

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Jason, Jennifer and Alexis Boylan, Cliff DeZee

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Fire Chief Nick Kish, Police Chief Lou Ronghi, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The November 2, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 6:20 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Puckett – present
Mr. Lewis – 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 October 19, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the October 19, 2016 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the agenda with the following amendments:

11. Legislation – remove D – an ordinance to amend the budget (which was done last council meeting). Move E (public defender's agreement) to now become D. Add E – a resolution to honor Trumbull County Recorder Diana Marchese.

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report

Mayor Holmes stated for the month of October Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$90, costs \$298, additional costs \$49, fines \$645, Niles Municipal Court fines \$74, parking tickets \$165, and police reports \$5 for a grand total of \$1326.00.

Mayor also stated the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee will meet next Tuesday to finalize project for local transportation and state capital improvement projects for 2017. We have a zero interest loan in the mix.

Mayor appointed Jason Boylan to our Fire Department and asked for Council's confirmation.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Puckett to confirm Mayor's appointment of Jason Boylan to the Fire Department.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that the grinding of McDonald Ave. is supposed to take place tomorrow with paving to begin next Monday. Mr. Domitrovich also reported that two hydrants that have been out of service on Nebraska Ave. have now been repaired and are back in service. The Water Department is working on a few more hydrants in town to get them back

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

in service.

Police Chief Lou Ronghi reported for the month of October his department made 13 traffic arrests, investigated 17 formal complaints, and made 6 criminal arrests. They issued 13 parking tickets, performed 1 residential security check and investigated 3 alarm drops. The midnight shift found 1 door unsecured. They received 175 calls from the 911 center.

All officers have completed the minimum 11 hours of continuing professional training required by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. The department received its provisional certification from the Ohio Collaborative. The onsite assessor from the Collaborative will visit the department on November 8. All officers have completed the October daily bulletin training through Lexipol.

Fire Chief Nick Kish stated for the month of October his department answered 7 ems calls and 3 fire calls (1 structure fire, 2 service calls). They attended 70 man hours of training. For fire prevention month they saw 275 children.

Chief Kish thanked Mayor and Council for the appointment of Jason Boylan. He also stated that trick or treat went smoothly with no incidents

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, appointment to the Fire Department, U.S. Steel, water rates, lion statue, golf carts, and the road resurfacing loan.

Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett stated Park and Buildings met last evening and discussed the Relay for Life and the rental of the community room.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Klase to accept the generous donations of the lion statue and two ornamental landscaping stones to commemorate the splash pad.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes stated it is always nice to see a resident or residents show love toward the Village by making sacrifices either monetarily or donating items or just being present. I thank those folks from the bottom of my heart.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Klase – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Safety Committee Mr. Lewis stated Safety met last evening and discussed the fact that our Fire Department is working with Cortland to apply for a grant for air packs for next year. Chief Kish is still in discussion with Howland in case the grant doesn't come to fruition. They also discussed the potential regulation of golf carts. The Solicitor is reviewing the upcoming law for the next year. He congratulated Mr. Boylan on his appointment.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz stated tonight's finance report will be given by Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis stated they met last evening and had a lengthy discussion regarding the 2017 budget. A line item in the budget has been removed in order not to operate in the red. The water fund is operating at a \$140,000 negative balance. We don't like to do it but it is necessary to raise the water rates.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Seitz to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the necessary legislation to adjust the water rates.

Discussion: Mayor said he appreciates Council's proactive approach. He appreciates the VA looking into things. He has been diligent in trying to curtail some of our water losses and adjust and control our fixed costs and keeping our rates low. This is a direct reflection of the natural course of inflation and the economy.

Mr. Lewis stated even with the rate increases we will be in the bottom 25% in Trumbull County and the bottom 15% in Mahoning and Trumbull County.

Solicitor Ross stated that living in Canfield even with your increases I would love to pay your water rates. That is my perspective from someone who pays a different rate for a different area.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Motion carried.

Service Committee Mr. Harvey stated Service met last evening and went over some of the legislation on the agenda this evening. We also discussed the paving project on McDonald Ave.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase stated Planning will meet November 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – no report.

Mr. Harvey stated I need to bring up about the EPA ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Klase to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the necessary legislation for our EPA mandates.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Mr. Klase – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Second reading of an Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance Number 3129-13, As Amended By Ordinance Number 3150-14 (The “Salary Ordinance”) To Provide For The Wages Of Certain Salaried And Hourly Employees To Be Increased; 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.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Harvey that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

B Second reading of an Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance No. 3130-13 To Increase Compensation For Certain Salaried Fire Department Personnel Employees And To Repeal All Other Ordinances In Conflict Therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Harvey that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

C Second reading of an Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance No. 2991-06 Concerning Certain Employee Benefit Provisions.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Harvey that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

D First reading of a Resolution Authorizing The Mayor And Fiscal Officer To Enter Into An Agreement With The Trumbull County Public Defender's Office For The Benefit Of The Village, Providing For Services To Be Rendered By Trumbull County, Acting Through Its Board Of Commissioners, At A Pro-Rata Share Of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) For One (1) Year Commencing January 1, 2017 and Ending December 31, 2017.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Puckett that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated this is something that we do yearly. The price has stayed the same.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

E First reading of a Resolution No. 1774-16 Honoring The Service Of Diana Marchese As Trumbull County Recorder.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Puckett to waive the three read requirement.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Puckett that Resolution No 1774-16 be passed as read.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Discussion: Mayor Holmes stated that Diana has given great service to the County for a number of years. When asked to do this it was only the appropriate thing to do. She'll be finishing up January 31.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$31,607.95.

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.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Harvey to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

Mrs. DeBow thanked Council and Finance especially for taking a good hard look at the numbers we presented last evening and making the necessary hard decisions to do whatever projects we can and postpone some to keep the budget balanced going into 2017.

13. Miscellaneous: none

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Harvey at 6:45 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer