

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Walt Bradley, Joseph Dugan, Leah Dugan, and Cliff DeZee

Staff: Fire Chief Nick Kish, Acting Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The November 15, 2017 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:10 p.m.

In the absence of the Fiscal Officer, who is sick, Office Manager Char McCracken called the roll.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present
Mr. Seitz – absent
Mr. Lewis – absent

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Klase – present
Mr. Fisher – present

Mayor Puckett stated that Mr. Seitz may be late and Mr. Lewis is attending his son's sports banquet

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 November 1, 2017 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the November 1, 2017 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

11. Legislation – add a first reading of a resolution for package insurance

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

13. Miscellaneous – add executive session to discuss pending or imminent litigation and there may be business conducted afterwards.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett would like to appoint Joel Town as a Firefighter/emt and asked for Council's confirmation. He was recommended by Chief Kish and will be an asset to the department.

It was moved by Mr. Klase to confirm the appointment of Joel Town as a firefighter/emt.

Roll call:

Mr. Klase – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that the District Six Committee met to approve the grant applications for funding for the year 2018. McDonald has been approved for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project. A final application now has to be submitted to the State.

Mr. Harvey asked if that project was for Parkside Place and Mr. Domitrovich answered yes the lower part. It is a full depth repair. Mr. Harvey stated that part of the road is in terrible condition.

Acting Police Chief Bill Woodley gave his end of the month report as follows: for the month of October the Police Department answered 135 calls from the 911 center, investigated 24 formal complaints, conducted 28 traffic stops resulting in 5 traffic citations, and had 2 criminal charges. They issued 6 parking tickets, 5 parking warnings, responded to 6 alarm drops, 3 animal complaints, 1 check the

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

welfare complaint, 2 noise complaints, 3 suspicious activity, 1 suspicious vehicle, 2 unknown problems, 1 suspicious person, 2 standby requests, 3 lockouts, 20 medical calls, 2 abandoned 911 calls, and 2 unwanted person calls. They conducted 4 residential security checks, and assisted another agency 3 times. The department continued their CPT training and completed the daily training bulletins. Officers Ronghi and Jones attended a seminar on dealing with drug overdose at a crime scene. Officer Jones assisted with an active shooter drill at Roosevelt Elementary, Acting Chief Woodley, Officers Jones and Walp assisted with the Halloween parade for Roosevelt Elementary. Office Ronghi was dispatched and responded to the officer down call involving Girard Officer Justin Leo and participated in escorting the body back from the Cuyahoga Medical Examiner's office. Acting Chief Woodley and Officers Ronghi and Walp attended the funeral service for Officer Leo. Officer Ronghi was assigned as the new administrator of the vest grant and the department was awarded \$2,615.54 for 2017 for vests.

Fire Chief Nick Kish gave his end of the month report as follows: for the month of October they answered 26 EMS calls and 3 fire calls and attended 44 man hours of training. He thanked Mayor and Council for the appointment of Joel Town.

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, package insurance, appointment to the Fire Department, Fire Dependency Board, executive session, and Cross Country resolution for the Boys and Girls teams

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated Park and Buildings met last evening and discussed the roof repair project at the Village garage. The paperwork has been completed and work will begin soon

Mr. Harvey said the camera work has been completed. We have five cameras around the courts and three at the Village garage. The quality of the picture has been improved quite a bit. They may add more in the future. The splash pad has been winterized for the year. He commented on the summer park programming and all the activities that are enjoyed by many and that the Village offers. He also

7. Committee reports cont'd.

spoke about the \$26,000 senior grant we received for our senior program. The Village offers a lot for its residents. He congratulated Mr. Bradley on his success for the council seat. Christmas in the Village will be November 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the committee could use some help with cookies and set up and tear down. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Safety Committee Mr. Klase thanked the Fire Chief for the new policy he is implementing for the EMTS. He also welcomed Joel Town. Mr. Klase thanked Officer Ryan Ronghi for his leadership and hard work. He stated that he and Mr. O'Brien will serve on the Fire Dependency Board.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis – In the absence of Mr. Lewis, Mr. Fisher gave the report. Finance met last evening and discussed the third reading of the salary ordinance which establishes the Senior Service Director position. They also discussed the cost of health insurance. Finance will meet December 5.

Service Committee Mr. Seitz – In the absence of Mr. Seitz, Mr. Fisher gave the report. Service met last evening and had a lengthy discussion on the health and package insurance. He also spoke on the Public Defender contract that will be coming up soon at a cost of \$500. He further stated there are a number of items that come up yearly and sometimes we do not receive the renewal quotes until a month before they are due therefore we have to pass them as an emergency. Council is well aware of these annual contracts and the time frame that is involved. We will have the first reading of our package insurance in the amount of \$21,797. We do not have enough members present to pass it as an emergency. Service also discussed the gas aggregation. We are shopping for a cheaper rate than the renewal rate we received. Lastly, Mr. Fisher stated that there are some solicitors going door to door without a permit. The Police Department asked them to leave the Village until they obtain the permit.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated that Planning Commission met Wednesday, November 8 and held a lengthy discussion on roofing permits. He noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals has entertained a number of variance requests this year. Planning Commission decided to keep the schedule of fees the same for 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation to keep the schedule of fees the same.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Fisher continued that Planning also discussed contractor registration and an issue that has come up recently where a subcontractor wanted to use a contractor's registration instead of applying himself. They also discussed replats and came to the conclusion that uniformity is needed when dealing with requests.

Lastly he spoke on a variance that was recently granted on New Jersey Avenue. In his opinion the resident should have been charged a maximum fine for building without a permit. Since the resident is also a HVAC contractor he should have known a permit was required for his addition.

Mr. Fisher stated that he would like to recognize the McDonald Boys and Girls Cross Country teams that went to State.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a resolution commending the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien stated Community Chest met last evening and will meet again on Monday, November 27, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Third reading of Ordinance No. 3213-17 Establishing Chapter 557 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio Regarding Smoking On Village Owned Outdoor Public Property.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey that Ordinance No. 3213-17 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey thanked Solicitor Ross and Mr. Domitrovich for their work on this ordinance. He stated after speaking with residents this past summer at the splash pad there were a number of occasions when some parents would smoke in front of the children and next to other parents who then had to get up and move because of the smoke.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O’Brien – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

B Third reading of Ordinance No. 3214-17 For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance Number 3196-16 (The “Salary Ordinance”) To Designate A Position Of Senior Services Director; To Provide All Other Salaries Of Certain Officers And Employees To 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. Fisher that Ordinance No. 3214-17 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated this is to establish the position of Senior Services Director that is being filled by Millie Ritz. This position is made possible by grant funding and if in the future there are some changes it will allow for Millie to help out in the offices if need be.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O’Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

C First reading of a resolution For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And Village Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. Through Love Insurance Agency, 373 Center Street, Suite A, Chardon, OH 44024, For The Village's 2017-2018 Package Insurance In The Amount Of Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven And 00/100 Dollars (\$21,797.00) Commencing December 1, 2017 And Ending November 30, 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher, that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated this insurance covers all our buildings, equipment and liabilities.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mr. Fisher reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$115,329.32.

I, Brian Fisher, member of the Finance and Capital Improvement Committee of the Village of McDonald, Ohio do hereby declare that the bills are true and correct.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Domitrovich thanked Council for the passage of the package insurance resolution. There were three bids that were very comparable. There was a \$700 difference between the lowest two. We will save more when we receive

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

the Lexipol discount. He also thanked Council for the Senior Services Director position. Millie Ritz currently fills that position and does a great job with the seniors. She has taken them on a train ride, bus trips, out to eat, picnics and has many, many programs and activities set up for them.

Mr. Seitz entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Council discussed whether to go back and amend the agenda and add Legislation C again so that it could be passed as an emergency since the current package insurance expires November 30. This will avoid having to have a special Council meeting to pass it.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to amend the agenda to add legislation C as an emergency reading of the package insurance resolution.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that legislation C Resolution for package insurance be passed as an emergency.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated since Mr. Seitz just came he reiterated about the quotes and it's Council's choice to go with the quote from Love Insurance in the amount of \$21,797.00.

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Fisher congratulated Mr. Bradley for his election. He stated he appreciates all who ran for any position in the Village to make sure that the Village is well run.

He also stated that it was nice to see Cindy Green Robinson at the Christmas in the Village committee meeting and asked all to keep her in our thoughts and prayers. She is a beloved park supervisor and teacher.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to enter into executive session to discuss pending and imminent litigation with possible business to be conducted afterwards at 6:50 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien to exit executive session at 7:15 p.m. and return to regular council session.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to authorize the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to engage on behalf of the Village Attorney Paul-Michael La Fayette to represent the Village in the litigation against OPEC and other parties.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fisher at 7:16 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer