

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Cliff DeZee, Joe Dugan, Steve Papalas

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

Press: John Wysochanski, *Tribune Chronicle*

1. The March 21, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present  
Mr. Seitz – present  
Mr. Fisher – present

Mr. Harvey – present  
Mr. Lewis – present  
Mr. Bradley – 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 March 7, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the March 7, 2018 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – abstain  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

9. Old Business A - add Ad Hoc Committee – basketball courts

13. Miscellaneous – add executive session to discuss pending litigation with no action to be taken afterwards

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – no report

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** stated the Street Department will resume picking up branches at the curb the first Thursday in April (April 5).

He met with Chris Tolnar of GPD to review the bid specs for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project. There were a few changes that were discussed and as soon as they are made he will forward the specs to Solicitor Ross for review.

The Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday at 11:30 a.m. weather pending. The Village and Girl Scouts have partnered to put on the event.

**Police Chief Bill Woodley** – no report.

**Fire Chief Todd Stitt** - Mayor stated that Chief Stitt is currently in Columbus for training.

**Solicitor Ross** – no report.

7. Committee reports:

**President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis** reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, Ad Hoc Committee regarding the basketball court, and executive session.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** stated Park and Buildings will meet April 3 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

**Safety Committee Mr. Seitz** stated on legislation this evening, we have an amendment to the salary ordinance increasing the wages of the police officers, they certainly deserve it. Safety will also meet on April 3 in the evening at 6:30 p.m.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** – no official report but Finance will meet on April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

**Service Committee Mr. Fisher** reported that Service met Monday, March 19 at 10:32 a.m. in the Fire Bay. They discussed the update on the bids for the demolition of 328 Illinois Ave. and the Armstrong agreement. The State of Ohio renewed the VSP agreement with Armstrong and we do not have to do anything at this time unless we change the structure of the franchise fee. Solicitor Ross will send a letter to Armstrong reconfirming the collection of the franchise fee with Council's approval. All agreed.

Mr. Fisher continued they discussed a sidewalk grant that will allow for the replacement of sidewalks. It is an 80/20 match. They will replace some of the sidewalks which include, but are not limited to, north of Fifth St. and east of Ohio Ave. Depending on the engineering cost they may be able to add some others. This grant is for grant year 2019 and project year 2020.

They briefly discussed the insurance updates and the NOPEC grant. We may be eligible for some grant money to update the energy efficiency of our buildings. They also discussed the Solicitor's contract which requires a three-read process. It will have to start reading it the second meeting in April. They also discussed the Niles sewage agreement. The Village Administration disbursed a breakdown of all the information they sent us on the restructuring of the cost. They discussed the road paving project and the scrap tire program which will take place July 16-27 with a limit of four tires per residence. The meeting closed at 11:15 a.m.

**Planning Commission Mr. Bradley** stated Planning Commission did not meet however a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m. for a zone change request.

**Community Chest Mr. O'Brien** – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business:

A. Ad Hoc Committee – basketball courts – Mr. Bradley stated the committee met Monday, March 12, at 1:01 p.m. and discussed some options to try and control any issues or circumvent any problems occurring at the courts. We cannot limit the use of the courts by different parties. Chief Woodley stated he would look into having increased stationary patrols in the courts area. Mr. Harvey stated that pretty much the youth that are using the courts at this time are abiding by the rules. Mr. Domitrovich contacted Tom’s Sewer about obtaining two handicapped port-a-jons for the courts at a cost of \$90 per month per unit. The cost will run close to \$1100 from May 1 through October 31. Also discussed was opening the courts until 9:00 p.m. during the summer. Law enforcement officers are currently unlocking and locking the gates but during the summer they can utilize the summer park attendants for that job.

Mr. Bradly stated he personally would have liked to know who was using the courts but having a non-resident pass is not feasible because of the administrative costs involved. They want to keep the Ad Hoc Committee in place so they can monitor the progress of their actions as the summer goes on. The restrooms would be very viable for basketball and tennis courts.

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A First reading of an Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance Number 3214-17 (The “Salary Ordinance”) To Increase The Wages Of Full Time Police Officers; To Provide That All Other Salaries Of Certain Officers And Employees Will Remain The Same, Reaffirmed And Ratified; And For The Final Purpose Of Repealing Any And All Other Ordinances Or Resolutions In Conflict Therewith.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – abstain

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O’Brien – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$83,545.62.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous:

Executive Session:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 6:25 p.m. There will be no business to follow.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to exit executive session at 6:45 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fisher at 6:45 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer