

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Regular Council Meeting

Visitors: Joe Dugan, Sean Schmidt, Ron Jones, Cara Pecchia, and Scott Merola.

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*

Staff: Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Office Manager Char McCracken, and Assistant Office Manager Amy Cunningham

1. The April 17, 2019 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:11 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – present

Mr. Seitz – absent

Mr. Lewis – absent

Mr. Fisher – present

Mr. Bradley – present

Mr. DeZee – 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 April 3, 2019 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the April 3, 2019 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. DeZee – 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. Harvey – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- The Mayor would like to appoint Clifford DeZee as the Safety chair and representative for the Community Chest. He would also like to appoint Mr. DeZee as a representative on the Fire Dependency Board.

Mr. Harvey motioned to approve the Mayor's appointment of Cliff DeZee to the chairman of Safety Committee, representative for the Community Chest and representative for the Fire Dependency Board.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. DeZee – abstain

Motion carried.

The Mayor also gave an update on the Fiscal Officer position. He stated that he is very close to making a decision. The interviews went very well and it was an extremely difficult decision.

The Mayor discussed the Eastgate project with the dams on the Mahoning River. Initially, he was opposed to the project but it was agreed that the McDonald-Girard dam would not be taken down.

Mr. Bradley stated that we do need a fiscal officer. He is looking forward to having someone to address. The Mayor stated that the position has been changed over the years. He stated that no matter who comes in, it is going to be a learning curve. He is looking at longevity. Since the Mayor has been in the public forum, this will be our fifth fiscal officer. He would like to stabilize the position moving forward.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that the application for the Senior Levy Grant was turned in on Friday, April 12. We asked for \$34,512.00 to keep the activities and programming. We do budget for this. This is a reimbursable grant. We can continue with programming if we do not get the funding but it is nice to supplement the budget with the grant from the County Commissioners. In past years, we have received as much as \$26,000 for the 2017-18 calendar year and \$29,000 for the 2018-19 calendar year.

6. Report of Village Officials:

The road bids were opened. GPD did a full review on them and copied back all the options. All options will be presented at the committee meetings. We are looking to have a decision on the roads to be paved for the next council meeting. The garbage contract was also opened and has been reviewed. There is one more thing to review on financials but it appears that everything is checking out with Ohio Valley Waste. There will be a first reading on the contract this evening.

Mr. Domitrovich would like to thank Jaclyn Kuntz for all of her efforts with her Girl Scout troop in hosting the Easter Egg Hunt. This was the second year that they have hosted this event and it was well received.

Mr. Bradley stated that he did not know if the community understands how much work the Village Administrator put in for the Senior Levy Grant. He appreciates that. Also, the first reading for the garbage contract is tonight. He understands that the fee is relatively higher than what our Village is used to but it is still far below the norm of this entire valley. We have done our due diligence. Everyone else around us pays for their own garbage collection. We are very diligent in what we do and we owe an awful lot of that to the Village Administrator.

Police Chief Bill Woodley distributed his end of the month for March and it is as follows:

For the month of March, the Police Department received 191 calls from the 911 center. They investigated 31 formal complaints, conducted 57 traffic stops resulting in 18 citations. They issued 2 parking tickets and 7 parking warnings. They responded to 6 alarm drops, 3 animal complaints, conducted 4 welfare checks, issued 14 Mayor's court summons, responded to 2 noise complaints, 11 parking complaints, 3 disturbance calls 30 medical calls, collected recovered property 5 times, responded to 1 call for suspicious activity, and 2 calls for suspicious persons. They also conducted traffic control 5 times. The department continued and completed their DTB training as well as one hour of drug-free workplace training for the month of March.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt stated that the ambulance was put in service on Tuesday, April 16 and ran its first call today.

Solicitor Ross no report

7. Committee reports:

Acting President Pro Tem Mr. Harvey stated that Caucus met at 6:00 p.m. The following was discussed: agenda, fiscal officer's report, legislation, request from the fire department for the beer tent, committee meetings, committee appointments, and scholarships.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to allow the Solicitor to prepare an application for a liquor license for June 29, the last day of the Firemen's Festival.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated that the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. The weather cooperated and many families enjoyed the event and stayed in the park afterward.

Safety Committee Mr. DeZee no report

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Harvey reported in Mr. Lewis's absence. There was no report.

Service Committee Mr. Bradley stated that we will have a third reading of the Solid Waste District resolution. We will also have a first reading of the Ohio Valley Waste Service resolution for garbage collection.

Planning Commission Mr. Bradley stated that the next meeting will be on May 8 at 6:00 p.m. He is hoping to make an appointment to replace Mr. DeZee. A representative for the Zoning Board will also need to be appointed.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee stated that he spoke with Mary O'Brien and the Community Chest will be meeting sometime in May.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Cara Pecchia, 312 Illinois Ave., asked if the park could be open for rental earlier than after Memorial Day. She also asked if there was a committee to promote economic growth in our Village. Ms. Pecchia inquired as to what residents can do to help us with recycling.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present cont'd.

Mr. Harvey told Ms. Pecchia that traditionally, the park does not open until May 31. One of the reasons for this is that the park attendants need to be trained. Also, the Village employees are taking care of the baseball fields. Memorial Day has traditionally been the kickoff for opening the park.

The Mayor told Ms. Pecchia that she brings up good points and invited her to committee meetings. Ms. Pecchia suggested that the applicants for the park attendants volunteer before the park officially opens. This would provide a showmanship of their work quality. Mr. Bradley stated that he appreciated Ms. Pecchia's comments. He said that he would discuss this with the Village Administrator.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

- A. Third Reading Of Resolution No. 1805-19 Approving The Solid Waste Management Plan Of The Geauga Trumbull County Solid Waste Management District.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Resolution No. 1805-19 pass third reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

- B. Resolution Accepting The Bid Of Ohio Valley Waste Service, Inc., 1534 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509, For The Performance Of The Village's Municipal Solid Waste Collection Services Agreement And Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator To Execute An Agreement With Ohio Valley Waste Service, Inc.

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mr. Harvey stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$112,151.83.

Melissa Fulvi, representative of Fluent & Ricciardi Certified Public Accountants, declares 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. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Domitrovich thanked the Mayor and council for taking a look at the contract with Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management. He did mention that they have been in the paper in a not so positive light recently. They are a state subsidized entity. They garner money from the county to keep them going so that we can continue recycling in McDonald completely free. We have been participating with Geauga Trumbull for more than 10 years at no cost to our residents. He will hand deliver the resolution to Tom Hartzell tomorrow for him to forward.

Mr. Domitrovich also stated that he was glad to hear from Cara Pecchia. He is looking forward to talking with the Mayor and council. Everything that he does is dictated by the plan and proposals that Council passes. If there are changes, he will work as best he can to accommodate.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:50 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer