

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Ken Miner, Scott Merola, Sean Schmidt, and Joe Dugan

Staff: Fiscal Officer Rick Sebastian, Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Office Manager Char McCracken and Amy Cunningham

1. The February 20, 2019 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. Seitz – present
Mr. Fisher – present

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

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 February 6, 2019 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the February 6, 2019 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

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

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

4. Adoption of Agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report Mayor Puckett stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that a tentative schedule is set for June 1 with the Relay for Life. He will be meeting tomorrow evening with their committee and have more information at the March Committee Meetings. Jacqueline Kuntz and her Girl Scout troop will be organizing the Easter egg hunt. Also, Mr. Domitrovich stated that the Village did comply with its Drug-Free Ordinance in providing annual required education for all employees. He also thanked Mr. Ross for all his effort and time in preparing the garbage contract. The garbage contract is now complete with the exception of the dates that we would like to advertise. Mr. Domitrovich would like to commend our water department employees, Mike Schuller, Wisdom Domitrovich, and Shawn Stevens. In the past two months, there have been four water breaks. Also, there have been two water service lines that had to be found and determined whether or not they were water breaks. The water department has meters that are read every day which enables them to stop a break before it happens. Essentially, this keeps our water budget sound.

Police Chief Bill Woodley Police Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi reported in the Police Chief's absence. There was no report. The January end of the month's reports have been distributed.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt – no report

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, rental inspection, 2019 permanent budget, and committee meetings.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey reported that the Relay for Life will be on June 1. Jacqueline Kuntz and her troop will be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt on April 13 with a rain date of April 20. Mr. Harvey also stated that he is working on Music in the Park.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Safety Committee Mr. O'Brien stated that he has no report. He stated that the street department did a fine job this morning.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis reported that tonight is the first reading for the 2019 Permanent Budget. Also, Mr. Lewis has spoken with CMI, the water billing software company. CMI plans to attend the March committee meetings to discuss opportunities in offering credit card payments as an option for paying water bills. They plan to visit the Municipal office prior to the meeting to answer any questions or concerns that the office staff may have.

Service Committee Mr. Lewis reported in Mr. Bradley's absence. The first reading for the Salary Ordinance will be tonight. Mr. Lewis also stated that Mr. Bradley appreciates council's support in amending the Solicitor's contract from a one-year to a two-year contract.

Planning Commission Mayor Puckett reported in Mr. Bradley's absence. There was a discussion on scheduling quarterly meetings. This will enable the commission to be proactive. Also, the Planning Commission recommended that the rental inspection fees for the first and second inspection be increased from \$30 to \$40. This will defer the cost of a gas stipend for the Building Inspector. There was also discussion of having landlords hold a bond in case their properties become dilapidated. Several landlords are out of state and this would make them accountable. The Planning Commission discussed requiring inspections for driveways and roofs. Currently the contractor has to register with the Village. We have a few residents annually who have driveways that are damaged when the snow plows are out. This is to no fault of the Village. Some of these driveways are being developed sub-par by the contractors. This will hold the contractors accountable for their work.

Solicitor Ross stated that our increase in Rental Inspection Fee is modest compared to what other municipalities are charging.

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. A First Reading of A Resolution Engaging The Solicitor Under The Terms, Covenants, And Conditions Of The Attached Agreement And Determining To Contract With Attorney Douglas W. Ross Of Daniel Daniluk, LLC As Solicitor For The Village of McDonald, Ohio, For Two (2) Years Commencing July 1, 2019 Through And Including June 30, 2021.

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

Motion carried.

- B. A First Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance Number 3218-18 (The “Salary Ordinance”) To Address The Salaries And Wages Of The Office Employees; To Provide That All Other Salaries And Wages Of Certain Officers And Employees Will Remain The Same, Reaffirmed And Ratified; And For The Final Purpose Of Repealing Any And All Other Ordinances Or Resolutions In Conflict Therewith.

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

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that he believes this is to amend the prior ordinance to make it more efficient for the village’s purpose.

Roll call:

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

Mr. O’Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation Cont'd.

- C. First Reading Of An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For 2019 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 2019.

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

Discussion: Mr. Lewis would like to commend our Fiscal Officer, Rick Sebastian, in preparing his first permanent budget.

Roll call:

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

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

- D First Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending A Certain Section Of Chapter 1359 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Entitled "Rental Property," And Specifically Section 1359.03(e).

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

Roll call:

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

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mr. Sebastian reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$106,102.81.

12. Fiscal Officer's Report cont'd.

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. Lewis to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

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

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous:

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:28 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer