

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Rick Lutz, Ohio Valley Waste; Cliff DeZee, Ken Miner, Joe Dugan, and Scott Merola

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

1. The January 2, 2019 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present
Mr. Seitz – present
Mr. Fisher – present

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. Bradley – present

3. Pledge of allegiance

One minute of silence in remembrance of American troops serving throughout the world and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

4. Approval of the December 19, 2019 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes as mailed

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

5. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the agenda as presented:

Roll call:

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

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

5. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

6. Election to the following offices:

- President Pro Tem

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien to nominate Mr. Lewis as President Pro Tem.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

- Community Chest

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to nominate Mr. O'Brien to the Community Chest.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – abstain

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

7. Mayor's Yearly Appointments:

Mayor Puckett read his appointments into the record. See attachment A. and asked council for confirmation of the appointments. He excluded Fire Chief Stitt and the Court Bailiffs from the list and will do them separately.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to accept the appointments as presented.

Discussion: Mayor stated he appreciates everyone's vote of confidence on this. He has faith in Amy Cunningham. She is coming on new and will be in training to take over the wonderful job that Char McCracken has done over the years. I appreciate everyone's support.

7. Mayor's Yearly Appointments cont'd.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor asked for confirmation on the appointment of the Fire Chief and Court Bailiffs.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to confirm the appointments of the Fire Chief and Court Bailiffs.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Puckett read his committees into the record. See attachment A.

8. Mayor Monthly and Yearly Financial report.

Mayor Puckett stated for the month of December Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$130, costs \$319, additional costs \$97, fines \$510, Niles Municipal Court fines \$1,091.20, parking tickets \$110, for a grand total of \$2,257.20.

For the year 2018 Mayor's Court brought a total of \$32,761.10.

9. Mayor's Yearly Address: Mayor Puckett thanked Council. With all the ups and downs and economy we have had a really good this past year. We have been frugal as a Council and Administration to save money and avoid raising taxes. This year, the final numbers haven't come in yet, but we are going to finish around \$2.75 million dollars in the bank. It is an uptick from last year. Our general fund is at about \$900,000 at the end of November, 2018. Moving forward we are going to have to start paying on the sewage plant project in Niles. We've done a good job of saving money. That money is coming out next year. This year

9. Mayor's Yearly Address cont'd.

going forward we are not doing anything crazy as far a capital improvement projects to see where our budget ends up with the closing of Lordstown. Although we didn't get a grant for road paving this year, we will still do a paving project. It might be the size of the one we wanted to do but are still going to move forward with it. He thanked Council and the Administration for their hard work this year.

Mr. Bradley stated that the Council has been very sincere in trying to take care of our employees the best we could with the crunch funds that we have. I think we had a really good year recognizing our law enforcement officers and our firefighters. Maybe we can roll over to the remainder of staff. The administration did it along with Council and I commend them.

10. Reports of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich - no report.

Police Chief Bill Woodley – no report.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt – no report.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – wished everyone a Happy New Year and is looking forward to working will all in 2019.

11. Remarks from persons or groups present: Rick Lutz, Ohio Valley Waste addressed Council asking for a one-year extension on the current garbage contract if possible. I don't think you will get a better price. I think it would be in your best interest. I may have to make garbage collection one day instead of the current two-day pickup.

Mayor Puckett commented you guys have done a great job. I'd love to see you around. We have committee meetings on January 15, and it will be one of the first things that we talk about.

Mr. Domitrovich asked for some numbers before the committee meetings and Mr. Lutz replied they he didn't think they were going to change a thing. They would

11. Remarks from persons or groups present cont'd.

like to offer curbside recycling which can be done at any time. The charge would be one dollar per customer.

Mr. Bradley stated as Chairman of the Service, I know in the history they may have rolled over a contract but I don't know if that is something that we can legally do now. We have to go through the Solicitor and see. It is probably going to have to be put out to bid but I'm going to do everything in my power to have it moved forward as quickly as possible.

12. New Business: Mr. Lewis stated that the committee meetings will be held Tuesday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m. here in the Community Room.

13. Legislation:

A Second reading of an Ordinance Amending Previous Village Ordinance No. 3153-14 Regarding The Wages Of The Part-time Firfighter/Emts/paramedics.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Harvey – abstain
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

14. Miscellaneous: Mr. O'Brien read a statement from the Community Chest. Community Chest had their annual Grandma Elf get together on December 22. There were 74 Santa letters answered and mailed to all children that responded. Referrals from the school were also helped with food vouchers and toys for the kids. This year it was held in the Community Room with a surprise visit from Santa himself to hand out the toys to all the kids. We would like to thank the residents who donated either toys or donations to help us make Christmas a little brighter for all these families. A big thank you from Grandma Elf to the Mayor and Council for the use of the community Room too. It was greatly appreciated. Home Savings and Loan gave the McDonald Community Chest a substantial donation.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:19 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer