

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, November 4, 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 4, 2020 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:04 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 October 21, 2020 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the October 21, 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 accept the agenda as presented:

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 thanked the residents of the Village for voting to renew our levy. This levy has been on since the 1970s, based on the home values from then. We get about \$28,000 annually, which might not seem like a lot of money to many communities but for us, it is a great help to our operations.

Mayor Puckett stated that he met with Superintendent Kevin O'Connell a couple weeks ago. We are going to get a new Facilities Use Agreement to them. It is Mayor Puckett's understanding that the school is going to use our facilities. The maintenance of those facilities while doing the events will be up to their employees. He believes this is a win-win for both the Village and the school. This is a good compromise for everybody. He looks forward to passing this.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich thanked everyone that showed up at the Trick or Treat drive-thru. The evening was a success. With the help of Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Lewis, there were some deliveries made to families locally that wanted to remain socially distant. We gave out candy and packages from Oh Wow and One Hot Cookie between 5:00-7:00 p.m. Of the 500 kits that we had, we delivered over 375. We look to donate the remainder of the packages to local businesses and preschools. Mr. Domitrovich thanked Mayor Puckett for working with the Mayor's Association and making this possible for our residents. It was very well attended.

Mr. Domitrovich is also working with the Police Department on another matter. They invited him in on a situation and he was happy to be there and help out. Information will follow. He thanked Chief Woodley for involving him and opening his eyes to a few things.

Mr. Domitrovich is working with Solicitor Ross on a number of exterior maintenance complaints in the Village.

Police Chief Bill Woodley stated no report.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt stated that his report has been submitted and it is as follows: for the month of October, the Fire Department responded to 13 EMS and 13 fire calls for a total of 26 calls.

Solicitor Ross stated that he and Mrs. Palmer constantly work on the Village income

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

tax collection files. These are files that the Village gets back from RITA after they have tried unsuccessfully for a period of time to collect. Mrs. Palmer sent Solicitor Ross an email that last month was the most that we've ever collected in any one month. Solicitor Ross stated again that Mrs. Palmer does a really nice job.

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, minutes, and legislation. In addition, we are going to wait until the second November meeting to determine the status in regards to potentially having meetings in person.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey thanked everyone involved with Halloween. The event was very successful and very safe. He thanked the Mayor for setting up the event. We are still waiting for information on re-opening the Community Room. Christmas In the Village is still being discussed. The baseball program was a success this fall.

Safety Committee Mr. Fisher stated that both Chief Woodley and Chief Stitt have submitted their reports.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated that CMI adjustments have been corrected in our bank balances. There will be a permanent budget voted on by the end of the year. There has been a change in the interest rate from Premier Bank. We had previously been yielding a 1.25% interest rate which had been promised when they were still Home Savings. With the transition to Premier, Mrs. Canada and Mr. Lewis had a conference call with them and Premier offered a .5% rate through the month of October. This has expired. We will research other financial institutions to potentially better store our funds. Mr. Lewis stated again that he is extremely disappointed with the change of the interest rate regardless if it was a calculations error on their end. We were expecting one thing and given another, which is unacceptable. We may be able to work with them in the future, or we may not. We're going to find out which institution is the best and we'll move forward with whoever is best for the Village. We will have more information on that before the end of the year.

Mr. Lewis stated that our medical benefits are coming due as they do annually. He spoke with Mr. Schmidt about this also. We have been given the opportunity to look at a COSE MEWA, which is basically a buy-in group through Med Mutual. This is not a consortium. This will potentially allow our employees to maintain the same network while maybe providing the Village a savings in premiums of anywhere from 3-15%. Our broker is working on getting those applications together. We hope to have

7. Committee reports cont'd.

those completed and have information by our next meeting.

Mr. Lewis stated that Solicitor Ross reminded us that the OPEC-HC litigation is still open. This is the consortium for healthcare from a few years ago. We will have some legal fees potentially to be paid in the coming year.

Service Committee Mr. Schmidt thanked the voters for passing the levy. He stated that the Halloween kits were very nice. Mr. Schmidt stated that things are moving forward with the Facilities Use Agreement. He is pleased to see that this will benefit both sides. There will be a brief meeting after Council to finalize some details and get that over to the school as soon as we can. Mr. Schmidt will review everything with Service and Council with anything additional.

Mr. Schmidt spoke with Mrs. Canada regarding the agreement with Charles E. Harris. They do our audits as well as prepare our financial statements and notes. They also complete the Hinkle filing. In 2019, their fee was \$900. This year, we are looking to see what their fee would be. Mrs. Canada emailed them today and we are waiting on a response.

Mr. Domitrovich discussed the rates that are under review by PFM. The rates should be ready to discuss for next meeting.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated that we have the legislation for the zoning change to 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. Second Reading Of An Ordinance 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.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that the Ordinance pass second reading as read.

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

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

Motion carried.

B. First 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 first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that this is simply accepting unclaimed funds from a guaranteed trust.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$23,316.13.

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

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:25 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer