

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Regular Council Meeting

Visitors: Ron Jones

Staff: Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Lori Canada and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*

1. The January 15, 2020 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. Fisher – present
Mr. Schmidt – present

Mr. Lewis – 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 January 2, 2020 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the January 2, 2020 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

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

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- The Mayor stated that Mr. Bradley resigned from council. His letter reads as follows: "Mayor Puckett, This is my letter of resignation as a member of McDonald Village Council effective January 6, 2020".

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the resignation of Councilman Bradley.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Puckett stated that we will be taking applications to fill the empty council seat. The applications need to be sent to the Municipal Building to the attention of President Pro Tem Ray Lewis. The deadline is January 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Puckett stated that, with Mr. Bradley's resignation, we do need a new Planning Commission Representative. The Mayor would like to appoint Brian Fisher. He has done this before and the Mayor feels that he would step right in and do a great job.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to accept the appointment of Brian Fisher to Planning Commission Representative.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Fisher – abstain

Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated no report.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Police Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi distributed Chief Woodley's end of month report and it is as follows:

For the month of December, the Police Department received 167 calls from the 911 center. They investigated 25 formal complaints, conducted 20 traffic stops resulting in 5 citations. They issued 7 parking tickets and 5 parking warnings. The Police Department responded to 1 animal complaint, 14 alarm drops, 4 welfare checks, 5 parking complaints, conducted 6 bank drops, responded to 3 calls for suspicious activity, 6 calls for suspicious vehicle, and 24 medical calls. The department completed their DTBs for the month of December.

FOP Lodge 194 participated in the annual "Shop With A Cop" program where 11 children and their parents joined members of the FOP at McDonald High School for a pizza party followed by shopping at Target. Each child was given \$175 to purchase items. In addition, each family was given a \$200 gift card to Aldi's grocery store.

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, legislation, councilman resignation, planning commission representative, and February committee meetings.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated that the committee met and discussed many issues that will be forthcoming.

Safety Committee Mr. Fisher stated that they received the retirement resignation of two members of the Fire Department, Adam Srock and Joe Soltesz.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the retirements of Mr. Srock and Mr. Soltesz.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey would like to thank Mr. Srock and Mr. Soltesz for their tenure. We appreciate their service and their dedication to the department. We will miss them.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Fisher stated that we have two applicants that we will be seeking confirmation on pending some clarification from OPERS and Police and Fire. There are also two vehicles that the Fire Department has that need to be addressed. It was discussed that the old ambulance will be moved to the Water Department for their use. One of the fire engines is in need of repair.

We received bids for the fire equipment grant. Chief Stitt would like to go with Finley Fire Equipment for a total of \$37,620. The actual grant was for about \$49,000. There was an addendum set to the grant so that it may be possible to use the remainder of the grant for some other equipment.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the bid of Finley Fire Equipment.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Fisher stated that the bids for the MARCs radio systems should be in soon. Also, the Fire Department donated \$500 to the Community Chest.

Mr. Fisher stated that a possible change in the EMT Salary Ordinance was discussed in regards to the number of hours they can have and still be considered part-time. Also, this year is the 100th anniversary of the Fire Department.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated that we may begin to use blanket purchase orders pending the Solicitor's review and recommendations. The 1.5 Mil Renewal Levy is due and will be put on the November ballot. This levy generates approximately \$25,000.

Service Committee Mr. Schmidt thanked the Mayor and Council for their trust and the opportunity to be chairperson of Service. There will be a meeting for Weathersfield

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Sewer District 3 on January 28. Village employees will be participating in mandatory drug-free workplace training to take place on February 11 and 17. This enables us to have lower insurance rates and also keeps our employees safe.

Mr. Schmidt stated that a cell phone company has contacted Mr. Domitrovich in regards to boaring a fiber optic line in the Village right-of-way. Mr. Domitrovich will keep everyone updated.

Mr. Schmidt stated that, while meeting with Mr. Harvey, he noticed how run-down the parking lot is in front of the Ramsay pavilion. He is hopeful that we can continue discussing this as we move forward. This lot gets a lot of traffic and we need to make it safer for our residents.

Mr. Schmidt said that he, Thomas, and Amy met with a NOPEC representative to discuss the agreement that we have with them. Genny Costanzo, the NOPEC representative, will be getting us an agreement for the Solicitor to review. We can discuss this further at the February committee meetings. Mr. Schmidt believes we will continue this agreement based on the rates that NOPEC gives our residents as well as our businesses. We also receive many incentives from NOPEC that are beneficial to the Village.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated that Planning Commission will be meeting on February 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee stated that he spoke with Mrs. O'Brien. The Community Chest received a \$200 donation from an anonymous donor.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation: none.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$185,966.03.

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Harvey would like to thank Mr. Bradley for serving on Village Council.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:22 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer