

McDonald Village Council  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020  
Regular Council Meeting

Visitors: Kenneth Miner and Andrew Kitchens

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.

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*.

1. The March 4, 2020 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:07 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – present  
Mr. DeZee – present  
\*Mr. Joynes – absent

\*The Mayor stated that Kyle Joynes is not in attendance due to an out-of-town work obligation.

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 19, 2020 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the February 19, 2020 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the agenda as presented:

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Puckett gave the monthly court report as follows: For the month of February, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$220, court costs \$564, additional costs \$232, city revenue from fines \$692, Niles Municipal Court Fines \$625, and parking tickets \$130 for a total to the city of \$2,463.00.

The Mayor would like to appoint Brian Wishak to the Planning Commission to replace Kyle Joynes, who is now on council.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to appoint Brian Wishak to the Planning Commission.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

The Mayor would like to appoint Chad Jones to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Kyle Joynes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to appoint Chad Jones to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

The Mayor stated that Dan Jamison does a great job in the Fire Department. He has been

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

around a long time. He has a full-time job somewhere else and he is steady with the Village. The Mayor would like to promote Dan Jamison to Lieutenant.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to appoint Dan Jamison as the Lieutenant of the Fire Department.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated that Dan Jamison and his brother, Matt, have a love for public service. They pursued their love and enjoy their work. It is a pleasure to have Dan with the Fire Department.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** stated that he has been working with a new director with Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District. There will be new information and fliers coming out to the public soon, relating to recycling and other programs that they will offer for keeping our habitat clean. Mr. Domitrovich is working with GPD Group on a paving project. They did need to do an exploratory dig on Connecticut Avenue to see what the construction under the road was and also the dimensions near the curb. They can now finalize the bid specs for the project. We will soon turn this over to the Solicitor for a legal ad.

**Police Chief Bill Woodley** no report.

**Fire Chief Todd Stitt** thanked the Mayor and Council for promoting Mr. Jamison. He is a great asset to the Fire Department. Mr. Domitrovich stated that Mr. Jamison stepped up and participated in the fire hydrant program this past summer. With his help, we were able to maintenance and exercise the valves of every fire hydrant in the Village.

**Solicitor Ross** no report.

7. Committee reports:

**President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis** stated that we met for Caucus this evening and the following items were discussed: agenda, fiscal officer's report, minutes, legislation, Planning Commission appointment, Board Of Zoning Appeals appointment, promotion of Dan Jamison to Lieutenant, Easter Egg Hunt, Music In The Park, and the purchase of a 2020 Police Interceptor cruiser.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** stated that we have a request to use the park for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 with a rain date of April 5.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to allow the Girl Scouts to use the park for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey would like to have Music In The Park again this year. This would consist of six concerts beginning after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July on Thursday evenings. This is a great event that is well attended by many of our seniors. We receive many donations from the local businesses to support this event.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to move forward with Music In The Park.

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

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey said that other things discussed during committees were: the bleachers, Cindy Green Robinson Memorial, Miller Memorial, and the Relay For Life which is going to be June 13. We also discussed the school's participation in Positive Impact Day, the property where the Scarbrough house stood, and the War Memorial.

**Safety Committee Mr. Fisher** stated that we will be purchasing a new vehicle for the

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Police Department. Chief Woodley and Mr. Fisher have a scheduled meeting with Hudson Radios on Friday at 8:30 a.m. The Fire Department purchased their hoses and nozzles through the AFG grant at a cost of \$35,739. Our match was \$1,881. We have a remaining balance of \$11,786. We are planning to do an addendum to that grant so that we can use the remainder for the purchase of turn-out gear. Mr. Fisher stated that Medi-Count has made some recommendations for a few fee increases, including mileage, ALS-1, ALS-2, and BLS. We are looking into this further before we make any decisions. Chief Stitt is allowing Girard Fire Department to borrow some of the Fire Department MARCs radios until Girard's radios arrive. We have received an update from the Fiscal Officer regarding OPERS with the classification for the Fire Department.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** stated that the first reading of the 2020 Permanent Budget is this evening. This does need to be to the County by March 31. He thanked everyone involved in getting the budget ready. Mr. Lewis stated that we had already allocated \$20,000 for the purchase of the police cruiser. It was decided in January to start the process of moving forward on this. Mr. Lewis thanked Chief Woodley for discovering that a local dealership in Klaben Ford has extremely competitive pricing. The committee came to an agreement to move forward with Klaben Ford.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to purchase a Police Interceptor from Klaben Crown Ford.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

**Service Committee Mr. Schmidt** stated that we have a third reading to accept the grants from NOPEC. These are no match grants. There is also a first reading to continue our contract with NOPEC, who is in contract with Nextera. Mr. Schmidt thanked Mr. Domitrovich for working with the Green Team. We are looking at getting rid of the cardboard recycling that we have now, which is about \$6,000-\$8,000 a year. The cardboard recycling through Geauga-Trumbull would be at no cost to the Village. Mr. Schmidt noticed that there has been some work done on the parking lot in front of the Ramsay Pavilion.

**Planning Commission Mr. Fisher** stated that Planning Commission will meet on

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. Items that will be discussed are: replat request, as well as the lot where the Scarbrough house stood. Brian Wishak was appointed to Planning Commission and Chad Jones was appointed to Board of Zoning Appeals.

**Community Chest Mr. DeZee** 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. 1821-20 Declaring The Amount Of Taxes That May Be Raised By Levy At The Maximum Rate Authorized By Law Without A Vote Of The Electors To Be Insufficient For Current Operating Expenses, And Declaring The Necessity Of A Levy In Excess Of Such Rate.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Resolution No. 1821-20 pass third reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that this is to place the renewal on the ballot in November. We would appreciate the public's support as this does generate about \$25,000 annually which we can greatly use. Mr. Fisher added that there is some error in people's opinions on what this is. This is just to place it on the ballot as a renewal. It has been about 40 years that we've been collecting this. People have been kind to give us this money to operate on and he believes we do a good justice with that money to return services to them.

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

B. Third Reading Of Resolution No. 1822-20 Authorizing All Actions Necessary To Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grants(S).

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that Resolution No. 1822-20 pass third reading as read.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

C. First Reading Of An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For 2020 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 2020.

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

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

D. First Reading Of A Resolution For The Purpose Of Approving NOPEC'S Extension Of Its Service Agreement With Nextera Energy Solutions, LLC, To Provide Electrical Aggregation Services For The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Through NOPEC, Beginning January, 2020.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that the Resolution pass first reading.

Discussion: Solicitor Ross thanked Mr. Schmidt for working with him to get responses from NOPEC. He does not feel that it is a necessity that we contract directly with NOPEC. This is more of a ceremonial resolution to pass.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$29,435.52.

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:32 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer