

McDonald Village Council
February 21, 2024
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi, Asst. Fire Chief Andrew Bickerstaff, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Visitors: Dan Martins and Ken Miner.

1. The February 21, 2024 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:06 p.m.

Roll call:

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

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

*Mayor Lewis stated that Mrs. Reckard is out of town on family business.

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 7, 2024 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Jones to approve the February 7, 2024 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – abstain
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to amend the agenda and add Executive Session under line item 13 with no action to follow:

Roll call:

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Jones – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Several residents have been asking about Spring cleanup. The date has not yet been determined. We are still in the heart of winter. Mayor Lewis is asking everyone to be patient.

Mayor Lewis received a letter of resignation from Officer Lampkin which he read into the record.

It was moved by Mr. Metzinger to accept the resignation of Officer Lampkin.

Roll call:

Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Jones – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich thanked Jaclyn Kuntz, Ava Kuntz, and their Girl Scout troop for heading up the Easter Egg Hunt. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be having the event. Hats off to them and all the effort they put in for the kids in the community. Also, Mr. Domitrovich wished Officer Lampkin well.

Police Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi thanked Officer Lampkin for his service. He will be missed. The Police Department is looking at moving a part-time officer to a full-time position. Lieutenant Ronghi will have more information at the next meeting.

Assistant Chief Andrew Bickerstaff stated that Officer Lampkin was always helpful at a fire scene or EMS call. He wished Officer Lampkin nothing but the best. EMS billing year to date was \$19,464.80. Year to date revenue from EMS was \$9,189.84. There have been 28 transports in 2024. Also, the backup ambulance has been repaired. The original quote was around \$8,000.00. The final bill was around \$2,200.00. There are two more firefighters that are now trained as hazmat technicians. Chief Marcum is

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

currently in a fire inspector class that is being taught by Assistant Chief Bickerstaff. Also, Assistant Chief Bickerstaff had a meeting with Chief John Hickey from the EMA.

Office Manager Amy Cunningham stated no report.

Solicitor Ross stated no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Schmidt stated that Caucus met this evening and the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, legislation, and Council minutes. Also discussed was the resignation of Officer Lampkin, signatories of our Premier Bank account, Executive Session, and the Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Schmidt thanked Officer Lampkin for his service to the Village and wished him the best of luck. He also thanked Mr. Jones for filling in at the last meeting so Mr. Schmidt could attend the eighth-grade boys' championship game. The McDonald boys beat Mineral Ridge for the championship.

Park & Buildings Mr. Jones stated that some parts will be replaced on the splash pad this spring. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 11:00 a.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jones to give permission for the utilization of Woodland Park for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Motion carried.

Safety Committee Mr. Metzinger wished Officer Lampkin good luck in the future.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith stated there is a third reading of the permanent budget.

Mr. Smith stated that the Village needs to remove Glen Puckett, Lori Canada and Melissa Fulvi from the signatory accounts and add Mayor Raymond Lewis, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Smith to change the signatories on the Premier Bank account.

Discussion: Mr. Smith stated that this is just routine.

Roll call:

Mr. Smith – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye

Mr. Jones – aye

Mr. Metzinger – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Smith stated that the Finance Committee will meet on March 6 in Council Chambers.

Service Committee Mr. Smith stated no report in Mrs. Reckard's absence.

Planning Commission Mr. Jones stated no report.

Community Chest Mr. Metzinger stated that Community Chest will meet tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Levy Exploration Committee Mr. Metzinger stated 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 To Make Permanent Appropriations For 2024 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 2024.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that Ordinance No. 3291-24 pass third reading as read.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Smith – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Metzinger –aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Jones – aye

Motion carried.

B. First Reading Of An Ordinance Amending The McDonald Fire Department Tuition Assistance Program To Promote The Betterment Of The Village Fire Department.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Jones – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Smith stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$57,560.26.

I, Stephanie Smith, 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. Smith to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Smith – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Metzinger –aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Jones – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous:

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to enter Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. to consider the appointment or employment of a public employee with no business to follow.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Jones – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Smith to exit Executive Session at 6:46 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Smith – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Jones – aye

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Joynes at 6:46 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer