

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Lori Canada, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

1. The March 3, 2021 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:02 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Fisher – present
Mr. Schmidt – present

Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. DeZee – present
Mr. Joynes – 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 17, 2021 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the February 17, 2021 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 accept the agenda as presented:

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- Mayor Puckett would like to assure everyone that we are going to do everything we can to get back to normal. He is hoping we can get something done for the Easter Egg Hunt. The Mayor is looking forward to Memorial Day and is hopeful that we resume our full summer programming to what it has been in the past.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that he is working with Ohio Valley Waste to determine a date for Spring Cleanup. It will be in April but we will advertise that date once it is confirmed. Mr. Domitrovich is also working with Chris Mills and UCI Contractors to finish up projects within our building.

Mr. Domitrovich met with Summer Baseball Program representatives, Doug Flere and Lee Evans. They discussed a number of maintenance requirements that they will need to start their season. We are looking forward to working with them to kick off another summer baseball season.

Mr. Domitrovich spoke with ODNR in regards to fox sightings in the Village. The most important thing to remember if you see a fox is to keep a distance. A fox is not a threat to a human and the ODNR representative does not have any cases where a fox attacked anyone's pet. Foxes are very different from coyotes. Mr. Domitrovich cautioned residents against feeding the fox.

Police Chief Bill Woodley thanked Mr. Domitrovich and his employees for preparing and prepping the four decommissioned police cruisers for auction.

Also, Chief Woodley submitted his report for the month of February and it is as follows:

For the month of February, the Police Department investigated 33 formal complaints and made 58 traffic stops resulting in 20 traffic citations. They made 7 bank drops, 1 residential security check, 5 criminal arrests, 2 warrant arrests, and assisted in 1 traffic crash. The Police Department wrote 12 parking tickets and also completed their monthly DTBs and annual Drug-Free Workplace training.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt submitted his report for the month of February and it is as follows:

6. Report of Village officials cont'd.

For the month of February, the Fire Department responded to 19 EMS and 10 Fire calls for a total of 29 calls. The repairs to Engine 37 have been completed. Captain Williamson applied for two EMS Ohio grants. The Fire Department is purchasing one set of turn-out gear with the remaining money from the 2019 AFG grant. Chief Stitt would like permission to talk with Mickey Smith from Ohio First Responder Grants in regard to a grant for a new pumper.

Solicitor Ross stated no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis stated that Caucus met this evening and the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, and legislation.

Park & Buildings Mr. Joynes stated that a few windows have been replaced in Council Chambers. The Summer Baseball Program would like to put a storage shed at the baseball fields to store existing equipment that we already have on the facility grounds.

Mr. Domitrovich is interested in distributing a flyer to our senior citizens since, hopefully, many of them have received the vaccination for COVID. When the time comes to reopen the Community Room, Mr. Domitrovich would like to have a good idea of how many people feel comfortable returning to the program.

The parking lot in front of the pavilion was discussed and it was mentioned that Mr. Domitrovich may start looking for bids for a potential paving project for that.

Mr. Joynes reiterated Mayor Puckett's earlier statement that we are going to do everything we can to talk with event coordinators to host events as we have done in the past. We will continue to wait on updates from the Governor's office for guidance on these matters.

Safety Committee Mr. DeZee read the Fire Department activity report for the month of February.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Schmidt stated that we are looking at quotes for upgrading our website, server, and copier. Premier Bank will provide us with "Positive Pay" in order to protect us from any fraudulent activity with our accounts.

Mr. Schmidt met with Fiscal Officer, Lori Canada. It was decided that about 75-80% of our funds with Premier Bank will go to Starr Ohio. This will allow us to acquire some

7. Committee reports cont'd.

interest on that particular amount of money. This is a variable rate but, at least it is something rather than nothing. The remaining 20-25% of the funds will be placed into a Sweeps Account. This is something that will also gain interest rather than nothing. Mr. Schmidt stated that, right now, someone from Premier Bank is watching our account to protect it from fraudulent activity. This will continue until next Friday. We have to move a little bit in signing the agreement and getting it to Premier Bank to assure our accounts are being looked over going forward.

Service Committee Mr. Fisher stated that we have two pieces of legislation for tonight's meeting.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated no report.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee stated 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. 1844-21 Authorizing All Actions Necessary To Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grants.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Resolution No. 1844-21 pass 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.

B. Second Reading Of A Resolution For The Purpose Of Adopting A Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan For The Benefit Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that the resolution pass second 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.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$67,956.32.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:22 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer

