

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Solicitor Doug Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Lori Canada, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

1. The June 17, 2020 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:02 p.m.

Roll call:

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

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

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 May 20, 2020 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the May 20, 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 amend the agenda in two sections; legislation E to waive the three read process and pass on the first, second, and third reading. Also to move legislation D to the next item of business and make that an emergency reading.

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-

D. First Reading Of A Resolution Commending Megan Ward For Her Girl Scout Accomplishments.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Puckett stated that Megan has been a Girl Scout for 13 years. Megan recently worked with Heavenly Beginnings Preschool to design and implement her Gold Project. She designed, planned, and implemented an “indoor recess” program for use at the preschool. The program allows preschoolers to engage in additional active play options, as well as move and exercise as they learn and play working on balance, agility, and coordination. Due to her efforts on her Gold Project, Megan earned her “Gold Award”. This is the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve. Congratulations Megan.

Mayor Puckett stated that there are not a lot of people that have it in them to do the things that Megan has done. To donate your time and do a project like this is certainly commendable. We appreciate Megan’s efforts and we are glad to have you in the Village, and we wish more people were like Megan.

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

Solicitor Ross stated that Megan is his niece. Megan is also a fine student, a very nice young lady, and she's going to the University of Dayton, which is a Division I school, to play softball. Megan is a well-rounded young lady.

Mayor Puckett gave the monthly court report as follows: For the month of March, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$20, court costs \$46, city revenue from fines \$138, and Niles Municipal Court Fines \$573 for a total to the city of \$777.

Mayor Puckett stated that everyone has been working hard trying to put together a park program. Hopefully, we can get this going by the end of the month or beginning of next month. The park program will be altered due to COVID restrictions. We have to abide by the Board of Health. It's not everything we wanted to open but at least it's a start. Hopefully, we can get good news from the Governor and Board of Health and we can move on.

Mayor Puckett announced the 2020 Summer Park Attendants and they are as follows: Sela Jones, Ethan Domitrovich, Nathan Cunningham, Sophie Klase, Riley Lewis, Cailey Titus, and Kaitlyn Helt.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that he has been in contact with Hannah Jones, our Park Director. He has been working with Chris Wilster at the Trumbull County Board of Health to make sure we are following the Governor's guidelines. We are looking to open the park on June 29. We have a variety of programming and activities for our park attendants as well as our attendees. These activities will be with great restrictions. Mr. Domitrovich asked if people can be patient. All of the restrictions are being based off of the safety and well-being of everybody that attends.

Mr. Domitrovich stated that we will have a recycling facility change in the next few months. He informed Republic, that is holding our current contract for cardboard recycling, that we do need to conserve our finances. This is one area that we are going to have to cut. We would be removing only the three cardboard recycling dumpsters. Mr. Domitrovich is working with the director of Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management to give us at least three more of the green bins that take all the recycling.

Mr. Domitrovich congratulated Megan Ward for her efforts. He said that he got to watch her grow up through the Girl Scouts. She was mentored by her older sister. The families

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

that are behind these kids are top notch. They are great mentors to these kids and they are going to be productive members of society. Best of luck to Megan in Dayton.

Police Chief Bill Woodley was not present but he previously distributed his end of month report for the month of May and it is as follows:

For the month of May, the Police Department received 111 calls from the 911 center. They investigated 23 formal complaints and made 7 traffic stops resulting in no traffic citations. They made 3 residential security checks, 13 bank drops, 2 warrant arrests, and 3 criminal arrests.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt not present. No report.

Solicitor Ross asked the Fiscal Officer about the piece of legislation that we are going to bid out to the banks and let them come back to us with proposals. The piece of legislation that he has does not have an amount of inactive funds filled out. If we need to pass this as an emergency, we need to determine an amount and insert it into the legislation. Mrs. Canada replied that she would like to insert \$2,500,000.00.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis stated that Caucus met via Zoom and the following items were discussed: agenda, fiscal officer's report, council minutes, and legislation. Mr. Lewis congratulated Megan Ward. She is an outstanding young lady. As a baseball coach, he can probably say that Megan could have started for them this year. She is pretty good on that diamond. Mr. Lewis wished Megan all the best and good luck in Dayton.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey thanked everyone involved with the Memorial Day site. The Community Room is scheduled to open on June 22. We have been trying to open the park and ensure that everyone is safe. There will be seven park attendants this summer. Their goals will be totally different. They won't be down there to play with the children. They will be wearing masks. It will be a different park and we need to be prepared. A lot of things aren't going to be open. We will put together as many programs as possible. McDonald has a park program like no other.

Safety Committee Mr. Fisher stated that Chief Woodley submitted his month-end report. The State of Ohio reached out to Chief Woodley regarding a body armor program that we have participated in previously. There is a 75% reimbursement available, which is the highest amount that the State has ever contributed. They granted us the ability to

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acquire 12 total units. The total cost was \$5,495.94. The Village's responsibility would be \$1,373.99. This body armor needs to be rotated out of service every five years. Also, we received a quote of \$5,073.00 for the computer upgrade. The company that gave us the quote also offered a 36-month finance option. Chief Stitt submitted his month-end report. The Fire Department received their Life Pack heart monitor. This monitor is in service. We were able to purchase some nozzles and a hydro pack with the remainder of the grant money. The fire truck will be repaired in the next week. Chief Stitt informed us that, with everything going on with COVID, the State cut some of the monies they had previously set aside. Due to this, the Fire Department will be receiving only three mobile units and 10 portable units for the MARCs radio system. The cost of the service will only be \$10 per month per radio instead of the original \$25 per month per radio. Mr. Fisher stated that the Village Administrator spoke with the Director of the Trumbull County Health Department regarding numbers of COVID cases. The Health Department is not going to release those numbers but, when our emergency services are called, the Health Department does release that information to them. Mr. Fisher also congratulated Megan Ward.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated there is a third reading for our 1.5 mil levy renewal and a third reading on the drug fine monies. There is a second reading of the transfer ordinance and an emergency reading on the bank depositories. We also have a first reading on the alternative tax budget, which we will suspend the rules of council and have as a first, second, and third reading for the sake of having it into the County on time based on summer recess. There will also be a first reading on the blanket purchase orders which will make our fiscal officer's job much easier allowing her to pay bills within particular areas more efficiently while adding additional checks and balances. There is an emergency reading on the CARES Act Coronavirus funds. This is being read as an emergency because if we do not read it as an emergency, we will not be able to use the funds. The Mayor was informed that, year to date RITA collections are down 28%. We were expecting somewhat of a loss due to the closure of Lordstown. We do feel that is also coming into effect based on the COVID crisis. Also, we will not have the grant match for our 2020 paving project. Our Village Administrator is looking at other ways to utilize said funds that we have budgeted for 2020 in other ways throughout the Village.

Service Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that we passed a resolution congratulating Megan Ward. It is impressive with what she has done. It's exciting to see what she will do in the future. Good luck to you in Dayton and thank you for your service in the Village. Due to the holding of State grant funding, the 2020 paving project is postponed for now. Mr. Domitrovich stated that everything was postponed in March when COVID-19 hit. Just lately, the legislators have produced a bill that has to go through the Senate and gets signed by the Governor. It's an idea that this can move forward. Until it gets

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the Governor's signature, it's not any good. We are still in a holding pattern but at least the legislation has been written. Service also entered into executive session during Committees.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated that Planning Commission will meet on June 24 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will be discussing our Village owned property, specifically, the lot that the Village owns adjacent to the Municipal Building. There may be a proposal for a parking lot. We will discuss possible public hearings to get to that point.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee congratulated Megan Ward on her accomplishments. There is no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Third Reading Of Resolution No. 1826-20 To Proceed And Submit To The Electors Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio The Question Of The Renewal Of A Current Operating Levy Of One And Five Tenths (1.5) Mills For A Period Of Five (5) Years For The Purpose Of Providing A Renewal Of Funds For The Current Operating Expenses Of The Village.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Resolution No. 1826-20 pass third reading as read.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

B. Third Reading Of Resolution No. 1827-20 Adopting A Written Internal Policy For The Village Of McDonald Police Department's Use And Disposition Of Money Paid To The Village From Mandatory Drug Fines.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Resolution No. 1827-20 pass third reading as read.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

C. Second Reading Of A Resolution 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 that the resolution pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

E. First Reading Of A Resolution Adopting The Alternative Tax Budget Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2021, And Submitting Same To The Trumbull County Auditor.

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.

11. Legislation cont'd.

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

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that this is being done in order to have this submitted to the County within 30 days based on summer recess and the COVID crisis.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

F. Emergency Reading Of Resolution No. 1830-20 Estimating The Maximum Amount Of Funds To Be Awarded As Inactive Deposits, Authorizing Legal Notice To Financial Institutions, And Authorizing An Award Of Active, Interim, And/Or Inactive Deposits.

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.1830-20 pass emergency reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that this is being done in a timeliness issue with summer recess and the COVID crisis.

Roll call:

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

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

G. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Affirming That Funds Received From The County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund May Be Expended Only To Cover Costs Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio Consistent With The Requirements Of The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act.

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

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that this a matter of being able to use these funds. We need to pass this as an emergency to get access to them.

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. 1831-20 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

H. First 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 that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$116,203.49.

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: none.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:50 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer