

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Ken Miner, Cliff DeZee, Joe Dugan, and Andrew Kitchens

Staff: Fiscal Officer Rick Sebastian, Police Officer Dave Smith, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The October 17, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present	Mr. Harvey – absent*
Mr. Seitz – absent*	Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. Fisher – present	Mr. Bradley – present

\*Mr. Harvey is on vacation and Mr. Seitz is working

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 3, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the October 3, 2018 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to amend the agenda as follows:

11. Legislation – change A from an emergency reading to a first reading  
add C – resolution to amend the name of the Pignanelli  
restricted fund account  
add D – ordinance to amend the 2018 budget

13. Miscellaneous – add executive session to discuss pending litigation

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

with possible action to follow.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett thanked everyone that helped out with the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. He stated it went well and without incident.

Mayor asked for confirmation on the appointment of Martez Penn as a special patrolman. Mayor stated we hired another officer some time ago and with his other jobs his schedule didn't work out with ours so we need to pick up those hours. The addition of another officer will help that.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to confirm the appointment of Martez Penn as a special patrolman.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** stated the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration was a wonderful event and successful. He thanked Alicia Stonestreet for organizing the Student Council at the school. She brought volunteers to handle some of the activities of our kid events.

The Pumpkin Walk hosted by Girl Scout Troop 80172 and in conjunction with the Village on October 27. It runs 7-9 p.m. There will be hayrides, refreshments, and the pumpkin walk to view all the carved, lit pumpkins. It will be held rain or shine.

Mr. Domitrovich also announced that the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District,

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

who manages our recycling dumpsters, has asked to spread the word that they do not want plastic bags put in the dumpsters. The bags get caught up in the sorting machines and cause some problems. Signs will be posted at the dumpsters. The bags are recyclable at the grocery stores but they want to keep them out of the dumpsters.

**Police Chief Bill Woodley** Chief in the absence of Chief Woodley, Office Dave Smith stated Chief Woodley submitted his end of the month report as follows: For the month of September, the Police Department answered 182 calls from the 911 center, investigated 25 formal complaints, conducted 50 traffic stops resulting in 17 citations and gave 36 verbal warnings. They responded to 3 animal complaints, 3 alarm drops, 1 call of ATV/dirt bikes on the road, 7 noise complaints, 3 parking violation, responded to 3 calls for suspicious activity, 4 calls for suspicious person, 5 calls for suspicious vehicle, 1 check welfare call, 2 abandoned 911 calls, 3 calls for stand by and 15 medical calls. The department completed the Daily Training Bulletins for September. Lt. Ronghi, Officers Pratt and Sturgeon welcomed the third graders from Roosevelt Elementary School during Civics Day where the kids were given a tour of the Police Station as well as the cruisers.

**Fire Chief Todd Stitt** – Mayor Puckett stated Chief Stitt is in training today.

**Solicitor Ross** – no report.

7. Committee reports:

**President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis** reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, ambulance bids, appointment to the police department, resignation from the police department, committee meetings set for November 5, at 5:30 p.m., executive session, and the opening of the time capsule on November 6.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** – Mr. Lewis gave the report in Mr. Harvey's absence. He stated Park and Buildings met last evening at 6:21 p.m. They discussed the time capsule, the pumpkin walk, and the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. He thanked Chiefs Woodley and Stitt, Colleen Woodley and Lori Canada. Mr. O'Brien stated he attended and enjoyed it immensely.

**Safety Committee Mr. Seitz** – Mr. Lewis gave the report in the absence of Mr. Seitz. He congratulated Officer Penn who will be an asset to the Village. Mr. Lewis stated that Mr. Dobbins did not submit a resignation letter but did

7. Committee reports cont'd.

turn in all his equipment that belongs to the Village.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to accept the resignation of Special Patrolman Brian Dobbins.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Lewis continued that the ambulance bids will come up later on the agenda. It was discussed in caucus and we agreed as a whole to accept the bid from Penn Care. Their bid was lower and they are a local company with a great reputation and is recommended by the Fire Chief.

Mr. Bradley commended the firefighters. One of them came on duty today after working a night shift in the Cleveland area and still came here to work in McDonald. I think that is a very nice thing that he is doing. The firefighter is Trevor Willoughby. He is a real asset to our department.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** stated Finance met last evening at 6:00 p.m. There was extensive discussion regarding the 2019 budget. We are currently waiting on the quotes for health care.

**Service Committee Mr. Fisher** stated Service met last evening at 6:39 p.m. We discussed the legislation. We have the natural gas aggregation on legislation this evening. The rate is \$3.19 It is a fixed cost for 2019. We also have the NOPEC grant for an energy efficient grant in the amount of \$6900. It can be held in escrow and we can apply again in 2019 and combine the amount. We have had this grant in the past.

Also discussed was health care. The projected rates look promising. They also discussed the road paving project for 2019. The Village has applied for grant money. They discussed the number of rental homes in the Village. At the next meeting there will be legislation for the Ohio Edison Franchise agreement. The Solicitor gave updates on the status. The garbage contract was also discussed. Service will meet Monday, November 5, at 5:30 p.m.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

**Planning Commission Mr. Bradley** - no report.

Mayor Puckett stated that he does have a person to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission to take Joe Guarino's place. He asked for confirmation on the appointment of Tracey Titus to the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley to confirm the appointment of Tracey Titus to the Planning Commission.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

**Community Chest Mr. O'Brien** – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business:

A Bids for an ambulance – Fiscal Office Sebastian read the bids as follows:

911 Fleet & Fire Equipment, Brunswick Ohio - first bid \$148,738.00  
- second bid \$145,638.00

(the first bid includes a slider door; the second bid has a stationary door)

Penn Care, Niles Ohio \$129,466.00

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to accept the bid of Penn Care in the amount of \$129,466.00

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

10. New Business cont'd.

Motion carried.

Mr. Fisher congratulated Chief Stitt for obtaining the grant. It was no small undertaking.

11. Legislation:

A First reading of a Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary To Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grants (S).

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

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated we are lucky that we fall into that group and they have to pass the savings back onto the community members. We have been a recipient in the past and obtained our marquee and a fuel-efficient vehicle. We'll see what we come up with this time.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

B First reading of a Resolution For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor And Fiscal Officer To Enter Into A Second Amendment To Endorsement Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC.

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

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated for quite a few years we have offered the residents an opt in program for gas aggregation. This has always been competitive as far as the rest of the gas companies are concerned. Anytime we can try and help the residents is a nicety.

Mayor Puckett stated it is a fixed rate. There are companies out there that low ball the number but what a lot of people don't understand is that they have a very low rate but as it gets cooler your rate goes up. They come around in the summer and sell you a great rate and you sign the paper not knowing that your rate goes up.

11. Legislation cont'd.

We have done a great job negotiating that.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

C First reading of a Resolution 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.

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

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated this is simply a change in the name so that moving forward we can extend any and all donations to the R.E.S.T. program without going through additional changes.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

D First reading of an Ordinance 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 the ordinance pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated this is simply to add any increases in our health care and cascade system grant to stay compliant with the state auditor.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mr. Sebastian reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$86,626.99.

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. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Fisher reminded everyone that legislation A for the NOPEC grant will be an emergency reading at our next meeting. It may become necessary to hold a special meeting for it.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 6:40 p.m. and there may be business to follow.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to exit executive session at 6:50 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the agreement to resolve the civil rights complaint filed by resident Joe Dugan subject to the agreement of the other party.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fisher at 6:51 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer