

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

Visitors: Dave Martin and Ken Miner

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 July 20, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 6:31 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 June 15, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Klase to approve the June 15, 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. Lewis to accept the agenda as presented:

Roll call:

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

4. Adoption of the agenda cont'd.

Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report Mayor Holmes stated he was sorry to miss the last meeting. He had a situation in his family and he appreciates the Village's, Administration and Staff, well wishes and heartfelt sympathies for him.

He stated the Firemen's Festival went very well. He thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, Street and Water Department and everyone concerned.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich reported he has been in contact with David Spay of the County Engineer's office regarding the McDonald Avenue paving project. Bids have been received and are favorable to our budget. Once the bids are reviewed we will know which bid was accepted.

The VA is working with Janet Hitch who is our area rep for Ohio Edison as it relates to agreements for secondary lighting. We had a number of lights out and she worked with us to get them on near our splash pad area. If anyone has a street light out they just need to call the front desk and they will report it to Ohio Edison.

Mr. Domitrovich stated that they are working on getting ready for their tree trimming. They have to lease a piece of equipment since they do not have a bucket truck. They will start with the dead trees first and then the trimming. They hope to start by the end of the month.

They are also doing the scrap tire pickup/drop off program. Residents can put them to the curb on Monday, July 25 only or they can drop them off at the Village garage until July 29. There is a four tire limit per household.

Lastly, Mr. Domitrovich is working with Chris Tolnar, our engineer, to prepare a possible roadway resurfacing project for 2017.

Police Chief Lou Ronghi stated for the month of June the Police Department received 229 calls from the TC911 center. They investigated 38 formal complaints, made 25 traffic arrests, 9 criminal arrests, 1 dog running a large, 1 assault, 2 domestic violence, 1 open container, 1 unruly juvenile, 1 possession of

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

drugs, 2 warrants were picked up, one for trafficking in heroin and one for aggravated robbery. The department issued 33 parking citations and 11 parking warnings. Midnight shift found 4 business doors unsecured and they conducted 5 residential security checks.

Over the last several months a few residents have expressed concerns regarding stop sign violators through the Village. Our department has stepped up stationary patrols in some of the problem areas. The officers made 33 traffic stops and issued 15 citations for stop sign violations, 18 warnings were given. They will continue to monitor the issue.

Chief Ronghi attended a presentation at the Trumbull County Probate Court regarding mental illness proceedings & the law on "pink slips". Probate Judge James Fredericka hosted the presentation on June 24.

The Police Department participated in the McDonald Parks Safety Day which was held on June 16 in the park where a number of children attended. The Police Department in conjunction with the park attendants hosted a Bike Rodeo for the Village children on July 9. The department issued a number of free bike helmets to children who didn't have one; 15 children attended. The department has seen an increase in bike safety helmet "citations" being issued to children wearing their bike helmets. Those observed riding with a helmet on were given "citations" which allowed for one free ice cream cone at the Dairy Queen. This safety program is sponsored by AAA and we have participated for a number of years.

For the first half of 2016 the Police Department received 1,172 calls from TC 911 Center; they were dispatched to 118 medical calls; investigated 186 formal complaints; made 35 criminal arrests. The department called out 388 traffic stops to the 911 center; 148 traffic citations were issued during 115 of those traffic stops and 273 warnings were given. The department issued 105 parking citations and issued 47 warnings. The midnight shift found 21 business doors unsecured and the department conducted 13 residential security checks.

Fire Chief Nick Kish stated the National Honor Society donated stuffed animals for the Fire Department to keep in the ambulance and fire trucks. They are used for young people during trying times. He spoke briefly on the Pokemon Go game and urged caution for those participating. They get caught up in the game and don't watch where they are going.

7. Committee reports:

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – no report.

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, committee meetings which will be held August 16, truck routes, road resurfacing, splash pad, longevity, vacation, and retirement pay, Beedle fun run, and a recent ruling by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett reported Park and Buildings met last evening and had a lengthy discussion on the splash pad rules. He read the rules as follows:

Hours of operation: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

Splash pad area is for children 13 years old or younger

All children under the age of 10 shall be accompanied by an adult

All participants shall conduct themselves in a courteous, safe and family oriented manner

Swim suits and/or appropriate attire must be worn at all times

Food and glass containers are not permitted on splash pad

Climbing on splash pad features is strictly prohibited

No pets allowed on splash pad

Swim diapers are required for all children under 4 years old

Roughhousing or violent play is prohibited

Be mindful of inclement weather. Remember, "Lightning Kills"! Pad shall be vacated at first sound of thunder and will reopen at the discretion of the Park Supervisor

Athletic equipment, balls, bats, beach balls, noodles, etc. are not allowed on the splash pad

Splash pad may be closed at any time due to weather, maintenance or other operations concerns

The Village of McDonald reserves the right to remove a participant/spectator from the park for violating any of the above rules or engaging in illegal, disruptive, destructive, or inappropriate behavior.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to adopt the rules as read.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes expressed his appreciation to Park and Buildings for coming up with the recommendations. It gives us a broad base of governance for our splash pad. I'm sure they will assess the situation as it presents itself. Thank you for being proactive in protecting our children.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. O'Brien – no
Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Puckett stated they also discussed a letter he received from a few residents requesting a pickle ball court. Park and Buildings will get together with the VA to see if they can come up with something. They will also be discussing the course and dates for the Beedle Fun Run.

Safety Committee Mr. Lewis reported Safety met last evening and in addition to what the Police and Fire Chief already reported they also discussed the increase in truck traffic due to the closures on interstate 80.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Klase to authorize the Solicitor to amend the truck route ordinance to allow the use of Olive Street.

Discussion: Chief Ronghi stated he has seen an increase in truck traffic in the Village and would like to see the truck route to include Olive Street. Originally the truck routes included for local delivery only but since the new Olive Street bridge is open we would like to open it up again.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Klase – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Lewis continued that the Lexipol updates are going and are nearly complete.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz reported Finance met last evening and discussed the second reading on amending appropriations. They had an update from Don Smith and R.I.T.A. on our income tax collection. They also discussed lump sum bonuses as compared to raises. As discussion continues he will keep Council informed.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Service Committee Mr. Harvey reported Service met last evening and discussed the Niles sewer contract, McDonald Ave., repaving contract, scrap tires, and the 2017 street resurfacing project. Service will meet August 16.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase stated eight building permits were issued in June for \$165 with a construction value of \$21,354.00. Mayor asked Planning Commission to keep contractor registration on the agenda.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Dave Martin, 305 W. Third St. spoke on behalf of the McDonald Historical Society. He thanked Council for allowing the Society to use the Community Room during the Firemen's Festival for the display of historical items. About 130 people walked through the room over the four days. They featured items from the police and fire department and athletics.

Mayor stated they are looking forward to refurbishing the old Scarborough house and looking forward to having the Historical Society display their items there.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Second reading of an Ordinance To Amend Appropriations For 2016 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 2016.

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

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

B First reading of an Resolution For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or The Village Administrator To Enter Into A Lease Between The Village, As Landlord, And The United States Post Office, As Tenant, And A Commission Agreement With CBRE, Leasing Agent For The United States Post Office.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Seitz that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated this is a contract that has been discussed. We are happy to have them as our tenant and we want to move forward with it.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$132,105.27.

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

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Domitrovich thanked the Solicitor for all the work he did on the Niles sewer agreement.

He also congratulated Matthias Tayala who went out for the Olympic trials and placed sixth. He won't go to the Olympics this time but maybe in the future.

Mayor stated that he forgot to read the following reports under his report.

Mayor Holmes stated for the month of May Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$179, costs \$414, fines \$1057, Niles Municipal Court fines \$556.50, parking tickets \$310, and police reports \$13, for a grand total of \$2529.50.

Mayor Holmes stated for the month of June Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$160, costs \$368, additional costs \$39, fines \$738, Niles Municipal Court fines \$1523, and parking tickets \$320, for a grand total of \$3148.00.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Klase at 7:00 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer