

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Ken Miner, Paul Skruck, Kyle Joynes, Cliff DeZee, and Steve Kristan

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Fire Chief Nick Kish, Police Chief Lou Ronghi, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, and Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich

1. The January 20, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 7:35 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Puckett – present
Mr. Lewis – 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 January 20, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Klase to approve the January 20, 2016 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Puckett to accept the agenda with the following addition:

11. Legislation – A – emergency reading of a resolution for a letter of intent for the renewal of the post office lease.

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report

Mayor Holmes stated for the month of January Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$140, costs \$468, additional costs \$39, fines \$743, Niles Municipal Court fines \$354, parking tickets \$130, law enforcement fund \$25 for a grand total of \$1899.00.

Mayor stated he was voted as chairman of the Mayor's Association for another two-year term. At the last meeting federal and state officials either attended or sent representatives. We look at ways to network with our local resources to make sure that everyone is aware, federally and statewide, of what the conditions are in our area and how we can best network to get them resolved. It was comforting to see our U.S. senators and congressmen.

Mayor stated he would like to promote Walter Jones to full time. He seems to be doing an excellent job. He asked for Council's confirmation.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Puckett to confirm the Mayor's promotion of Walter Jones to full time.

Discussion: Mayor stated he has performed admirably and thinks it's great he is willing to stay here in McDonald.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated he met with RCAP last Friday, an entity that delegates funds to communities when they find their sewer and water systems are in need of improvements. They work closely with the Ohio EPA. We discussed our infrastructure and some key points of how we can get that funding started. The VA will compile a list of areas that need improved in particular our water infiltration issues in our sewer system. We are paying for too much water to be treated at the City of Niles during heavy rain events and not just sewage water. We were notified that the Ohio EPA is going to push for asset management plans. We will have to put our maps and data in electronic form. It was a fruitful meeting.

The VA thanked Council for being proactive on the legislation for our post office. One of the concerns from our public is if the post office is going to close.

The Community Room is open and Mr. Domitrovich thanked all who attended this evening. It was a great turnout and worth all the work. He thanked the Trumbull County Building Department, Mike Sliwinski, for working with us and working to get the room opened.

He met with Allied Waste representatives regarding the cardboard recycling cleanliness and how to fight it on our property.

Mayor commented on Real Community Solutions concerning our water and sewer line replacement. He is proud that we are ahead of the curve. A lot of communities are dealing with the same problems. The Mayor also stated the Mayor's Association did approve a resolution supporting the military affairs council here locally. This person will network locally and in the state and Washington to try and save the airbase.

Police Chief Lou Ronghi stated the end of the month report was given to Council. For January the department made 32 traffic arrests, two criminal arrests, two warrant arrests, and investigated 27 formal complaints. The midnight shift found 6 business doors unsecure. They investigated 5 alarm drops, issued 12 parking citations and performed one residential security check.

Fire Chief Nick Kish – no report.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – no report.

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, sewer agreement, and the renewal of post office lease.

Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett thanked Council, village workers, Thomas, Mayor and everyone that was involved in the Community Room. He believes it will be a huge success and the turnout tonight shows it. Hopefully they can move onto planning the second floor sooner rather than later.

Mr. Puckett stated the Lions Club would like use the park facilities for their annual Easter egg hunt on March 19, at 11:00 a.m. with the rain date being March 26, at 11:00 a.m.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Harvey to allow the Lions Club to use our facilities for the Easter egg hunt.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Safety Committee Mr. Lewis stated we met last evening and discussed the FEMA grants for the Fire Department; with the Police department the officers are going through several officer trainings - Drug free workplace training, CPR training, and online training. In addition, the Police Chief did meet with school officials in reference to Homeland Security regarding crisis planning for the schools. He congratulated Officer Walt Jones on his promotion to full time. He is an asset to the department.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz stated they discussed the grand opening of the community room and the post office agreement.

Service Committee Mr. Harvey stated they met last evening and discussed the meeting the VA had with the RCAP regarding our infrastructure. They also discussed the Affirmative Action legislation which will come up at the next meeting. It needs to be passed as an emergency. They also discussed a few other contracts coming into play.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase – no report but Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m.

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. 1762-16 For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator To Enter Into A Letter Of Intent With CBRE, As Agent For The United States Postal Service, Concerning The Renewal Of A Lease Between The Village, As Landlord, And The United States Post Office, As Tenant, and declaring an emergency.

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

Discussion: Mr. Seitz stated we need to do this and respond by February 4.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Harvey that Resolution No. 1762-16 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Seitz stated our post office lease is about to expire. This will renew the lease for five years. We will receive a little increase in the rent each month and everything else will stay the same. We will be absorbing a two percent cost which basically pays for their realtor involved. We discussed this in depth

11. Legislation cont'd.

and our Solicitor recommends that we move forward.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$31,646.01.

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

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous:

Mrs. DeBow stated that the grand opening event of the Community Room was wonderful. It was great to see so many seniors out to take a look at our new center and can't wait to get it operational. Millie Ritz, our director, has a full agenda planned for the seniors and she is open to any suggestions and we're excited to get going over there.

Mayor Holmes commented that he hasn't witnessed that level of excitement in the Village for a while especially to see the seniors excited about being there and what could happen. There is a saying that the sky is the limit but it is not the limit

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

but just a view. They looked at what could possibly happen there. You can tell with the gleam in their eyes when they finally figured out what they could do. Mrs. Ritz, Mrs. DeBow, the workers, we did a lot of that ourselves, kudos to them. It was a long time planning. We did it as fiscally, responsibly as we could and still created a structure edifying to the Village. They were proud to be in that structure.

Mr. Domitrovich stated it is a modest attempt to give back to the community that set the foundation for this Village.

Mr. Harvey stated to sit up here and watch the development of the tennis and basketball courts and to see life brought back into them and then the senior citizens over here, it a very good feeling to be a part of that. It is a privilege and an honor to see things like this happen. It's good for the Village. I'm very appreciative and it is a beautiful place.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Harvey at 7:57 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer