

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Ken Miner, Cliff DeZee, Joe Dugan

Staff: Fiscal Officer Rick Sebastian, Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Patrolman Austin Bucan, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

Press: Bob Coupland, *The Tribune Chronicle*

1. The November 21, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present

Mr. Seitz – present

Mr. Fisher – present

Mr. Harvey – present

Mr. Lewis – present

Mr. Bradley – 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 7, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the November 7, 2018 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Seitz – abstain

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

11. Legislation – remove legislation A.

Add G – first reading of an ordinance for the 2019 temporary budget.

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher– aye  
Mr. Harvey– aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett invited all to the Christmas in the Village this Saturday. He is unable to attend. He thanked all the volunteers – Thomas, Cindy Green Robinson, Rich Harvey. There are a lot of people that put in a lot of hard work. Mayor will be baking cookies for the event.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** stated he met with Patrick Hickey with Love Insurance for our package insurance. We are looking to renew with him. The rate is about the same as last year with the increases being due to the added equipment and our properties.

He thanked the residents for their patience with the snow and leaf pickup. They are working as fast as they can. They will continue with the leaf pickup well into December. The stick pickup program is done for the year for normal stick pickup. They will continue some branch pickup during the recent weather event.

Mr. Bradley commended Tom and his workers for all they do and also the preparation for Christmas in the Village.

**Patrolman Officer Bucan** stated no report.

**Fire Chief Todd Stitt** – no report.

**Solicitor Ross** stated that the complaint filed by resident Joe Dugan against the Village for allegedly discriminating against him with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission was resolved by an agreement with the Commission and resolved short of any finding that the Village did anything wrong or really any formal complaint being filed by the Commission. So, another one of Mr. Dugan's many complaints against the Village has been resolved.

Mr. Bradley asked Solicitor Ross the status of a policy regarding social media use

7. Committee reports:

by the administration and staff and Solicitor Ross answered he is working on it. Mr. Bradley continued if that blocks us out, then the only recourse we would have would be print media to air any issues? Solicitor Ross stated I am going to present Council with a proposed policy. What it is ultimately going to say and what it is ultimately going to advise for Council and employees is yet to be determined.

Mr. O'Brien stated common sense should have a lot to dictate to people to what they are doing.

**President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis** reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation with one item removed and one item added, scholarships, 2019 budget, and December committee meetings which will be held December 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Saturday is Christmas in the Village beginning at 6:30 p.m. There are a lot of people needed to volunteer to make it successful. Things get done because there are so many that care. They need 200 dozen cookies. Volunteers can meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. There is a lot of participation from the kids at the school. Mr. Harvey expressed his thanks to all who volunteered.

**Safety Committee Mr. Seitz** stated Safety will meet December 4, at approximately 6:30 p.m. He hopes to attend. Due to being stuck at work most weeks on afternoon turn, it has been hard for him to attend these meetings. He appreciates Council keeping him informed of situations and he is just a phone call away.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** stated the temporary budget for 2019 will have a first read this evening and he appreciates everyone's support. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. Finance will meet December 4, at 6:00 p.m. here in the Community Room.

**Service Committee Mr. Fisher** stated Service has two pieces of legislation on the agenda this evening – the Ohio Edison Franchise Agreement and the package insurance. We will also meet December 4, for committee meetings.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Council continue to participate in the school scholarship fund donation for the year 2019.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey stated the scholarships are a very nice thing to do. We give two scholarships. He thanked members of Council for agreeing to do that.

**Planning Commission Mr. Bradley** stated the Planning Commission is going to tentatively have a meeting in January to address some of the business with the Commission and the schedule of fees.

**Community Chest Mr. O'Brien** stated Community Chest will be meeting soon.

Mr. Harvey stated it is a busy time of the year for them and it is a very viable organization to the Village.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Joe Dugan, 501 W. Marshall Rd. asked about the civil right issue. He did not receive any communications on it. He asked the Solicitor if he received a letter or a phone call or email, he has nothing. He assumed the Solicitor was contacted so he wanted to know when so he can get ahold of them to find out why he wasn't contacted. Solicitor Ross answered I can't tell you the exact date but we did receive a letter from the Commission within the last week.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Removed from the agenda.

B Third reading of a Resolution No. 1800-18 For The Purpose Of Amending Resolution No. 1795-18 Establishing Special Fund 109.000.41830 To Receive Donated Funds For Use In The R.E.S.T. Program Conducted In the Village Community Room.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz that Resolution No. 1800-18 be passed as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

C Third reading of an Ordinance No. 3225-18 To Amend Appropriations For 2018 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 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Ordinance No. 3225-18 be passed as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

D Third reading of an Ordinance No. 3226-18 Granting To Ohio Edison Company, Its Successors And Assigns, The Right And Privilege To Acquire, Construct, Operate, And Maintain A Complete Electric System For Supplying Electricity For Light, Heat And Power Purposes To The Village Of McDonald, Ohio

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Ordinance No. 3226-18 be passed as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

E Emergency reading of Ordinance No. 3227-18 Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2018, and Ending December 31, 2018.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Ordinance No. 3227-18 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated this was a change due to the Village paying off a loan taken back in 1967 to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund. By transferring this as an emergency allows us to pay off the loan and save the village roughly \$14,000.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

F Emergency reading of Resolution No. 1801-18 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 2018-2019 Package Insurance In The Amount Of Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four And 00/100 Dollars (\$22,394.00) Commencing December 1, 2018 And Ending November 30, 2019.

11. Legislation cont'd.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. that Resolution No. 1801-18 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated we had a slight increase of \$597 because we increased the value of our assets of the Village. Even though it is an increase that number as a whole is smaller than in the past. The reason for the emergency reading is the quote for insurance is only good for 30 days and the deadline is November 30, so we had to pass this as an emergency.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

G First reading of an Ordinance To Make Temporary Appropriations For 2019 To The 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 2019.

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

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated we will have a minor change prior to the second reading that we will discuss further at the December committees. The current budget does have the anticipated 10 percent increase on health care. We are waiting on the final number from the broker. It is expected to be minimal but the number is not exact but in essence of getting in the three reads before the end of

11. Legislation cont'd.

the year we need to have the first read tonight.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mr. Sebastian reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$141,802.78.

I, Richard Sebastian, 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. Bradley to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:43 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer