

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Trenton Natoli, Ken Miner, Cliff DeZee, and Brian Fisher

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

1. The January 18, 2017 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present
Mr. Seitz – absent*
Mr. Lewis – present

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Klase – present

*Mr. Seitz was absent due to illness

2. Pledge of allegiance

One minute of silence in remembrance of American troops serving throughout the world.

3. Approval of the January 4, 2017 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Harvey to approve the January 4, 2017 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to amend the agenda as follows:

11. Legislation – add A) first reading of an ordinance for the 2017 permanent budget; B) first reading of an ordinance amending the fiscal officer position from part-time to full-time.

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

10. New Business – add appointment to vacant council seat

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett stated he would like to appoint Cliff DeZee to the Board of Zoning Appeals and asked for confirmation from Council.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien to confirm the appointment of Mr. DeZee.

Discussion: Mr. O'Brien stated he will do a good job.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor stated he is going to appoint a committee to negotiate the terms of the contract with Verizon. He would like Mr. Domitrovich, Mr. Lewis, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Klase to serve on the committee.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to approve the committee for the Verizon contract.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich apologized for missing caucus. He was working late with the Village engineer. He stated some of the items discussed

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

with the engineer were the bid specs for south of Marshall Rd. He wants the specs in the paper by March. The construction of that project will not begin until July 1 and it is hoped that getting in the paper early will generate an interest by some of the contractors and will allow for any weather conditions that may arise during the summer. Another item discussed with the engineer is the flat top roof at the street and water garage that needs repaired. That is another capital improvement project for this year. Another item discussed for 2018 was a grant project for the repair of Parkside Estates. We are trying to get the project on paper to meet the grant application deadline.

Mr. Domitrovich spoke on the 3 on 3 basketball tournament proposed by Valley Counseling. Council will review the details of the tournament and will act on it at the next meeting.

Acting Police Chief Bill Woodley gave his end of the year report as follows: For the year 2016, the Police Department received 2278 calls from the 911 center, made 731 traffic stops, issued 259 citations, investigated 377 formal complaints, made 76 criminal arrests, and issued 166 parking citations. The midnight shift found 34 business doors unsecured. They conducted 22 residential security checks, investigated 91 alarm drops, served 18 junk vehicles, enrolled one resident in the Senior Watch Program, and investigated 23 traffic crashes. All officers received training and certification in CPR and completed mandated drug free workplace training. The department revised its Policy and Procedure Manual by utilizing Lexipol, participated in the Click It or Ticket campaign, and partnered with AAA and participated in the Helmet Smart Project. The department's LEADS and NCIC operations was audited and the department is in compliance. They participated in a number of safety courses through McDonald Parks Safety Forces Day, held the annual Bike Safety Rodeo, and hosted the third grade for civic day. The department participated in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign and the AAA Schools open Drive Carefully campaign. All officers have completed training on Nasal Narcan Administration, completed annual firearm & Taser requalification and on-line training by Ohio Edison regarding first responder safety. They partnered with the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association and Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police regarding Ohio's new standards and completed the 11 hours of continued professional training. The department purchased a 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor at a cost of \$25,603.50,

Fire Chief Nick Kish stated for the year 2016 the Fire Department answered 237 calls with average response time of 5.5 minutes. They attended 801.5 man hours

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

of training. They had 375 children participate in the fire prevention program.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – no report but he welcomed Mr. DeZee to the Board of Zoning Appeals. He asked the Verizon committee if they would inform him when they have scheduled a meeting so he might attend.

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, vacant council seat, Girls State, committee meetings which are set for Tuesday, January 31, beginning at 6:00 p.m., Relay for Life, and the appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated they met last evening and discussed the Relay for Life which is scheduled for June 9 & 10.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to grant permission for the use of the park for the Relay for Life on June 9 and 10, 2017.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated it is a great thing. It should be a well-attended event. They have done it before and it is for a very worthy cause.

Mayor Puckett said he agrees and is excited to have them.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey also stated they are entertaining a 3 on 3 sponsored by Valley Counseling to be sometime this summer. It is a great organization. Once more information is provided along with the dates, Council will act.

They also discussed the splash pad and the possibility of extending hours or adding an additional day. They discussed the facilities use agreement with the schools, and roof improvements at the Village garage, Park and Buildings will meet January 31, at 6:00 p.m.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Safety Committee Mr. Klase reported Safety met last evening and both Chief Kish and Acting Chief Woodley submitted their end of the year reports. Both departments do a fine job with training and compliance despite the volume of activity they are involved in during the year. He thanked all the first responders for their continued dedication to the Village of McDonald especially for the community outreach programs. They discussed the possibility of losing another police officer. He is hoping to vet out new hires that have a connection to the Village. If anyone knows of any candidates, please let us know. He looks forward to working with both Fire and Police and the Safety Committee throughout 2017.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated Finance met yesterday and discussed the final 2017 budget which is on the agenda tonight for a first reading and he appreciates everyone's support this evening. He thanked the Finance Committee, Mr. Domitrovich and Mrs. DeBow because they were able to take the budget from a barebones no capital improvement budget to add some improvements this year like the roof at the garage and getting some headway into next year for this building and maybe possibly the community and still maintain some surpluses in some key areas and funds. I really appreciate the hard work with that.

They also discussed the ordinance amending the Fiscal Officer's position making it a full-time position. It is on the agenda for a first reading. Mr. Lewis addressed Mrs. DeBow saying he appreciates all the hard work she does and they will be supporting making it retroactive to January 1.

Mr. Lewis stated he did let the department heads that beginning this year they will have finance meetings in August for the 2018 budget.

Service Committee Mr. Seitz – In the absence of Mr. Seitz, Mr. Harvey gave the report and said Service met last evening where they discussed the community room rental agreement. They will be moving forward with it.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to move forward with the Community Room rental agreement.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey stated Service will also meet January 31.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase reported Planning Commission met last Wednesday, January 11, and entertained one replat request from Don Slanina. They discussed contractor registration and a dwelling permit for the Kunkel property. He congratulated Mr. DeZee on his appointment to the Board of Zoning. Planning Commission will meet February 8, 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:

A) Vacant council seat. Mr. O'Brien stated three letters of interest for the vacant council seat were received. After review by all of Council, Mr. O'Brien said he would ask for support of Brian Fisher to fill the unexpired term.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien to appoint Brian Fisher to the open council position for the unexpired term.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated after reviewing all applicants who had the credentials to serve, it was decided to appoint Mr. Fisher.

Mayor Puckett welcomed Mr. Fisher back to Council.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

11. Legislation:

A First reading of an Ordinance To Make Appropriations For 2017 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 2017.

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

Discussion: Mr. Lewis said he can't speak enough on the hard work that the VA and Fiscal Officer did to make sure we understand we are a very fiscally sound budget and we are still serving the Village and moving forward with capital improvements.

Mr. Harvey welcomed Mrs. DeBow back to the full-time position. It is nice when you have the Fiscal Officer here during the day every day. A lot of things come up and having her here to respond and fill it to do things is a lot easier. The work gets done and in a timely manner. I support this one hundred percent.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

B First reading of an Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Ordinance No. 3178-15 Concerning The Appointed Position Of Village Fiscal Officer Created In Accordance With Section 733.262 Of The Ohio Revised Code.

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

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated Mr. Harvey said it perfectly.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$134,101.13.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Harvey stated regarding the Relay for Life we set those dates as June 9 & 10 and just to clarify they are going to be using the pavilion over there and those dates have been cleared and reviewed and there is no conflict.

Mr. Domitrovich stated in committee last night he discussed the meeting with the Ohio EPA that is he working with them and the City of Niles and the City of Youngstown to manage complaints about orange water. Some of our discussion about rate increases was to manage what come be coming in the future and this is one of those things we are going to be required to do more sampling on the supply water we get from MVSD. I just wanted to let everyone know that it is starting now. We are going to have a little bit of an expense doing these extra samplings. There are called special purpose samplings. I appreciate the cooperation with the residents. We do have to go into their homes and gain samples and get them checked and turn in the results to the Ohio EPA. This is one of the things that are going to be happening publicly. It is something excessive that we haven't had to do in the past. I just wanted you to be aware of that.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:45 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer