

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Cliff DeZee, Ken Miner, Joe Dugan, Jim Border, and Terri Kish

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Fire Chief Nick Kish, Police Officer Allan Fields, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The June 21, 2017 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – absent
Mr. Seitz – present
Mr. Lewis – present

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Klase – absent
Mr. Fisher – present

Mrs. DeBow, in the absence of Mayor Puckett and President Pro Tem O'Brien, asked Council to appoint someone as temporary presiding officer this evening.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to appoint Mr. Fisher as temporary presiding officer this evening.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Fisher stated that Mayor Puckett and Mr. Klase are out on a family matter and Mr. O'Brien is out due to a health issue.

2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Approval of the May 15, 2017 regular council meeting minutes and May 31, 2017 special council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to approve the May 15, 2017 regular council meeting minutes and the May 31, 2017 special council meeting minutes as mailed:

4. Approval of minutes cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Seitz to amend the agenda as follows:

11. Legislation A – change from a third reading to a reread of a second reading; also amend B to a second reading instead of an emergency.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mr. Fisher stated there is nothing specific. We went over a lot of things in committees yesterday. He asked for a motion to change the dates of the summer recess meetings to July 11 for our committee meetings and July 12 for our Council meeting; August 8 for our committee meetings and August 9 for our Council meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to amend the dates of our summer recess meetings.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated we have a number of capital projects that we are working on this summer from our road paving project to a

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

roof replacement project. He is working closely with the Solicitor to make sure the project are completed this summer. He thanked everyone who participated in the Relay for Life. There was a great turnout and they want to come back. He thanked Mr. Lewis for his presentation to the crowd. Mr. Lewis thanked Mr. Domitrovich because he walked 18 hours.

Mr. Fisher stated he forgot to point out under the Mayor's report but there are some folks in the audience that are filming a documentary. It is about some of the history and how this area evolved with the steel mills closing and the economy that has happened since then.

Acting Police Chief Bill Woodley – In the absence of the Acting Chief, Officer Allan Fields gave the monthly police report as follows: For the month of May the Police Department invested 20 formal complaints, conducted 40 traffic stops resulting in 13 traffic citations, had 5 criminal charges/arrests and issued 4 parking tickets. The department responded to 5 alarms drops, 1 unwanted person call, 5 animal complaints, 2 check the welfare complaints, 4 abandon 911 calls, 2 noise complaints, 6 suspicious activity calls, 1 suspicious person call, 3 suspicious vehicle calls, 2 unknown problems, conducted 4 residential security checks served 1 warrant, conducted 2 stand-by, and fielded 1 traffic regulation complaint. The department continued training as part of the required CPT training for 2017 and completed the monthly Daily Training Bulletins for the month of May. The department also participated in the "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

Fire Chief Nick Kish gave the monthly Fire report as follows: For the month of May the Fire department answered 17 EMS and 16 Fire calls (10 trees and wires down, 1 tree down on vehicle 1 tree into a house, 2 burning complaints, 1 fire alarm activation and 1 child search). The department attended 70.5 man hours of training.

Chief Kish stated that Safety Day and the bike rodeo were held June 14 in the park. It was the fire and police department that collaborated and worked together. The Metro life flight helicopter landed so it seem like the kids had a great time and it was well attended.

Chief Kish asked permission for the use of the Village grounds for the annual Firefighter's Festival June 28-July1.

Chief was notified last week that the grant they applied for in January was approved. It is a \$10,000 grant for turnout gear.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Mr. Fisher stated a shameless plug for the documentary, Chief Kish and the Fire Department was voted the Number 1 Fire Department in the State of Ohio.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. O'Brien – In the absence of Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Harvey gave tonight's Caucus report where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, health insurance, and codification of ordinances.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated Park and Buildings met last evening and discussed the splash pad, Relay for Life, roof contract and facility use agreement. We have music in the park coming up. He spoke about the Historical Society and how active they are. They want to display their items during the festival and have asked for permission to use the Community Room.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to allow the Historical Society to use the Community Room during the festival.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey encouraged everyone to stop by and see the display.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to allow the Fire Department to use Village grounds for the Festival June 28 – July 1.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Mr. Harvey stated we have so many positive things to talk about. The Community Room is vital to our seniors. There are very active and now we have been able to secure a grant of \$26,000 to help with programming.

Solicitor Ross stated Kellie Stevens from WHOT Hot FM 101 helped with the Relay for Life mentioned the Village and complimented the park and how nice it was. She said it was a gem she never knew about. It was a nice reflection on the Village and the park.

Mr. Harvey reiterated the positive things that the Village offers for all. He commented on the park programs, the ballfields, concerts, police, fire, ambulance all which makes McDonald a nice place to live.

Safety Committee Mr. Klase - in the absence of Mr. Klase, Mr. Lewis gave the Safety report. Safety met last evening and discussed street painting which will be subcontracted and scheduled shortly. Thomas has begun consulting with security companies regarding upgrades to our security cameras. A reminder was given to the fire and police to prepare their budget requests for the upcoming budget meetings sometime in July. Mr. Klase also wanted to thank the VA, Street Department, Park Attendants, Fire Department, Police Department and everyone else involved in Safety Day. Mr. Lewis stated he was there with his daughter and thought it was a very nice event. Both of the Chiefs along with the VA and Katie Politano really did a fantastic job and the kids had a blast.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis – In light of his absence yesterday, he asked Mr. Fisher to give the report. Mr. Fisher stated Finance met last evening and discussed the budget amendment which includes the \$10,000 Fire Marshall grant and the pass through money from OPWC for Butch and McCree. They also talked about the alternative tax budget and the fact that we know this is coming every year but the Trumbull County Budget Commission doesn't send the paperwork until 30-45 days before it is due. It doesn't give us an opportunity to give it three reads plus the 30 days to become law so most of the time we have to pass it as an emergency. We do not have enough for an emergency vote so we are going to make it a second reading and read it again as an emergency at our July 12 meeting. The committee also discussed the fact that department heads need to prepare dates for our budget meeting to go over their 2018 requests. On another matter Matrix, our third party administrator, stated we will receive a refund on our BWC rates. However we will not be included in that rating group next year. The refund will have to be used for next year's budget. He also stated R.I.T.A. has reported that McDonald Steel is owed a refund which will negatively impact our

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Budget. We did have good news Trumbull County Senior Levy did grant us \$26,000 for the use of our senior program which has been very well received at the newly refurbished Community Center. He also stated that we have learned the Lions Club is disbanding. Some of the money that they have in their funds will be donated to the McDonald Fire Department to purchase some equipment. They will continue to help the Village.

Service Committee Mr. Seitz stated Service met last evening and discussed the codification of ordinances and contractor registration which should help protect our residents from fly by night contractors. They also discussed the employee health care. We are in the third year of a three year plan and they gave us the option to withdraw and shop around and look for a better deal. If we can't find anything we have the option to go back with them.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz to withdraw from OPEC and shop around for health insurance.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Seitz also reported that the VA is looking into joining a COG (Council of Governments) within Trumbull County. They will fundraise and brainstorm for projects. He thanked Mr. Domitrovich for all his does.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated they are on summer recess. They will meet if an issue arises. He stated that Building Inspector Border is in the audience and has been very diligent with our rental inspections and exterior maintenance complaints. He commented on the contractor registration which came from Planning Commission. They thoroughly discussed the issue before moving in this direction.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – in the absence of Mr. O'Brien, Mrs. Debow stated there was no report

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Jim Border, 510 W. Marshall Rd.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present cont'd.

addressed Council by personally thanking Trevor Willoughby and Dan Superak who came to his home at 2:30 a.m. on a Friday night when he couldn't get out of bed and carried him out. He thanks their superiors, their chiefs, and he thanked Council for providing this service for the Village and asked them to hold onto it. He also thanked Council for all they do for the Village.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Second 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. Harvey that the resolution pass second reading as read.

Discussion: Solicitor Ross clarified that there were a couple changes to the document itself and since we already read it a second time at a previous meeting our rules require that we read it again a second time because there was an amendment.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

B Second reading of a Resolution Adopting The Alternative Tax Budget Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2018 And Submitting Same To The Trumbull County Auditor.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that the resolution pass second reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that this was going to be passed as an emergency this evening because of the timeline but due to the fact that Mr. Klase and Mr. O'Brien were unable to attend this evening we have moved this to the second

11. Legislation cont'd.

reading to stay within the Rules of Council. We are going to look to pass that at our next meeting on July 12.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

C Second reading of an Ordinance To Amend Appropriations For 2017 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 Collection Of All The Taxes And From All Other Sources Of Revenue For 2017.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher reminded everyone that we have to amend the budget to account for the fact that we received a \$10,000 grant for the Fire Department and we have to report pass through money from the OPWC for the paving project.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$113,642.60.

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. Lewis to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

Mrs. DeBow stated she hasn't heard from the State Auditor's yet but they should be wrapping up our bi-annual audit and I should have the report for you in July.

Mr. Fisher stated the staff that we have here in the Village, I know we restructured a couple times over the last ten years and have combined some duties into the Fiscal Officer's duties. The staff here has managed to get to a point where our auditors are in and out of here so fast it's got to be unbelievable for them to walk into a situation where they are here for three days and gone. The fact does reflect on our budget also because they are not here as long it is affecting our budget positively. We are paying less for our audit because they are here less time. We do have to commend our staff, the department heads, and Mrs. DeBow for the outstanding work they do. In the last couple years there have been very, very few negative remarks from the auditors. The things that they do comment on that they would like us to change are very minor aspects of what we do here.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Harvey reminded everyone the festival is June 28-July 1 and encouraged everyone to come on down and support the fine people that are running it. It's a family oriented festival and a lot of history there.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:49 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer