

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Cliff DeZee, Ken Suich, Frankie Sudol, Colleen Woodley, Kyle Puckett, John Williamson, Luke DeBow, Paul Pancoe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dugan, Renee Waldo, Nick and Frank Waldo, Haley Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Todd Stitt

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Doug Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The January 3, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll call:

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

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

*Mayor Puckett stated that Mr. Seitz is working and Mr. O'Brien has finished his rehab and is at home resting.

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 20, 2017 council minutes.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Lewis – 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

5. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

6. Election to the following offices:

- President Pro Tem

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to nominate Ray Lewis as President Pro Tem.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated Mr. Lewis has come a long way since he has come onto Council. He has asked questions and learned. This will help him further his knowledge. He will be a great choice for us as President Pro Tem. Mr. O'Brien has served in this capacity for a number of years and is a staple on Council and he supports this also.

Mr. Bradley stated that he has viewed Council for about ten months and is impressed with Mr. Lewis' ability to come in and take over when Mr. O'Brien was absent. He really seemed to be on the money and was prepared and I also agree with Mr. Harvey.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

- Planning Commission Representative

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to nominate Mr. Bradley for Planning Commission Representative.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated I know he has attended Council meetings for the past ten months or so and I believe he attended some Planning Commission meetings also and I think he is ready to jump right in.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

6. Election to the following offices cont'd.

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

- Community Chest

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to nominate Michael O'Brien as Community Chest representative.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated Mr. O'Brien has served in this capacity in the past. The Community Chest is a great organization and helps a lot of people in the Village and it is an honor to nominate him again.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

7. Mayor's Yearly Appointments:

Mayor Puckett read his appointments into the record. See attachment A. Mayor excluded the Fire Chief at this time and will do it separately.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the appointments.

Discussion: Mayor Puckett stated as a Councilman for six years and now as Mayor for a year I don't think the people on this list get enough credit especially the girls in the office, our administrators, guys that work on the street department. With such a small staff they are asked to do so much. You are not just a secretary. You wear ten different hats and get a thousand different phone calls and deal with them all. I don't think I can ask for a better staff.

Mr. Bradley stated over the last year I've been dealing with some of the administrative staff and no one can appreciate, and I commented a while back, if you look not at their job descriptions but look at the job detail that you have to do. They wear so many hats and do so many things that I can't believe this community has three ladies running the downstairs almost flawlessly. I think everyone of us knows that we couldn't do half the job that we do and make it

7. Mayor's Yearly Appointments cont'd.

seem like we are on top of the game if it wasn't for some of their input. Peggy Palmer isn't here but she is quality and I just wanted to make that comment to the public.

Mayor asked Mr. Fisher to amend his agenda to take out the bailiffs.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to amend his previous motion to exclude the bailiffs that will be included under a separate motion.

It was clarified that they are voting on the amendment motion.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the Mayor's appointments as amended.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor asked for confirmation on the appointment of Mr. Todd Stitt as Fire Chief. He stated that he couldn't ask for a better candidate. He has been around here and has a ton of experience. A lot of people don't realize when you think I'm just a firemen well there are a lot of certifications that go along with that and licenses. I'm happy to have you.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley to confirm the appointment of Todd Stitt as the Fire Chief.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – abstain
Mr. Fisher – aye

7. Mayor's Yearly Appointments cont'd.

Motion carried.

Mayor read the Mayor's Court bailiffs and asked for confirmation.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to confirm the appointments.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – abstain

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to approve the committee appointments.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

8. Mayor Monthly and Yearly Financial report.

Mayor Puckett stated for the month of December Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$120, costs \$262, additional costs \$29, fines \$505, Niles Municipal Court fines \$645, parking tickets \$30, law enforcement fund \$25 for a grand total of \$1,616.00.

For the year 2017 Mayor's Court brought in costs \$7,063.00, fines \$6,118.00, and miscellaneous receipts \$7,067.20. The total to the Village was \$16,579.20, the total to the State of Ohio \$3,540.00, the total to others \$120 for a grand total for Mayor Court to \$20,248.20.

For the year 2017, 48 building permits were issued at a value of \$547,874.23 and fees of \$1,530.00.

9. Mayor's Yearly Address - Mayor Puckett stated some of the things we did this year included a loan to pave all the streets south of Marshall Road. It was an interest free loan. A big thank you goes out to our Village Administrator. That job could have been drug out for a long time. Our contractor was efficient and stayed on top of them. We had very minimal complaints and I really appreciate it. It couldn't have gone any better. One of the other things is this is the first year we had a relay for life. We've already talked about having it again this year and I hope they will come back. It is good for the Village and it is a great charity and I hope everyone attends.

This year's capital project is paving Parkside Place. The road is in major disrepair. We went to Eastgate and asked for a grant for a portion on that project and it is scheduled to begin in July.

On December 12, the Village will turn 100. We don't have a definite date but the Police Chief and Fire Chief will work on a festival/birthday party for the Village. This month we are going to hash out our ideas on what we want to do. As soon as we have something nailed down we will let everyone know. I think it should be a community project. You only turn 100 once and we would like to a lot of input from the people of the Village. He wished everyone a happy new year.

10. Report of Village Officials

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated a line locating company for OUPS is in McDonald marking gas lines for Dominion. David Bodo and Associates are performing the work for a gas line replacement project on the streets of Indiana, West Ninth, Illinois, Iowa, Texas, West Seventh, Oregon, Eight, Florida and West Marshall. This is in a surveying stage right now. They don't believe any construction will begin until sometime in 2019. Dominion does work way ahead to obtain good mapping and I expect them to contact us soon regarding water and sewer lines and we will supply that as needed. As the project proceeds I will let everyone know.

Regarding our gas aggregation, letters have gone out to the residents informing them of the new rate with Constellation. They have to opt in. We are at \$3.25 per mcf which was the lowest rate at the time we closed. He encouraged the residents to shop around and compare prices. It is a fixed rate.

Mayor Puckett stated we did negotiate a fixed rate. Some of the other places offer a lower rate but in the peak months the rate goes way up so keep an eye on what you are signing up for.

10. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Police Chief Bill welcomed Councilman Bradley and Todd Stitt. They bring a lot of experience to the table and they will be an asset to the Village.

Fire Chief Nick Kish – Chief Kish was absent due to a previously scheduled meeting.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross stated Happy New Year to everyone and looks forward to working with everyone again and Councilman Bradley and Mr. Stitt.

11. Remarks from persons or groups present: Mr. Joe Dugan, 501 W. Marshall Rd. stated on the gas line work on West Marshall Rd. most of us lost our safety cut off valve when the sidewalks were put in. Do they plan on restoring those cut off valves?

Mr. Domitrovich stated he did not know the extent of the construction project yet only that they are surveying. He will know more in the near future.

12. New Business: none

13. Miscellaneous: none

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:29 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer