

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Cliff DeZee, Andrew Kitchens, and Lou Oakley

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

1. The September 5, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:11 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 August 15, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the August 15, 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 amend the agenda as follows:

11. Legislation – remove B – second reading of a resolution for the Ohio Edison Franchise agreement

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated the Solicitor received, after several months of silence, projected changes in the language of the contract. He needs time to review the changes.

4. 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 gave the monthly court report as follows:
For the month of August, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$100, costs \$302, fines \$1168, Niles Municipal Court fines \$536, and parking tickets \$115 for a grand total of \$2221.00.

Mayor Puckett read a letter resignation from Officer Jeff Walp who will going to the City of Niles. Mayor stated that Officer Walp will be missed, we loved having him around, he is a McDonald kid and I wish him all the best.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Walp.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated he did a great job and wished him the best.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated they submitted a pre-application in to the Council of Government for our paving project 2019. We are looking at paving Grant, Hayes, Garfield, and McKinley. The estimate cost is approximately \$268,000. We are looking at a grant split between the State of Ohio 53% and the Village 47%. This is the engineer's estimate and at the bid phase you may see us lower than the engineer's estimate so we may be able to get more bang for our buck.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Our Street Department did go out and cleaned a lot of stumps in the Village that have been accumulating for the past couple of years. They first remove the threat of any dangerous trees. Because of budget constraints, for the past two to three years we had a bunch of stumps that needed managed and this was the year to do it. We took care of about 50 stumps that were in the easement. We did it inhouse with our workers. We have a skilled force that can operate stump grinders and utilized them which probably saved the Village \$6000-\$10,000 doing it inhouse and renting a stump grinder. Hats off to the Street Department for accomplishing that task. Now they will move on to our annual tree trimming and we will, again, lease a piece of equipment that can reach the top of the Sycamore trees and manage them. We rent a 65 ft. aerial. We have it scheduled for September 17 and will do as much as we can for the week to two weeks that we are going to lease this equipment.

The VA stated that we are looking at renewing with Buckeye Energy for our gas aggregation. I will turn that over to Council and the Solicitor. The rate is lower than last year. This is a three-year agreement.

He wished Frank Sudol best of luck in his studies and look for him to come back to us soon. He also wished Jeff Walp good luck, God bless, and be safe and come back soon.

Police Chief Bill Woodley stated he will have the August activity report ready for the next meeting. He hasn't received all the information from 911 yet.

He wished Jeff Walp best wishes at his future in Niles. He has done an outstanding job for us and I have a lot of respect for him.

Mr. Bradley stated Officer Walp really showed an interest in law enforcement and the training of bettering himself and this is just the step he is taking and I wish him the best.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt stated he has submitted his end of the month report and will entertain any questions but there were none.

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, resignation of Jeff Walp and Frank Sudol, waiving of probationary period of Dave Smith, and appointment/promotion of Logan Sturgeon.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey reported Park & Buildings met last evening at 7:25 p.m. with a full committee and discussed the closing of the park and splash pad; the concession stand – getting up and running again; fall ball; and renovations to the second floor of the Rec Center, looking at all possibilities. There is a request from Girl Scout Troop 80172 to hold a Pumpkin Walk on October 27, from 3-9 p.m. They will have a lot of activities and hay rides. This will take the place of the annual Fall Festival by the Lions Club since they have disbanded. Mr. Harvey stated this will be in partnership with the Village. We will help them out so it is successful.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to grant permission to Girl Scout Troop 80172 to use the Ramsay Pavilion and festival grounds on October 27, from 3-9 p.m. for a Pumpkin Walk Festival.

Discussion: Mayor Puckett stated this Girl Scout Troop is very active in the Village and are eager to volunteer their time to do something for the community. I think it is a great troop and they have really stepped up. They took over the Easter Egg Hunt this year and now the Fall Festival and have put their own spin on it. I wish them the best.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey stated they closed at 7:36 p.m.

Safety Committee Mr. Seitz stated they met last evening for about an hour and discussed in detail the importance of Village overall safety which must come first. We also discussed Frank Sudol, a fine young man, who is resigning from the Fire

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Department to further his education and will take the pre-exam in the Spring of 2019. We wish him well.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz to accept the resignation of Frank Sudol from the Fire Department.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Seitz stated that we are also losing Officer Jeffrey Walp who is taking a position with the City of Niles. We wish him well.

Officer Smith has finished his six-month probationary period and Chief Woodley has asked that we waive the second six months. He is doing a good job.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz to waive the last six months of Officer David Smith's probationary period.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

To fill the open position left by Officer Walp, the Police Chief and Mayor Puckett would like to promote Officer Logan Sturgeon to a probationary full-time position beginning September 16, 2018.

It was moved by Councilman Seitz to confirm the promotion of Officer Logan Sturgeon to full time as of September 16, 2018.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated Finance met last evening at 6:01 and closed at 6:06 p.m. They discussed several items of legislation and tentative 2019 budget. Rough estimates on the budget is \$4,000,000 with a \$200,000 spenddown with only needs no wants.

Service Committee Mr. Fisher stated Service met last evening at 7:36 p.m. and Mayor gave an update on the Niles sewer agreement. Our Mayor met with Niles Mayor and Service Director. They are clear as to where we stand on the rate structure and our expectations. The garbage contract will remain on the agenda. We have a piece of legislation on this evening – the third reading of the residency of our Fiscal Officer. We removed legislation B – the Ohio Edison Franchise agreement. The VA gave an update on the road paving project. They are doing a final walkaround to make sure everything is tied up down there. He also gave us an update on the projected project for next year. We did discuss health care and the fact the Fiscal Officer has been in contact with Nate Ogden for renewal quotes. He previously had been a benefit to the Village by doing some creative things in the past with our health care that dropped the costs. We hope he can do the same next year. We also heard an update from the Village Administrator on our gas aggregation. We closed at 7:43 p.m.

Planning Commission Mr. Bradley – no report.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation.

A Third reading of an Ordinance No. 3223-18 Approving The Residence Of The Village Fiscal Officer In Accordance With Section 733.262 Of The Ohio Revised Code.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Ordinance No. 3223-18 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated we talked about this the last several meetings. Previously in the Village almost all the village officials are required to live in the Village but at this time the way things happened sometimes you have to go outside the Village to find someone that we felt was qualified and we were comfortable with to fill the position. What we pay him I don't think it is fair to ask him to sell his place of residence and move into the Village. We're glad to have Mr. Sebastian on board.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

B Removed from agenda

C First reading of a Resolution Establishing Special Fund 109.000.41830 To Receive Funds Donated In The Name Of Joseph Pignanelli To Be Used For The Specific Purpose Of Purchasing Equipment And Supplies For Use In The R.E.S.T. Program Conducted In The Village Community Room, In Accordance With The Wishes Of Norma Pignanelli.

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

D First reading of an Ordinance Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2018 And Ending December 21, 2018.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

E First reading of a Resolution Accepting The Amount And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor.

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

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated as a reminder this will be read as an emergency at the next meeting due to the fact of when they send it out to us and when they want it back. We do this every year and it is just a matter of doing business.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

F First reading of a Resolution Establishing Special Revenue Restricted Fund 110.000.41812 To Receive And Disburse Fire Department Grant Funds.

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

Discussion: Mr. Lewis thanked Chief Stitt for all his hard work in obtaining the grants.

11. Legislation cont'd.

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 \$85,827.27.

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 6:40 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer