

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, January 3, 2024
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Staff: Solicitor Doug Ross, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Fire Chief Fred Marcum, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Visitors: Ginger Evans, Laurie Smith, Riley Lewis, Michaylen Lewis, Stephanie Lewis, Carol Mancini, Floyd Mancini, Kim Jones-Schmidt, Odell Houston, and Cliff DeZee.

*Prior to the meeting, Solicitor Ross swore in Mr. Lewis as Mayor. Also sworn in were Councilman Sean Schmidt and Councilman Don Smith.

1. The January 3, 2024 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – present
Mrs. Reckard – present
Mr. Metzinger – present

Mr. Joynes – present
Mr. Jones – present
Mr. Smith – present

3. Pledge of allegiance

One minute of silence in remembrance of American troops serving throughout the world and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

4. Approval of the December 21 and December 26, 2023 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the minutes as mailed.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Jones – aye
Mr. Smith – abstain

Motion carried.

5. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll call:

5. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Jones – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

6. Election to the following offices:

- President Pro Tem

It was moved by Mr. Jones to nominate Mr. Schmidt as President Pro Tem.

Roll call:

Mr. Jones – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

-Community Chest

It was moved by Mr. Metzinger to nominate Mrs. Reckard to Community Chest.

Roll call:

Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Jones – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

7. Mayor's Yearly Appointments:

Mayor Lewis read his appointments into the record. See Attachment A.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to accept the appointments as presented.

7. Mayor's Yearly Appointments cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Jones – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Lewis read his appointments for Committees into the record. See Attachment A.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to accept the appointments as presented.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Jones – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

8. Mayor Monthly and Yearly Financial report.

Mayor Lewis stated for the month of December, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$141, court costs \$440, additional costs \$39, City revenue from fines \$792, Niles Municipal Court fines \$316, and parking tickets \$135 for a grand total of \$1,863.00

For the year 2023, Mayor's Court brought in costs \$12,773.00, fines \$11,583.30, and miscellaneous receipts \$14,816.70. The total to the Village was \$33,429.00, the total to the State of Ohio \$5,529.00 and the total to others \$215.00 for a grand total for Mayor's Court of \$39,173.00.

Mayor Lewis stated that the yearly building permit report is as follows:

There were 58 building permits issued with a total value of \$991,476.52 and fees of \$1,980.00 for 2023.

9. Mayor's Yearly Address: Mayor Lewis stated that it is an honor and privilege to be able to serve the Village in this capacity. He vows to do his best and do everything in his power to always keep the Village first. Mayor Lewis will always try to maintain transparency, fiscal responsibility, and most of all, accountability.

10. Report of Village Officials

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich welcomed Don Smith back to the halls of the Village of McDonald. Mr. Smith once occupied the Treasurer's position and helped the Village through some tough times. Mr. Domitrovich thanked the familiar faces for returning. The members of Council have been good to each other, as well as this community. Our Council members get along and move the Village forward, which is commendable.

Police Chief William Woodley congratulated everyone that was elected to their positions.

Fire Chief Fred Marcum left the meeting due to an EMS call. No report.

Solicitor Doug Ross stated that he is looking forward to working under Mayor Lewis's administration. He also welcomed Mr. Smith back to the Village. The Village is lucky to have Mr. Smith's mind and experience. Solicitor Ross is looking forward to working with everyone again for another year.

11. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

12. New Business: none.

13. Legislation: none.

14. Miscellaneous: none.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Joynes at 6:14 p.m. All voted aye.

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15. Adjournment cont'd.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer