Mr. Lewis – present  
Mr. Bradley – 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 February 7, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the February 7, 2018 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – 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. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett recognized and thanked Girl Scout Troop 80172 for the many community projects that they do. They have been recognized state wide and nationally. They will co-sponsor the Easter egg hunt with the Village this year since we have lost the Lions Club.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** stated that he has been assisting Fire Chief Stitt in the removal of many old, unusable items from Chief Stitt's office. He also stated that he is working on a number of items with Solicitor Ross. He stated that the Water Department has completed their EPA testing and report on time. Mr. Domitrovich thanked Millie Ritz for getting Linda Beil, our EMA Director, as a guest speaker at the senior luncheon this past week. We have some plans in the future to meet and discuss contingency planning with our Water Department.

**Police Chief Bill Woodley** – no report. Mr. Harvey what he thought about the recent school shootings.

Chief Woodley stated we do the A.L.I.C.E. training with the school once a year, our officers do active shooter training, and we have an officer in the school. The Fire Department is also working on setting up an active shooter training program. There are plans in place also with the school for emergencies and we sit down with them every year and evaluate them. Mr. Harvey asked if he liked the A.L.I.C.E. program and Chief Woodley answered yes.

**Fire Chief Todd Stitt** – no report.

**Solicitor Douglas W. Ross** – no report.

7. Committee reports:

**President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis** reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, bank signatory, records retention committee meeting, committee meetings which will be held here on Tuesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. with the exception of Service which will be held the same date at 1:15 p.m. over at the Municipal Building on the first floor. We also discussed the Easter egg hunt, music in the park and the park supervisor position.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** stated Park and Buildings will meet March 6, in

7. Committee reports cont'd.

in the Community Room. We are moving forward with the music in the park

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to have six concerts this year for music in the park.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey stated the Easter egg hunt will be held March 24, at 11:30 a.m. Girl Scout Troop 80172 will partner with the Village and we look forward to working with them.

We have the no smoking signs. If anyone meets with the high school or any organizations in town please have it put on their notifications that there will be no smoking in the parks, baseball fields, cross country. We need to start planting the seed now. We need to get that message out to them.

The Relay for Life will have a meeting next month in Liberty. They are moving forward with their plans.

**Safety Committee Mr. Seitz** in the absence of Mr. Seitz, Mr. Lewis stated there was no report. They will meet March 6.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** – stated Finance will meet March 6. We have two pieces of legislation on the agenda this evening. There is a second read for our permanent budget and our transfer ordinance and asked for support.

Mr. Fisher stated under Finance Committee report he stated since Mr. O'Brien is no longer President Pro Tem and his inability to always be available they thought it prudent to have Mr. Lewis take his place as an authorized signer on our checking account.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to replace Mr. O'Brien with Mr. Lewis as an authorized signer on our bank account.

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Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Lewis – abstain

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

**Service Committee Mr. Fisher** stated due to a work conflict, he will not be present at the committee meetings on March 6. However, Service will meet at 1:15 p.m. in the old income tax office of the Municipal Building on the first floor in case anyone has a handicap has accessibility to the meeting since that has been an issue that has been brought up.

He also stated that the face book warriors are at it again. I made a statement at the last meeting and I'll make it again because there seems to still be some confusion even though it was read into the record that Armstrong Communications does have a non-exclusive agreement here in the Village but you will never see another cable company enter this Village because the cost of running their lines and equipment into this Village will never be recovered for the couple hundred consumers that they will have enrolled into their services. As upsetting as they might be at getting letters mailed to their home with rate increases, they will either have that option or they will have to go to AT & T or go to their cellular service. Those are the only options that they will be probably ever see in the foreseeable future. I want to put that on the record for those who question what we are doing here in the Village. I know there were questions that people wanted to contact the Mayor's office. That's fine, they can do that. The fact of the matter is it is not even an exclusive contract it is a non-exclusive contract. They can call the Village all they want but it's not going to change.

Mr. Harvey stated he has something else under Service. On the Fiscal Officer's report that is \$1631 charge for transportation. We participate in that Trumbull County Transit for buses in the Village. For our senior citizens this is a great program. With us paying into that they can go anywhere in Trumbull County on their list for \$1.50 on way, \$3.00 round trip. All they have to do is call and schedule it. This gives our seniors and residents a chance to get out. Mr. Harvey gave a brochure for the office. There are also a lot for seniors through the senior levy services. Mr. Fisher thanked Mr. Harvey and stated former Mayor Glenn Holmes sat as the chairman of that board. It is very worthwhile.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

**Planning Commission Mr. Bradley** reported on the public hearing that was held before Planning Commission, There were no attendees at the meeting. Mr. Domitrovich did read the request by Mr. Wolford for the zone change. A motion was made to pass the zoning request onto Council.

Mr. Bradley commented on the replatting issue that is on Planning Commission agenda which has been tabled. He reported that Mr. Pancoe has inspected 85 rental properties so far and 5 new contractor registrations. Mr. Bradley also commented on the procedure for rental inspections and how landlords have to file in January but the inspections do not have to be completed in January.

Mr. Bradley brought up a comment from a resident about the condition of the gas station on Marshall Rd. He took photos and it is in disrepair and needs addressed. A letter may have to be sent to Mr. Hadi, owner of the property.

Mr. Fisher stated he has addressed the same issue with residents about the procedure to handle complaints. The resident is to file a complaint with the Village so the Building Inspector can be made aware and go out and address the issue. He has the power to issue a citation or notice of time to repair a property. Mr. Fisher felt there should be a separation of powers. If Council tells the building inspector to go and look at the property it gives them too much power as lawmakers.

Mr. Bradley countered some people do not want make a formal complaint. This location already has action that has been requested by a member of the community prior to being approached by the same person. He represents the people of this town. It just needs to be addressed by the zoning inspector and we'll go from there.

Solicitor Ross circled back to Planning Commission regarding the zone change for the Wolford property, Council now has to set its own public hearing which has to be within 30-50 days and asked Council what they wanted to do.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Council hold a public hearing regarding the re-zoning of 175 Ohio Avenu on Wednesday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

**Community Chest Mr. O'Brien** – in the absence of Mr. O'Brien there was no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business:

A Basketball courts – Mayor Puckett stated that Mr. Bradley has asked for an Ad Hoc committee and Mayor stated it will consist of Mr. Harvey, Chief Woodley, Mr. Domitrovich, and Mr. Bradley who will chair the committee. Also when you meet let Char know so it can be announced to the press and minutes will have to be taken.

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Second reading of an Ordinance To Make Appropriations For 2018 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 2018.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

B Second reading of an Ordinance Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2018, And Ending December 31, 2018.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$75,410.77.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Fisher stated as I stated under Service Committee we have issues not issues but we have a reality now where we have social media and people like to ask questions and talk about issues. The people always seem to be seeking information. I read into the record two meetings in a row about what happened with Armstrong. Some other issues have been discussed in this meeting and other meetings including but not limited to the Armstrong contract, the condition of our roads, Relay for Life noise problems, the service station up the street. There are a lot of questions being asked and we often times get bashed and battered about how we never do anything here. We never talk about anything.

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Nobody knows what is going on. I would like to have it in the record verbatim that these things have not only been discussed at this meeting, the prior meeting, and every committee meeting for the last four or five months they get talked about early and often and all the time. People only need to either attend the meetings or ask for a copy of the minutes. It is a simple process to get the information that they want to have but instead of being a facebook warrior all they need to do is seek the information. We would be more than happy to provide it that to them. I think it is a pretty simple statement. They are not being ignored. A lot of times they are looking for us to come to them to provide the information. However, the only real spokesperson for the Village is the Mayor or the Mayor's designee at the Village. Unless the Mayor wants to go on facebook and address people individually, which I don't think that he does, it is easy for them to obtain the information.

Mr. Harvey stated they have the website if they want to leave a comment.

Mr. Miner stated all they have to do is get off their chair and walk down to the city building and ask questions down there or come here.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Lewis at 6:50 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer