

McDonald Village Council
Thursday, April 17, 2024
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Police Sergeant Brandon Caraway, Fire Chief Fred Marcum, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

1. The April 17, 2024 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 7:03 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – present	Mr. Joynes – present
Mrs. Reckard – present	Mr. Jones – absent
Mr. Metzinger – present	Mr. Smith – present

*Mr. Jones is absent this evening due to an illness.

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, 2024 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the April 3, 2024 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye	Mr. Joynes – aye
Mrs. Reckard – abstain	Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mr. Smith – aye	

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

Roll call:

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

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Lewis stated that he attended the Eastgate TAC meeting and found out about a lot of grants including the Appalachian Regional Commission grant which the Village applied for. He and Mr. Domitrovich will be taking part in training to find out how the money can be spent. Mayor Lewis spoke with Mr. Domitrovich with regard to appointing two additional summer helpers for the Street and Water Departments. These helpers will be taken from the pool of applicants from the school.

We have a firefighter/EMT that Mayor Lewis would like to appoint, Mr. John Green, from Weathersfield.

It was moved by Mr. Metzinger to accept the Mayor's appointment.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Lewis had the opportunity to interview Doug Pesa to replace Officer Lampkin. He comes with 20+ years of experience and is retired from Youngstown. He missed police work and Mayor Lewis believes he will be great for the Department. Mayor Lewis would like to appoint Mr. Pesa.

It was moved by Mr. Metzinger to accept the Mayor's appointment.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich thanked Mayor Lewis for inviting him to the Eastgate meeting. He also thanked Chief Marcum for his attention to the issue with the tornado siren. Mr. Domitrovich worked with Chief Marcum to ensure the siren is working. He also thanked our Fiscal Officer for working with him to find funding for the possible part-time help with the Street Department.

Police Sergeant Brandon Caraway stated no report.

Fire Chief Fred Marcum stated that they have 125 calls to date. The new Lucas machine is in service. The BWC gear has come in and will be in service. The Fire Department has been monitoring the progress of the storms today. Chief Marcum stated that there are issues with several departments providing mutual aid throughout the County due to the problems in Liberty and Vienna. It has been taxing on the system and the mutual aid providers have become the victims to this. Chief Marcum will reach out to Liberty's Fire Chief next week for discussion. Our department is going to Liberty several times a day. He would like to keep our resources available for the Village as much as possible.

Office Manager Amy Cunningham stated that Tony Ramos, from NOPEC, will have hours in the Community Room on May 13 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for resident questions concerning electric aggregation rates. Residents will be made aware through Facebook, the message board and our Village website. Also, Mrs. Cunningham would like to have all scholarship money in by April 25.

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, Council minutes, and legislation, two of which are emergencies. May meetings will be held on the 7th, 8th, and 22nd. Also discussed were Police and Fire Department appointments, summer help, NOPEC office hours, Eastgate meeting with grants, and a lengthy festival discussion. Mr. Schmidt wanted to thank Mr. Domitrovich and the Street Department for what they did at the ballfields. Several residents are thankful as well.

Park & Buildings Mrs. Reckard thanked Mr. Domitrovich and the Street Department for the improvements at the ballfields as well.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Safety Committee Mr. Metzinger reminded residents to heed warnings and take them seriously. Mayor Lewis added that, if you see something, say something. The Police and Fire Departments are there for a reason. Facebook is not the place to put it. Nothing will be done on Facebook, nothing ever will be done on Facebook.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith stated that there are four pieces of legislation, two of which are emergency. There other two pieces of legislation that are second readings.

Service Committee Mrs. Reckard stated no report. Mayor Lewis extended his condolences to Mrs. Reckard and her husband in the recent loss of their loved one.

Planning Commission Mr. Jones was not in attendance. Mayor Lewis stated that there was a Planning Commission meeting this evening. There was a replat request and the commission discussed the YARS agreement along with shoring up our rental inspections to ensure they are followed through.

Community Chest Mrs. Reckard stated that the next Community Chest meeting will be April 25 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. Emergency Reading Of An Ordinance To Amend 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 to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

11. Legislation cont'd.

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that Ordinance No. 3293-24 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Motion carried.

B. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2024 And Ending December 31, 2024.

It was moved by Mr. Smith to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that Resolution No. 1901-24 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

C. Second Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance No. 2576-91 Concerning Employee Holidays, Which Provision Is Currently Set Forth In Section 161.04 (A) Of The McDonald Village Codified Ordinances.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Motion carried.

D. Second Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance No. 3198-16 Concerning Employee Vacation And Longevity Pay, Which Provisions Are Currently Set Forth In Sections 161.03(A) and 161.08 Of The McDonald Village Codified Ordinances.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Smith stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$108,348.17.

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:

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Chief Marcum updated Council on the severe weather.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Joynes at 7:20 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer