

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
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 November 18, 2020 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:05 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 November 4, 2020 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the November 4, 2020 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 amend the agenda and add legislation D:

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 gave the monthly court report as follows: For the month of October, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$10, court costs \$23, city revenue from fines \$50, Niles Municipal Court Fines \$1,792.30, parking tickets \$100, and police reports \$5.00 for a total to the city of \$1,980.30.

Mayor Puckett stated that our Committee meetings will be held on December 1. Our Council meetings will be held on December 2 and 16. We will continue to Zoom and Youtube. With the recent COVID situation, the date has been extended for video-conferencing until July 1.

Mayor Puckett stated that we will not be doing Christmas In the Village this year. With the COVID numbers increasing and additional restrictions, we are trying to keep everyone in the Village safe. Hopefully next year, we can get back to normal.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that the Street Department is currently out and picking up leaves. It is taking a little less than a week to get through the town right now. He is asking for patience from all of our residents. We are working at this on a daily basis. We will look to get branches the first of next week. We hope to go through the town a couple more times on the leaves before Thanksgiving as well as pickup all the branches that are curbside.

Mr. Domitrovich thanked Council for looking at the adjustments for sewer rates. He has been working extensively with Solicitor Ross, Amy Cunningham, Lori Canada, and PFM to ensure these rates are adequate for 2021 to relieve some of the strain on the line items in our 602 account, sewer, to right size them to handle the increases that we've had from utility costs as well as rate costs and other adjustments that are necessary. The last adjustment we made was in 2015.

Police Chief Bill Woodley submitted his monthly report and it is as follows:

For the month of October, the Police Department investigated 32 formal complaints, and made 40 traffic stops resulting in 8 citations. They conducted 8 bank drops, 6 criminal arrests, 2 warrant arrests, 1 residential security check, and issued 5 parking tickets. The department completed their DTBs for the month of October.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt stated no report.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Solicitor Ross stated that he delivered a draft of the Facilities Use Agreement to Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Saganich yesterday. The draft was along the lines with what has been discussed between the District and the Village. Hopefully we'll get positive feedback and put the matter to rest relatively soon. Solicitor Ross thanked the Mayor, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Domitrovich for their cooperation in drafting the agreement.

Mayor Puckett thanked Solicitor Ross for all the work that he's put into this as well. He is hopeful we get this resolved.

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, legislation, Firefighter Dependency Board, sewer rate increase, and December meetings. We do need to nominate two council members to the Firefighter Dependency Board.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to appoint Cliff DeZee and Kyle Joynes for the Firefighter's Dependency Board.

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Lewis wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey wished everyone a safe and prosperous Thanksgiving.

Safety Committee Mr. Fisher stated that Jason Reckard from State Farm Insurance donated approximately 50 smoke alarms for the Fire Department. The Village and the Fire Department are very grateful for the donation. The Village will be passing those out to residents who want them. They can be picked up at the Municipal Building Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is a limit of two smoke alarms per family.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated no report.

Service Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that Charles E. Harris will be charging us \$850 for doing our notes and financial statements for the end of the year. The Facilities Use Agreement was sent to Mr. Saganich and Mr. O'Connell for review. Like the

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Mayor and Solicitor Ross said, it's been a long time but it does take time to get to a point where it works well for both sides. We are hopeful that they can review the agreement this evening and they are comfortable with it. Mr. Schmidt stated that the school district will get everything they've had before except they will be doing the maintenance on the fields, the courts, and the park. We did put some stipulations in for the trash bins for larger cross country meets. With Mr. Domitrovich's help, this brought to light for everyone what is required for all these events to happen. Solicitor Ross did an excellent job of getting things set up and sent over to them. Mr. Schmidt thanked everyone for all their work on this.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the sewer rate increase. The account that we are dealing with can not go into the red. With all the increases we have for the sewer and maintenance, we have to have increases as well. Mr. Schmidt gave an example of his own bill when discussing how this would affect an average home. This would increase his monthly bill by about \$5.00-\$6.00 a month. If you look at the numbers, it's an actual 18.56% increase but throughout the year, it's a \$5.00-\$6.00 a month increase. It's not a lot but it does make a difference for us. Mr. Schmidt thanked Mr. Domitrovich and everyone else who was involved to get the increase to where it needs to be. Mr. Domitrovich stated that this would be for four years barring no unforeseen increases.

Mr. Schmidt stated that we have our proposal for package insurance. This is an emergency reading this evening just for the purpose that they want to gather all the data for as close to a year as they can. This is so we get the best quote for the Village. This starts December 1, 2020 and ends November 30, 2021. Mr. Domitrovich had them add a \$90 increase for computer fraud, which Mr. Schmidt thinks is very smart.

Also, we should have information on healthcare rates soon. We are working with our broker, Nate Ogden. There are applications that need to be filled out and sent to them so we can get the best plan for our employees.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated that there is legislation this evening for a zoning change at 452 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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 Ordinance No. 3254-20 Rezoning A Certain Parcel In The Village Of McDonald, Ohio From A Zoning Classification Of Residential “RA” To A Classification Of Commercial “CA” And Amending The Official Zoning Map Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Ordinance No. 3254-20 pass third reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated that this went through Planning Commission and the proper channels with a public hearing. It has come to Council and we had a public hearing. Everybody in the vicinity was offered an opportunity to participate in discussion if there was opposition of the zoning change. There was none. Council was in total agreement that we pass that zoning change to make this a Commercial A so we can make that a continuous extension of our property at the Municipal Building.

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 Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2020, And Ending December 31, 2020.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that the resolution pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

C. Emergency Reading Of Resolution No. 1838-20 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 2020-2021 Package Insurance In The

11. Legislation cont'd.

Amount Of Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety And 00/100 Dollars (\$24,790.00) Commencing December 1, 2020 And Ending November 30, 2021.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that Resolution No. 1838-20 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

D. First Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Ordinance No. 3176-15 To Revise The Charges For The Operation, Maintenance, And Replacement Costs For The Use Of The Village's Wastewater Treatment Facility And Sewage System Effective September 1, 2020 Which Will Be Reflected In The Fourth Quarter of 2020 Billing In January of 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that the ordinance pass first reading as read.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report.

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$127,313.35.

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
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:31 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer