

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
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 February 3, 2021 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:04 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 January 20, 2021 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes as mailed with a correction:

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated that the Office Manager corrected the minutes under the Planning Commission report. Mr. Fisher previously stated that the fees collected for building permits in 2020 were \$850.00. The correct amount was \$1,850.00.

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 amend the agenda to add legislation B as an emergency reading:

Roll call:

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

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

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

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Puckett stated that he has no report.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that the Village is a part of the Drug-Free workplace that requires annual training. Our training dates will be February 9 for Department Heads and employees and February 15 is for our volunteer staff and anyone who can not make the meetings on February 9.

Our crews have been plowing and taking care of the roads this season. Budgetarily, we are looking good for salt purchases. Mr. Domitrovich thanked the Police Department and Street Department for the constant monitoring of the roads. Mr. Domitrovich thanked the Water Department for repairing a water break on Pennsylvania Avenue and Third Street.

Police Chief Bill Woodley submitted his report for the month of January and it is as follows:

For the month of January, the Police Department investigated 30 formal complaints and made 57 traffic stops resulting in 18 traffic citations written. They made 10 bank drops, 10 criminal arrests, one residential security check, and wrote 8 parking tickets. The Department completed their DTBs for the month of January.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt stated no report.

Solicitor Ross stated no report.

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 tonight's legislation of which we added a 2021 appropriations amendment to be read as an emergency.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Park & Buildings Mr. Joynes stated that he and Mr. Domitrovich had a meeting with the school. Items that were discussed were spring sports softball and baseball, along with some ideas for improvements to the fields. Mr. Joynes is hoping to have another meeting for further discussions. Also, the lobby in the Municipal Building has been remodeled. There are also plans to replace windows in Council Chambers. Mr. Domitrovich stated that we are receiving more funding from NOPEC to update the lighting in the Fire and Street Department garages.

Safety Committee Mr. DeZee stated that the Village will be purchasing a new police cruiser. Also, there will be repairs made to our second fire truck to get it back on the road.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Schmidt stated that we will be purchasing a new unmarked cruiser and also repairing our second fire truck so that it can be put back into service. We are looking for more information to move forward with our account investments so we are earning some money off of interest rather than just sitting in an account where nothing is building. Mr. Schmidt stated that we will have an emergency reading for the amendment to appropriations. He discussed with Chief Woodley that we are down at least two cruisers, one unmarked and one marked. There is a need for Lieutenant Ronghi to get an unmarked cruiser. Chief Stitt presented a breakdown of what is needed to get the second fire truck back into service. These are the reasons for amending the budget and appropriations for the budget.

Service Committee Mr. Fisher stated that we have legislation for NOPEC NEC grant. We will be having a renewal of an agreement with Emergency Management Agency. The Village has contracted with Medical Mutual COSE MEWA for employee health insurance. This was a savings to the Village of \$70,000.

Mr. Fisher stated that we will need to have an agreement with the Ohio Attorney General's Office for collections that Medicount is unable to obtain from billing.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated that the minutes were amended to reflect the correct information out of the Planning Commission meeting.

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. First Reading Of A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary To Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grants.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated that NOPEC is our electric supplier. They have been our aggregate for several years. Residents who use them realize the savings on their electric bill. NOPEC is a non-profit organization and they do give out grants.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

B. Emergency Reading Of Ordinance No. 3259-21 To Amend 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. Schmidt to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that Ordinance No. 3259-21 pass as an emergency.

Discussion: Mr. Schmidt thanked Mrs. Canada for highlighting what monies were moved for the vehicle and the fire truck.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$96,211.71.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:27 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer