

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Staff: Fiscal Officer Lori Canada, Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Doug Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

1. The January 5, 2021 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – present

Mr. Lewis – present

Mr. Fisher – present

Mr. DeZee – present

Mr. Schmidt – present

Mr. Joynes – 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 16, 2020 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. DeZee – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Joynes – 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. DeZee – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

6. Election to the following offices:

- President Pro Tem

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

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

- Community Chest

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to nominate Mr. DeZee to the Community Chest.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

7. Mayor's Yearly Appointments:

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

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – abstain
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

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

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

7. Mayor's Yearly Appointments cont'd.

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

8. Mayor Monthly and Yearly Financial report.

Mayor Puckett stated for the month of December Mayor's Court had computer fund \$50, court costs \$115, City revenue from fines \$850, Niles Municipal Court fines \$264, parking tickets \$135, and drug fund \$350 for a grand total of \$1,764.00.

For the year 2020 Mayor's Court brought in costs \$4,226, fines \$3,183, and miscellaneous receipts \$15,046.10. The total to the Village was \$20,837.10, the total to the State of Ohio \$1,555.00, and the total to others \$63.00 for a grand total for Mayor Court to \$22,455.10.

9. Mayor's Yearly Address:

Mayor Puckett thanked all of Council and the administration. It was a tough year financially. We did receive CARES Act money and a few other things went our way. Unfortunately, we did not do a paving project last year. We did manage to stay budget-neutral which is a lot to be said for everyone here. Everybody worked hard. Mayor Puckett thanked everyone for all their hard work last year. Last year with COVID was not anything that any of us expected. Council and Village employees could not have done a better job of dealing with things. Sometimes things would change on a daily basis and we changed our protocols, our finances, and everybody had to put up with a lot of things. Hopefully in 2021, we can stay financially sound. Mayor Puckett is hopeful that we have a better year and we can get our parks open full-time and get back to having a Fourth of July festival. These are a few of the things that make us McDonald. Mayor Puckett wished everyone a Happy New Year.

10. Report of Village Officials

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich thanked Lori Canada, Amy Cunningham, and Doug Ross and all of Council for their patience with him in the raising of the sewer rate necessary to make collections so we can stay in

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the black for 2021. It looks like we're going to have a productive 2021 in that one line item. He thanked everyone for working with him to the benefit of the residents of the Village of McDonald in keeping those rates adjusted to where they're affordable and not burdensome, but fulfilling what our budget needs.

Mr. Domitrovich thanked Mayor Puckett, Council, Fire Chief Stitt, Police Chief Woodley, and all of the office staff. It has been a very taxing year on all of us. We are in public service and want to help and do things for our public but decisions were made that may not have been well received. Mr. Domitrovich doesn't believe there has been a sitting administration that's had to confront something so devastating in the world, let alone our little community. Despite all of the pros and cons, Mr. Domitrovich believes that everyone handled things with great dignity and with great concern to whether its our seniors or our children or any part of our community. It has always been in the interest of the safety of our community. Mr. Domitrovich stated well done for 2020 and he's looking for a good 2021 with everybody.

Police Chief Bill Woodley submitted his report for the month of December and it is as follows:

For the month of December, the Police Department investigated 17 formal complaints and 14 traffic stops resulting in 6 citations. They conducted 5 bank drops, 1 criminal arrest, one traffic crash, and issued 5 parking tickets. The department completed their DTBs for the month of December.

Chief Woodley wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt – submitted his report for the month of December and it is as follows:

EMS calls 14, calls dispatched and cancelled en-route 6, invalid assist 4, motor vehicle crash 2, carbon monoxide incidents 2, mutual aid/Weathersfield Township 1, missing person search 1, cooking fire 1, assist police 1, station cover assignment 1, and public service 1 for a total of 34 calls for December. The total calls for 2020 were 356.

Chief Stitt wished everyone a Happy New Year and he is hopeful for a better 2021.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – congratulated everyone on running the Village in a

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tough year, both financially and pragmatically. He looks forward to working with everyone this year.

11. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

12. New Business: none.

13. Legislation:

A. First Reading Of A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or The Village Administrator To Enter Into A Facilities Use Agreement With The McDonald Local School District To Permit The District To Use The Village's Facilities.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that the resolution pass first, second, and third reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

B. First Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Ordinance No. 3176-15 To Revise The Charges For The Operation, Maintenance, And Replacement Costs For The Use Of The Village's Wastewater Treatment Facility And Sewage System Effective February 5, 2021 Which Will Be Reflected In The Second Quarter Billing In April Of 2021.

13. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Schmidt thanked everyone for all their hard work on getting this prepared, especially with the changes that were made at the end of the year. He stated that this is an increase, but an increase that we feel is appropriate and is not too extensive for everyone in the Village.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

14. Miscellaneous: none.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:21 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer