

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Trenton Antoli, Ken Miner, Cliff DeZee

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 March 2, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 6:25 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present  
Mr. Seitz – absent  
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 February 16, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the February 16, 2016 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Harvey – abstain

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

Roll call:

Mr. Puckett – aye  
Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Klase – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Holmes stated he would like to appoint Joseph Danko, Jr. to the daytime, part-time ems program.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to confirm the appointment of Joseph Danko.

Roll call:

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

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor stated that Chief Ronghi brought to his attention that our policies and procedures need to be reviewed and the Mayor would like to appoint an ad hoc committee to work with the police department to update the policies and procedures. He would like to appoint Safety Chair Ray Lewis and President Pro Tem Michael O'Brien, Solicitor Doug Ross, Chief Ronghi, and Lt. Bill Woodley.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Puckett to confirm the appointment.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor stated he attended a number of meetings regarding Village business. The Natural Resource Advisory Council met and tentatively approved the first round of applicants. It seems to be a non-competitive round. There is some property here that may be advantageous to the Village.

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

We also looked at potentially putting Village lots up for sale. That can be discussed at the Finance committee meeting.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** stated he is in the process of scheduling our spring cleanup which will be April 12 & 13. The residents are to put the items out on the regular garbage pickup day.

The VA stated that they have made some quick repairs of some potholes and will take care of them when the hot mix is available.

**Police Chief Lou Ronghi** stated for the month of February, the Police Department made 18 traffic arrests, 4 criminal arrests, investigated 37 formal complaints, found 3 business doors unsecure, investigated 5 alarm drops, issued 16 parking citations, performed 5 residential security checks, investigated and issued 3 junk car notices. They completed their mandatory drug free workplace training. Chief Ronghi stated they are in the process of updating their policy and procedures. They are looking into a law firm called Lexipol who works solely on policies and training and will keep up with new state and federal laws. His department will work with the ad hoc committee on this. The State of Ohio has started the process to certify law enforcement agencies after development of new police standards. Our department is currently working towards compliance of these new standards which include use of force, deadly force, and employee recruitment and hiring. His department has started working on these standards and hopes to get certified by March 31, 2017. He has also looked into body cameras and potential storage cost for the data.

Mayor stated that the President Pro Tem will chair the ad hoc committee.

**Fire Chief Nick Kish** stated for the month of February his department answered a total of 19 calls. Seventeen EMS calls and two fire calls. They completed 120 hours of training. Their average response time is 5.8 minutes with the national average being nine minutes. Chief Kish thanked Mayor and Council for the appointment of Joe Danko. He will be an asset to the department. He also stated the Fire Department Social Organization will hold a breakfast with the Easter Bunny on March 19, in collaboration with the Lions Club Easter egg hunt. The pancake breakfast will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from 9-11 a.m. This is a fund raiser to purchase equipment.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Chief Kish also stated the State Fire Marshall's office will present an award and thank you for safety to Roosevelt Elementary due to the recent gas leak in the past month. It will be held on March 22, at 1:00 p.m.

**Solicitor Douglas W. Ross** - no report.

7. Committee reports:

**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, appointment of Joe Danko to the part-time, daytime ems program, and the ad hoc committee to research policies and procedures for the police department.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett** stated Park and Buildings met last evening and discussed the removal of old park equipment and fence repairs at the baseball fields. They will meet this week to go over possible uses of the Community Room other than the senior programming. He will meet with Mr. Domitrovich tomorrow at the Community Room. The senior programming is going extremely well. The calendar is full of activities for the month.

Mayor thanked Mr. Puckett for reporting on the senior programming. He will ask Mrs. Ritz to attend Council and give a written report for the record. Mrs. DeBow stated that we stand to receive almost \$2000 from our grant for the month of February.

Mr. Domitrovich stated that he and the Fiscal Officer have had numerous conversations with Vortex who will install the splash pad. The purchase agreement has been completed and the equipment will be on the way.

**Safety Committee Mr. Lewis** stated Safety met last evening and discussed the drug free workplace training on March 21, at 7:00 p.m. Also discussed was the purchase of a new cruiser which will be a Ford Explorer based on availability. They decided because of the high cost of storage, they will take a wait and see stance on the purchase of body cameras. He congratulated the students and administration at Roosevelt for their focus on safety and also congratulated Mr. Danko on his appointment.

Mr. Lewis read a letter from the Fire Department to Martha Ashburn for removing the snow around the fire hydrants which is a great help to the department.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Chief Kish stated that the Fire Department does make an attempt to clean around the fire hydrant but being volunteer department they don't always get it done before the next snow arrives. Mr. Lewis also thanked Ms. Ashburn.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz** – in the absence of the Finance Chair who couldn't make the meeting this evening, Mr. Harvey stated there are two pieces of legislation on tonight's agenda – the 2016 budget and a transfer ordinance.

**Service Committee Mr. Harvey** stated that Service met last evening and discussed the pending contracts.

**Planning Commission Mr. Klase** – no report but Planning Commission will meet March 9, at 7:00 p.m.

**Community Chest Mr. O'Brien** stated Community Chest will meet March 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the new community room.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Second reading of an Ordinance To Make 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. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Lewis that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Puckett – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

B First reading of an Ordinance Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2016, and Ending December 31, 2016.

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

Discussion: Mayor Holmes stated this is just to make sure that we don't have any negative balances in our line items.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$22,740.16.

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. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: - Mayor Holmes stated for the month of February Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$170, costs \$369, additional costs \$39, fines \$960, Niles Municipal Court fines \$653.40, parking tickets \$245, police reports \$5, law enforcement fund \$25 for a grand total of \$2466.40.

Mayor stated there is some other business to address.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Lewis to authorize the Village Administrator, Solicitor, and Fiscal Officer to finalize the settlement with Liberty Mutual/ Terra Nova for the damage to the Village's storm water lines in the industrial park.

Discussion: Mayor stated they have been in contact with said parties and working diligently to make sure we come up with a fair and equitable solution.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Puckett to allow the Historical Society and Community Chest to use the Community room for this month for their meetings.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye  
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Puckett at 6:50 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer