

McDonald Village Council  
Wednesday, April 3, 2019  
Regular Council Meeting

Visitors: Ken Miner, Cliff DeZee, Joe Dugan, Scott Merola, Sean Schmidt, Brian Klase, and Ron Jones.

Staff: Captain John Williamson, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Office Manager Char McCracken, and Assistant Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*

1. The April 3, 2019 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – present  
Mr. Lewis – present  
Mr. Bradley – present

Mr. Seitz – present  
Mr. Fisher – 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 March 20, 2019 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the March 20, 2019 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher–aye  
Mr. Seitz–aye  
Mr. Bradley–aye

Mr. Harvey–aye  
Mr. Lewis –aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to amend the agenda to add under new business B street paving bids and add an executive session to consider an appointment of a public official namely to replace Mr. O'Brien.

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motioned carried.

4a. It was moved by Mr. Fisher to enter into executive session to consider the appointment of a public official namely to replace Mr. O'Brien at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to exit executive session at 6:25 p.m.

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey moved to appoint Clifford DeZee to fill the vacant seat left by Mr. O'Brien.

Discussion: Mr. Bradley stated that Mr. DeZee has almost always been present to understand how the system works well behind his own ability. He also wanted to acknowledge the other applicants who showed an interest in being part of the council. He stated that the town needs people to be involved. Mr. Bradley said that he is pleased with the appointment of Mr. DeZee but he respects the fact that others were interested in serving.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Seitz – abstain  
Mr. Fisher – aye

4a. Executive session cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- For the month of March, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$270, court costs \$701, additional cost \$271, city revenue from fines \$1185, Niles Municipal court fines \$2213, parking tickets \$65, and law enforcement fund \$25 for a grand total of \$4730.00.

The Mayor stated that he met with McDonald Steel and Mayor Melfi regarding the Mahoning River recreational program. The Mahoning River recreational program would like to remove dams and turn the river into a kayaking facility. They have already begun taking down a few dams. The particular dam that is in Girard is owned by McDonald Steel. If they take down that dam, McDonald Steel will be unable to operate. The Mayor would like to assist McDonald Steel in keeping this dam. If McDonald Steel would shut down, that would mean a loss of 100 jobs to our Village.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** was unable to attend due to a water break as well as a sewer line break.

**Police Chief Bill Woodley** stated no report.

**Fire Captain John Williamson** gave the report in Fire Chief Todd Stitt's absence. The new ambulance will be arriving on April 9. The old ambulance will be auctioned. There are two grants that the fire department is still waiting on due to the government shutdown. The new air packs are all brand new and on the trucks. That was a \$500,000 grant that was shared with Weathersfield, Lordstown, and Cortland. Due to a FEMA kickback from the grant, the fire department has \$12,000 to spend as needed. FEMA does have rules as to how the money is spent.

**Solicitor Ross** stated 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, executive Session, garbage bids, waiving probation for Officer Sturgeon, park attendants, and an amendment to the agenda. Mr. Lewis also congratulated Mr. DeZee. He stated that he is a good man for the job. Mr. Lewis also thanked those that applied. It was greatly appreciated.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** stated that we will hire six park attendants this year.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to advertise for park attendants at the high school.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Seitz –aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey stated that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 13. The Relay for Life is June 1. There are a few issues that may need to be addressed before the next council meeting. There is a request from the fire department that needs to be discussed. Mr. Harvey also welcomed Mr. DeZee on board. He stated that Mr. DeZee comes with a lot of experience.

**Safety Committee Mr. Harvey** stated that there are two new cruisers and a new ambulance that will be here on April 9. He commended the fire and police departments for being good stewards of the Village's funds. Mr. Harvey had a request from the police department to waiver Officer Logan Sturgeon's six-month probation period.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to waive the second six-month probation for Officer Logan Sturgeon.

Discussion: Mr. Bradley stated that this is on merit. He feels that our community is very fortunate to have the leadership in the police department to mentor these young officers.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** stated that the 2019 budget is final. All

7. Committee reports cont'd.

department heads have begun and are up to date with their expense spreadsheets. This allows us to be more fiscally responsible.

**Service Committee Mr. Bradley** stated that the street bids were opened today and will be discussed in more detail. There will be a third reading for the Building Inspector's salary. There will also be a third reading for the planning commission dates and times. Lastly, there will be a second reading for the Solid Waste Management.

**Planning Commission Mr. Bradley** stated that the third reading for the planning commission dates and times will be read this evening. We will need to reappoint someone to replace Mr. DeZee, who had been on the commission since 2006.

**Community Chest** no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business:

A. Mayor Puckett reported that one bid was received and is as follows:

Ohio Valley Waste, 1025 Bundy Ave., Youngstown, Ohio

\$10.95 per unit per month for a total of \$172,659.60 per year. This price would remain the same for all three years of the garbage contract with a Village option for the fourth year.

B. Mayor Puckett reported that we received four bids for the Street Resurfacing Program.

Bids consisted of a base bid and alternates A, B, and C.

Base-Grant Avenue (E. 5<sup>th</sup> St-McKinley Blvd.)

Alternate A-E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (Ohio Ave.-Grant Ave.)

Alternate B-Garfield Ave. (E. 5<sup>th</sup> St-E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)

Alternate C-McKinley Blvd. (E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.-E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)

American: Base bid: \$143,452.50. Alternate A: \$47,255.75, Alternate B: \$41,471.75, Alternate C: \$38,080.25.

RT Vernal: Base bid: \$109,887.30. Alternate A: \$40,449.50, Alternate B: \$35,202.00  
Alternate C: \$31,320.00.

10. New Business cont'd.

Lindy: Base bid: \$113,030.45. Alternate A: 41,754.30, Alternate B: 36,640.35,  
Alternate C: 33,692.60.

Chagrin Valley: Base bid: \$136,243.50. Alternate A: 48,360.50, Alternate B:  
\$42,435.50, Alternate C: 39,025.50.

All companies had a bid bond.

11. Legislation:

A. Third Reading of Ordinance No. 3233-19 For The Purpose Of Amending Previous  
Village Ordinance No. 3168-15 To Change The Compensation Structure For The  
Building And Zoning Inspector.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Ordinance No. 3233-19 pass third reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

B. Third Reading Of Ordinance No. 3234-19 For The Purpose Of Amending Codified  
Ordinance Section 1113.09 Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Concerning The  
Planning Commission Meetings.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Ordinance No. 3234-19 pass third reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

C. Second Reading Of A Resolution Approving The Solid Waste Management Plan Of  
The Geauga-Trumbull County Solid Waste Management District.

11. Legislation cont'd.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mr. Lewis stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$29,707.03.

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. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Fisher wanted to welcome Mr. DeZee.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:52 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer