

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Peggy Palmer, Joe Dugan, Cliff Dezee, Luanne Murray, Dan Leskovac, and Scott Merola.

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

1. The January 16, 2019 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:05 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present  
Mr. Seitz – present  
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 January 2, 2019 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the January 2, 2019 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye

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

Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Puckett stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** reported that he has been working with GPD regarding road paving for 2019. They revised their bid that was prepared to go to OPWC due to not receiving a grant. As of now, there is a base bid including Grant St., with alternates including Third, Garfield, Hayes, and McKinley. He will bring the exact numbers to the meeting next month and look to have that bid out as early as March.

Mr. Domitrovich also discussed the glass recycling at the dumpsters. This is a grant that residents do not pay for. Due to the fact that glass has no value, it is not being accepted at recycling centers on a local or national level. All other items are still being taken for recycling. Glass can be deposited in the garbage as of right now. He is asking residents to put it in their poly carts for curbside pickup.

Mr. Domitrovich is working with Chief Woodley regarding a possible parking ban due to the upcoming inclement weather. He asks that everyone look to the electronic sign for updates.

Mr. Bradley stated that, in the past, we have been fortunate enough to receive grants for paving. However, we have probably lost about \$140,000 in assistance, through no fault of our own. He also stated that, nationwide, every aspect of recycling is suffering due to the fact that there is no market. He suggests these next few years will be interesting, as far as recycling is concerned. Mr. Bradley commended Mr. Domitrovich for all that he has done with road paving.

Mayor Puckett stated that when we meet with Eastgate annually, our grant funds are determined by a point system. Unfortunately, we did not receive a grant this year for road paving but we will still be paving roads. He stated that he is hopeful that we can do more than anticipated, depending on the cost.

Mr. Domitrovich then stated that when we do not have to hold ourselves to the dates that OPWC requires, which is a start date after July 1<sup>st</sup>, we can get on the books earlier with bidding. Typically, if your project is submitted earlier, you get a better quote.

6. Report of village officials cont'd

**Police Chief Bill Woodley** submitted his end of the month report as follows: For the month of December, the Police Department answered 203 calls from the 911 center, investigated 18 formal complaints, conducted 55 traffic stops resulting in 12 citations. They made one criminal arrest. They responded to 3 animal complaints, 13 alarm drops, 3 check the welfare calls, 17 parking complaints, 2 calls for suspicious persons, 2 calls for suspicious activity, 5 calls for suspicious vehicles, and 15 medical calls. The department completed the Daily Training Bulletins for the month of December.

Police Chief Bill Woodley also reiterated Mr. Domitrovich's comments regarding a possible parking ban due to upcoming inclement weather.

Mr. Harvey stated that he saw the report and that we are very fortunate to have our police force. He also mentioned that we will be acquiring two new police cruisers. Mr. Bradley stated that we are fortunate to have several young officers. These officers need good mentors and they definitely have that support.

**Fire Chief Todd Stitt** stated that reports have been submitted. Please see him if anyone has a question.

**Solicitor Ross** had 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, and legislation. February Committee Meetings were also set for February 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Caucus opened at 6:01 p.m. and concluded at 6:02 p.m.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** stated that the Relay for Life would like to hold their event at Woodland Park on June 8. This would be an all-day event, in lieu of the previous overnight events. The Relay for Life would be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to approve the Relay for Life to utilize our facilities for their June 8 event.

7. Committee reports cont'd

Roll Call:

Mr. Fisher-aye  
Mr. Harvey-aye  
Mr. Bradley-aye

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey also stated that the McDonald Historical Society would like to continue using the Community Room for their monthly meetings, on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The director, Millie Ritz, is in agreement.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to allow the McDonald Historical Society to utilize Community Room for their monthly meetings.

Roll Call:

Mr. Fisher-aye  
Mr. Harvey-aye  
Mr. Bradley-aye

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey stated that we have a busy year ahead of us. He looks for a great year in Park and Buildings.

Mr. Bradley then stated that last year with the basketball courts went well. We only had one minor incident. He looks forward to this year as well.

**Safety Committee Mr. O'Brien.** Mr. Seitz spoke on Mr. O'Brien's behalf and stated that they received the end of the year reports from our safety forces and it was a great year. The Safety Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on February 5.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** stated that the 2018 books are closed and have been submitted to the State Auditor. Also, final payments to Benovation have been made. He also stated that a meeting will be set up with Home Savings to discuss other options, as our McDonald branch will be closing in March. Mr. Lewis discussed the request from Mr. Domitrovich to explore a

7. Committee reports cont'd

pay increase for the water department employees. Mr. Domitrovich's request has been granted. Mr. Lewis also addressed the request for a gas reimbursement for the Building Inspector. This issue will be discussed during the January 30<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee meeting. Lastly, Mr. Lewis stated that he spoke with Lebanon Ford regarding the two police Interceptors. They will be produced on February 18<sup>th</sup> with delivery following the first week of March. Mr. Lewis then stated that the police department gave back approximately \$47,000 in wages and expenditures for the 2018 budget. This money will be utilized to pay for the two new vehicles.

**Service Committee Mr. Bradley** stated that the project on Marshall Road looks like it will come to fruition. Also, the garbage contract is expiring and the bidding process, with wording and advertisement, needs to be addressed soon. The potential for signing a three-year agreement with Earthlink and receiving a rebate also needs to be discussed. He also stated that we might want to explore other options for ambulance billing services other than Quest, namely MediCount. The fire chief is looking into this. The contract with Quest is from 2005 and has been automatically renewed annually. He feels that we should look into other options. Mr. Bradley also stated that the contract with the Solicitor has been a one-year contract. He would like to extend that to a two-year contract. At the next committee meeting, the Solicitor will produce something stating that the Solicitor's contract will be from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

**Planning Commission Mr. Bradley** stated that the Planning Commission will meet on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There are several items on the agenda.

**Community Chest Mr. O'Brien** had no report at this time. He did state that the Community Chest members do a great job.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Luanne Murray, 448 Indiana Ave., addressed council with a few issues. She inquired about setting up a lending library in the Community Room. She also received a letter from the police department informing her that she is not allowed to park in the Community Room lot. She inquired as to the owner of the lot. Ms. Murray requested that council consider her request to continue parking in the lot. Lastly, she asked the street department to start plowing earlier in the morning.

Mr. Seitz informed Ms. Murray that this will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present cont'd

Mayor Puckett stated that the Community Room does have a traveling library. Mr. Domitrovich also stated that there is a cabinet already filled with books in the Community Room.

Mr. Domitrovich informed Ms. Murray that, due to the increase in services offered to our seniors, we need more parking in the Community Room lot.

Mr. Bradley thanked Ms. Murray for voicing her concerns. He stated that there could be a resolution.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Ordinance No. 3230-19 Amending Previous Village Ordinance No. 3153-14 Regarding The Wages Of The Part-Time Firefighter/EMTS/Paramedics.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz that Ordinance No. 3513-14 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Seitz stated it order to keep up with surrounding communities, this is a step in the right direction.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Harvey – abstain  
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mr. Sebastian reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$165,089.48.

I, Richard Sebastian, 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. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous:

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:39 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer