

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Ken Miner, Dave and Alex Butler, Cliff DeZee

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

1. The January 20, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 6:15 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 6, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Klase to approve the January 6, 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. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Klase to accept the agenda as presented:

Roll call:

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Klase – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Holmes stated he has attended numerous meetings concerning Village business in general. There will be an Eastgate Council of Governments meeting on Monday, January 25, at 9:00 a.m. That will be the new executive director's first at large meeting. Mayor is unable to attend but asked Council to let him know if anyone is interested in attending.

Mayor also stated there is a Mayor's Association meeting on Friday, January 29, at 112 Commerce Center in Youngstown. The meeting is at 11:00 a.m. There will be State and Federal delegations attending to speak with the Mayors. He also has another meeting that day with Joyce Gray of Real Community Solutions regarding a 5-10 year plan to replace sewer lines throughout the Village.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich reported he is working with the Trumbull County Engineer's office regarding the McDonald Avenue resurfacing project. It will start this summer. He also reported that the water van has been purchased and is being fitted at this time.

Police Chief Lou Ronghi stated he met with Trumbull County Clerk of Court Karen Infante Allen and a few members of her staff to discuss unclaimed and abandoned junk motor vehicle affidavit procedures. Also discussed at the meeting were a few new laws that were passed regarding private property/residential tows. Chief also met with the senior citizens at Woodland Park Retirement Complex to discuss the opening of the newly renovated community room and services that will be provided. He spoke briefly about his department's senior watch program. Lastly he stated that his officers will be attending a CPR recertification course on Thursday which will be given by members of the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Nick Kish left the meeting for a fire call. His report for the month of December was as follows: the Fire Department answered 14 EMS calls and 5 fire calls. The department also averaged 78 hours of training. Mrs. DeBow stated that the Fire Department received two new cardiac modems for the ambulances from a grant from St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

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, Community room, and Kevin O'Connell, School Board President.

Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett reported Park and Buildings met last evening and discussed the Community Room and hopes to have the final occupancy permit this week. They also discussed the splash pad to make sure that we are ready and the contractors are ready to begin the project this spring. Park and Buildings will meet Tuesday, February 2, following Safety.

Safety Committee Mr. Lewis stated Safety met last evening and discussed the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department, the drug free workplace training, body cams and dash cam policies. Chief Ronghi cautioned all to be vigilant and be aware of our surroundings. Regarding the Fire Department, they have applied for several grants – for a new radio system and a new ambulance.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz stated Finance met last evening and discussed being cautious with the spending and the upcoming meeting the Mayor has with the EPA on replacing some of our infrastructure. Finance will meet February 2.

Service Committee Mr. Harvey stated Service met last evening and reviewed the list of contracts and discussed the ones due this year.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase stated Planning met January 13. Mayor Holmes discussed the Niles Sanitary project, Real Community Solutions, community room programming, splash pad project, McDonald Ave. project, drone issues, U. S. Steel property, and possible reconsideration of contractor registration. The Building Inspector reported one permit was issued for the month of December. Rental Inspections started on January 14. For 2015, 47 building permits were issued valued at \$638,303 and fees of \$1635.

Mayor commented on contractor registration for the benefit of the residents. He also commented on the schedule of fees.

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: none

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$156,849.34.

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.

Mrs. DeBow stated she is still finishing the year end reporting to the various agencies. She is happy how 2015 finished.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Harvey stated he neglected to mention that Service will also meet February 2.

Mr. Domitrovich stated he neglected to report that he attended an MVSD meeting. They have a 5-year plan for improvements at the plant but because of the money they have in surplus there aren't any plans at this time to increase water rates. It is believed that they can sustain the improvements with the surplus of funds.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Harvey at 6:35 p.m. All voted aye.

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14. Adjournment cont'd.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer