

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Regular Council Meeting

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

1. The July 15, 2020 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:12 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Fisher – present
Mr. Schmidt – present

Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. DeZee – present
Mr. Joynes – 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 June 17, 2020 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the June 17, 2020 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

Roll call:

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

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

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Puckett gave the monthly court report as follows: For the month of March, Mayor's Court had court costs \$20, city revenue from fines \$12, Niles Municipal Court Fines \$1691.60, parking tickets \$140, police reports \$10, and law enforcement fund \$25 for a total to the city of \$1898.60.

Mayor Puckett stated that, per the Governor's address, please be safe and use common sense. He understands how frustrating it is for everyone. We try to do our best to get as many activities as we can going for our residents. We need everyone's help in following the guidelines. Hopefully, this will be over soon and we can get back to normal living. Mayor Puckett wanted to thank everyone from the Village. He stated that, for the most part, he believes that everybody is doing their part.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich thanked Randy Smith, our Trumbull County Engineer, and Tom Klejka for addressing the long-term issue that we had at the border of McDonald and Niles by the bridge. They have done extensive repairs to the corner regarding water and the control of that water with drain pipe. Mr. Domitrovich wanted the Police and Fire Departments to know that he has been working with Amy and Lori on renewing our SAM (System of Award Management) account. This is a federal number that we receive so that we can apply our federal grants. This number has to be renewed every year. With the COVID concerns and people working out of the office, it was quite a challenge to get the number renewed. Mr. Domitrovich received notification that the number has been renewed.

Mr. Domitrovich stated that we built our parks system to have programming and to support our interests with music. We are, more than anybody, disappointed that we can't provide those programs. It is who we are and what we do to give back to our community. We are more than empathetic to our seniors and our children and we are anxious to get back to programming when it is safe and allowable.

Police Chief Bill Woodley stated that he distributed his end of the month report for June and it is as follows:

For the month of June, the Police Department investigated 30 formal complaints and made 50 traffic stops resulting in 5 traffic citations. They made 3 residential security checks, 8 bank drops, 4 criminal arrests, and 2 warrant arrests. The Police Department issued 7 parking tickets and completed their DTBs (daily training bulletins) for the month

6 Report of Village officials cont'd.

of June.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt stated that his report has been submitted.

Solicitor Ross stated that Mrs. Canada followed up with Home Savings & Loan. She anticipates receiving their formal bid package on July 20. Solicitor Ross may ask council to call a special meeting sometime before August 1 to approve, by resolution, Home Savings & Loan as the Village depository for the next five years. Mrs. Canada stated that Home Savings & Loan is now going to be known as Premier Bank.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis stated that the following items were discussed this evening: agenda, fiscal officer's report, council minutes, legislation, and codification of ordinances. Also, August Committee meetings will be Tuesday, August 18 and our Council meeting will be Wednesday, August 19. Both meetings will be at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated that there have been challenges with park scheduling all summer long. We have been trying to get things up and running and making sure everything we are doing is safe for everybody there. We have been talking with the Trumbull County Health Department and listening to the Governor. Mr. Harvey thanked Hannah Jones and all the park attendants for their hard work. It has been a tough year but we've stepped up to the challenge. The Community Room was briefly reopened and we had to close it down again. We will get through this year and we look forward to next year.

Safety Committee Mr. Fisher stated that the police and fire monthly reports have been submitted. There is no current news on the new police cruiser. Everything is at a standstill. The Fire Department received the MARCs radios. They now have 10 portable radios, one mobile unit, and one base unit. There have been repairs done to the fire truck and it is now back in service.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated that there are three pieces of legislation this evening, two of which are emergencies due to COVID and the summer recess. The 2021 budget and the status of the 2020 budget were discussed. As of right now, we are down about 30% in revenue. That is only year-to-date. We are expecting that number to decline even more as the pandemic continues. We will delay budgetary meetings for 2021 until we have a solid ground as to what we are looking at with our budget. We are also asking our department heads to continue to look at ways to cut

7. Committee reports cont'd.

costs. Mr. Lewis wanted our residents to rest assured that we do have the funds for the 2020 budget because we have been fiscally responsible. We are simply preparing for 2021. We will prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

Service Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that the Olive Street project is completed. The road is still not open just yet. Thanks again to Randy Smith and Tom Klejka for their hard work. They did finish about two weeks early. Hopefully the water is gone for good now. Mr. Domitrovich stated that Olive Street should be open sometime this weekend.

Mr. Schmidt stated that, as Mr. Ross stated, we will move forward with a meeting for the bank depository agreement as we see fit. Mr. Schmidt stated that Mr. Domitrovich is interested in purchasing a bucket truck. We tend to have rental companies to bring in bucket trucks, lifts, etc. to do maintenance, sporting lighting, and work on traffic lights among other things. This truck is at a great price for us and we've already had a chance to demo it once. It worked well and the price is \$11,000. Annually, we pay around \$6,500 a year for rental fees to enable us to do everything that we need to do. This is a great purchase on our part to have the availability and we would get a lot of use. In about two years, it would pay for itself.

Mr. Schmidt stated that the Governor has signed a bill releasing funding for projects, which gives us the potential to move forward with the Connecticut and Massachusetts Avenue paving project. As Mr. Lewis stated, we need to be smart with what we're doing. This will be addressed at our next Committee meetings. Mr. Domitrovich spoke with Jennifer Jones from Gotta Go Green and she is going to supply us with two additional green containers that hold just as much cardboard if we flatten it. Mr. Schmidt stated that he is looking forward to getting rid of the cost of the other recycling containers.

Also, we do need to codify our ordinances annually. We have one new ordinance and about a dozen traffic laws.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to enter into an agreement with Walter H. Drane Co. to codify our ordinances.

Roll call:

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

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

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Motion carried.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated that Planning Commission met on June 24, 2020. Mr. Clawson was elected as the temporary chairman. Planning Commission voted to rezone 452 Pennsylvania Avenue from Residential A to Commercial A with the intent of putting in a parking lot for the municipal building. There will be a public meeting held on July 29 at 6:00 p.m. with a Planning Commission meeting to follow.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee stated no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Second Reading Of An Ordinance Authorizing The Use Of Blanket Purchase Orders For Expenditures And Setting The Dollar Limit And Other Criteria For Such Certification.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to pass the ordinance as a second reading.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

B. Emergency Reading Of An Ordinance To Amend Appropriation For 2020 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 2020.

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Ordinance No. 3251-20 pass emergency reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that this is being passed as an emergency to pass in a timely fashion due to summer recess.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

C. Emergency Reading Of Resolution No. 1832-20 Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2020 And Ending December 31, 2020.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Resolution No. 1832-20 pass emergency reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that, again, this is being done as with the previous legislation to be completed in a timely fashion due to summer recess.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$152,672.30.

I, Lori Canada, 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. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Fisher stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals did meet and voted to approve a variance for a fence at 201 Sixth Street.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:42 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer

