

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Ken Miner, Kyle Puckett, Joe Dugan, and Sue Filipich

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

1. The May 2, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 3:10 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – present  
Mr. Lewis – absent \*  
Mr. Bradley – present

\* Mr. Lewis was absent due to a work schedule conflict

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 April 18, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the April 18, 2018 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

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

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the agenda with the following additions:

10. New Business – add bids for 2018 Road Resurfacing Project

13. Miscellaneous – add executive session for imminent litigation

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett gave the monthly court report as follows:

For the month of April, Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$130, costs \$321, fines \$1267, Niles Municipal Court fines \$271 parking tickets \$180, law enforcement fund \$5 for a grand total of \$2174.34.

Mayor Puckett asked for confirmation of the re-appointment of Cliff DeZee to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor stated he has done a fine job and he is willing to continue to serve. It is a five-year appointment.

Mr. Bradley stated that he has worked with Mr. DeZee in the past and thinks he will do a fine job.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley to confirm the re-appointment of Cliff DeZee to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** stated that he is going to participate in the Trumbull County Engineer bulk salt purchasing. He hopes they will get a slightly lower price.

He stated that he, Solicitor Ross, and Chris Tolnar of GPD were in attendance for the bid opening on Friday, April 27.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Mr. Bradley asked if we are required to purchase so much salt from Morton before we purchase from someone else. Mr. Domitrovich answered no. We put an estimate into Morton in July of what we think we will need. Anything over that amount can be purchased from anyone.

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

**Fire Chief Todd Stitt** stated he distributed his end of the month report and will answer any questions but there were none.

**Solicitor Ross** – no report.

7. Committee reports:

**President Pro Tem Mr. Fisher** reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, Board of Zoning Appeals appointment, summer recess, and executive session for imminent litigation.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** stated they met yesterday at 3:11 p.m. and discussed the positive impact day, concerts in the park, senior levy grant for senior programming, extending the hours for the splash pad, and the installation of the no-smoking signs on Village park property.

**Safety Committee Mr. Seitz** stated Safety met last evening at 3:02 p.m. Officer Bucan has served his six-month probationary and Chief is asking that we waive the second six months.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz to waive the last six months of probationary period for Officer Austin Bucan.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

In April the Fire Department answered a total of 21 calls. The Fire Department has moved their radio frequency to Weathersfield's frequency which is an improvement for their radios. Joe Danko passed his paramedic state exam. They discussed a proclamation for former long-time firefighter Dale Friend who recently passed away. They have also applied for a couple grants and will keep us informed on the status.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** - in the absence of Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bradley gave the following report. Finance met yesterday at 3:00 and ended at 3:01 p.m. The addition of another full-time officer will increase our health care costs by \$15,000. Finance spoke on the waiving of the probationary period for Officer Bucan which will bring him up to full pay. The road paving bids came in under budget.

**Service Committee Mr. Fisher** stated Service met yesterday at 3:18 p.m. We discussed the Niles sewer agreement and the status, the solicitor's agreement which has a third reading today. He does a fine job. We also discussed health care coverage increase cost. The demo of 328 Illinois costs \$6500. The yard will be repurposed They discussed the road paving project bids. Shelly and Sands is the lowest bidder with a bid of \$171,149. They discussed MVSD and the orange water. The MVSD is taking steps to rectify the problem. Lastly, they discussed garbage collection. The meeting ended at 3:50 p.m.

Mr. Bradley stated when you bring a person on full time the health care is part of doing business and is a non-issue. The only issue is a single officer versus a family plan.

**Planning Commission Mr. Bradley** stated Planning Commission will not meet in the month of May for lack of business.

**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 there is no report but they want to see the direction the courts take this summer.

10. New Business:

A) Bids for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project - Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow read the bids into the record as follows:

	Base Bid	Alt A.	Total
Shelly & Sands, Inc.	\$169,121.50	\$2,28.00	\$171,149.50
Butch & McCree Paving	\$177,161.16	\$4,150.64	\$181,311.80
R.T. Vernal Paving	\$214,511.40	\$6,760.00	\$221,271.40
Barbicas Construction	\$247,034.25	\$4,732.00	\$251,766.25

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the bid of Shelly & Sands for the base bid and alternate A in the amount of \$171,149.50.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated that most people don't know who Shelly & Sands are but they are a large paving company that mainly do highway projects. This is the first year in a long time that we didn't have Butch & McCree so maybe this will provide us with healthy competition.

Mr. Bradley stated he has been involved with Shelly & Sands who is a very good company that has supervisors on hand and they do very good work. I'm very pleased with this.

Mayor Puckett stated that we have received an OPWC grant in the amount of \$75,000 which will help offset the cost.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation:

A Third reading of Ordinance No. 3219-18 Approving A Zoning Change To The Property Located at 175 Ohio Avenue From A "CA" Zoning District To An "IA" Zoning District Clarification.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Ordinance No. 3219-18 be passed as read.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

B Third reading of Resolution No. 1790-18 Employing The Solicitor Under The Covenants And Conditions Of The Attached Agreement And Determining To Employ Attorney Douglas W. Ross As Solicitor For The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Commencing July 1, 2018, Through And Including June 30, 2019.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Resolution No. 1790-18 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated Solicitor Ross has been with us ten years. There hasn't been a change in that time. He has done an admirable job. He has never asked for a raise but we gave him a \$1600 a year increase. I appreciate everything that you do, you are approachable and always available.

The Mayor concurred.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$26,216.45.

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.

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

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. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous:

Mr. Domitrovich stated it is a pleasure to work with Solicitor Ross and he is looking forward to working with him on various projects and contracts such as the garbage contract and the Niles sewer agreement which is a benefit to the Village of McDonald and I appreciate all the time you put in.

Mr. Fisher stated that Council Lewis was very gracious to help move this meeting around to accommodate others but he couldn't get out of his work today. He would have been here. I know people in the Village some time question our attendance but I appreciate him doing this.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to move into executive session at 3:36 p.m. to discuss imminent litigation with no business to follow.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved was moved by Fisher to exit executive session at 4:16 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fisher at 4:16 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer