

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Ken Miner

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 September 21, 2016 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn W. Holmes at 6:35 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 September 7, 2016 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the September 7, 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.

Mayor Holmes stated he appreciates all the work the staff does to get the minutes out. They are not to be advertised or public until they are officially approved. Tomorrow the previous minutes will be on the website. There was a suggestion, and I don't respond to anything things unless I'm approached publicly or personally then I feel that would necessitate a response, but it has been suggested that we either vote on it online or talk about it online and that flies in the face of everything that some would consider nefarious or unethical. Statutorily we can't do that and we are not going to do that. The staff does a good job at getting the minutes out as soon as they can. I ask them to do a lot and we appreciate that.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the agenda as presented:

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 he appreciates everyone’s concern moving forward regarding the budget for next year.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated he has spoken with the paving contractor for the McDonald Avenue project and his subcontractor will be able to start the second week of October. Once that is done the paving company will come in and finish up. He is looking mid to late October to have the project finished.

Mr. Domitrovich also reported on the Eastgate meeting he attended for the Issue II money for next year. It is a loan in the amount of \$615,105 to resurface all of south of Marshall Road. We look favorable on paper right now. Our request will move onto the grading phase.

Mayor Holmes stated he sits on that committee and Thomas did a great job presenting his project. There is more loan money available than grants and he feels the Village has an advantage to receive it.

Police Chief Lou Ronghi gave the Police Department end of the month report. For the month of August the Police Department made 16 traffic arrests, investigated 32 formal complaints and made 6 criminal arrests. The midnight shift found 1 business door unsecured. They also issued 11 parking citations and performed 1 residential security check. The Trumbull County 911 center received 182 calls for our department.

During the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign, which ran from August 19 – September 5, the department issued 17 citations – 1 OVI, 2 speed, 7 stop

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

sign, 1 driving under suspension, 1 fictitious plate, 1 seatbelt, 1 marked lane, 1 unsafe vehicle, 1 expired plate, and 1 truck route.

The new 2017 Ford Interceptor has arrived and is currently having the equipment installed and it should be ready in a few weeks.

The department has submitted its application for the Ohio Collaborative certification process. The department's new Policies and Procedures are now in place. Officers have started the new DBT's (daily bulletin training).

Fire Chief Nick Kish – stated Trick or Treat will be held Monday, October 31, from 5-7. Mayor Holmes asked if that was set in stone because some residents are saying they don't get home from work until 5:00 p.m. Chief Kish replied that McDonald coincided with the surrounding communities of Niles, Girard, and Weathersfield and have all set their times the same.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross – no report.

Mayor stated that the Solicitor is putting together a training session for the Board of Zoning. It has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m.

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, health insurance, school/village facility use agreement, Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber agreement, Trumbull County Sanitary agreement, and Lions Club.

Park & Buildings Mr. Puckett

It was moved by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Klase to allow the Lions Club to use the Ramsay Pavilion on Saturday, September 24, from 9-3 for their annual Fall Festival.

Roll call:

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

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

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Motion carried.

Mr. Puckett also stated Park and Buildings will meet, Monday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Safety Committee Mr. Lewis stated Safety met with both Chiefs about their 2017 budgets. He, as Safety Chair, will meet with them again to further discuss their needs for 2017 and will bring it back to Council. He also stated that Safety will meet October 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Seitz stated Finance will also meet October 3, at approximately 7:00 p.m. to discuss health insurance and overall expenses.

Service Committee Mr. Harvey stated Service will also meet October 3. We have one piece of legislation on tonight's agenda.

Planning Commission Mr. Klase reported Planning Commission met September 14. Mr. Border reported 6 building permits were issued at a construction cost of \$222,600 and fees of \$140. They have agreed that there will be no changes to the schedule of fees for 2107. They discussed the vacation of Ninth Street and tabled the request until Mr. Chris Mills (one of the abutting property owners) can attend. They also discussed contractor registration. Solicitor Ross has distributed sample legislation for the Planning Commission to review.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – stated they met this evening at 5:00 p.m.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A. Emergency reading of Resolution No. 1773-16 Accepting The Amount And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Seitz to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Seitz that Resolution No. 1773-16 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Harvey stated we have some time constraints and have to pass it as an emergency to meet the County's timeline.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$98,421.58.

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. Harvey – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mayor Holmes stated this year has been a spend down year. Everyone got something. I really appreciate the fact that the Fiscal Officer and department heads are looking at spending only what we bring in. The rainy day fund is there if something catastrophic would happen. There were some concerns as to why we did this and why did we do that. We instituted some raises for employees, helped the Historical Society, providing programming for seniors, and the splash pad for the youth. We tried to make sure that nobody was neglected.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. O'Brien at 6:59 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer