

McDonald Village Council  
Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Police Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi, Fire Chief Fred Marcum, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*.

1. The January 18, 2024 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:17 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 watching her son compete at Regionals for track and field.

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 May 8, 2024 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the May 8, 2024 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

Mr. Joynes – aye  
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

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- Mayor Lewis will be presenting the scholarships at the school tomorrow morning. Megan Klockner will be receiving the Michael O'Brien Scholarship and Grace Srock will be receiving the Cindy Green Robinson Scholarship. Congratulations to these two individuals. There were quite a few applicants and each letter was well-written. It was a very difficult decision.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** was not in attendance as he was at the Regional track meet cheering on his son. Mayor Lewis read his report. Ohio Edison will be trimming trees in McDonald throughout the summer in an effort to stop power outages. Tree branches are the leading cause of power outages in the summer. Also, there was a water main break at the beginning of the week in the 1000 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. It took more than two days due to hard slag under the road. The break is now completely repaired. If any resident has cloudy water, that is calcium deposits which are not harmful. There is no boil alert. If the resident is concerned, they can contact the Village office to schedule a meter flush. There was a leak from an Ohio Valley truck yesterday on McKinley, Garfield, Hayes, Grant, and some parts of Pennsylvania. Mr. Domitrovich stopped the truck from picking up garbage and a different truck was brought into town. The spills will be cleaned up by Ohio Valley. Mr. Domitrovich credits Ohio Valley for immediately drawing attention to the areas of the spills and applying drying agent.

**Police Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi** stated no report.

**Fire Chief Fred Marcum** thanked the Street Department for repairing the clogged drain in the fire bays. They put a lot of effort into that today and he wanted to commend them. Chief Marcum presented his report to Council and reviewed the revenues to date. There have been 76 transports to date compared to 120 in 2023. Chief Marcum also reviewed the Medicount report with Council. He has submitted the rules, regulations, SOPs and job descriptions to Safety for their review. Chief Marcum stated that the Fire Department has given mutual aid to Liberty nine times so far this month. We have assisted Girard five times and they have come here twice. We have given Weathersfield mutual aid four times, three of which were fire calls. Lane has been in the Village seven times, five of

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

those times were during non-staffed hours. The Fire Department has handled 87% of their own calls. The Lane contract is due to expire the end of June. Chief Marcum stated that he is talking with Lane about this.

Chief Marcum stated that the milage for the levy was 4.5 mils. He discussed the spreadsheet that he presented to Council regarding the levy. Chief Marcum stated that he took a lot of time calculating this out. He puts a lot of passion and pride into his numbers. Chief Marcum has recently felt under-minded and that his integrity and honesty has been in question. He assures Council that every decision he makes is in the best interest of this Village, this Council, the fire fighters downstairs, and everything that is inclusive with this job. He wants to make sure that Council is aware of the actual numbers, where they derive from, how they develop and evolve. These are as exact as Chief Marcum can get. He stated that maybe it is time to put our direction in the hands of the voter.

**Office Manager Amy Cunningham** stated that about 30 delinquent rental inspection letters were sent out a few weeks ago. Several people have scheduled inspections as a result of this letter. Thirteen landlords have still not complied. The RITA non-filer report has been received and there are about 340 on the list. This is something we will be looking at shortly. Mayor Lewis encourages anyone who received a letter from RITA to acknowledge it.

**Solicitor Ross** stated no report.

7. Committee reports:

**Councilman Don Smith** stated that Caucus met this evening and the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, and legislation. Council will enter summer recess with the following tentative dates for meetings: June 18 and 19, July 16 and 17, and August 20 and 21. Also, briefly discussed was new officer paid time off. It was decided that this will be further discussed in June committee meetings.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Jones** stated that summer park attendants will be trained in CPR and first aid the first week of June. Park Supervisor Heidi Hoffman will have a park flyer distributed at the school before summer break. The Memorial Day service will be held on Sunday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m. in Woodland Park. The Beautification Committee will be doing some work this weekend to get ready for the service. They are always looking for volunteers.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

**Safety Committee Mr. Metzinger** stated that we need to accept the agreement from the Trumbull County Commissioners for the additional ARP funds.

It was moved by Mr. Metzinger to accept the agreement to accept the funds from the Trumbull County Commissioners.

Roll call:

Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye

Mr. Jones – aye

Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Lewis stated that the Fire Department Social Organization is looking for volunteers for NHS candidates. Please contact the municipal building if you are interested in volunteering for the festival.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith** stated that there are about \$100,000 in ARP funds. With the help of the State Auditor, we have been given permission to create a fund to enable us to track this properly. There is a resolution to create this fund and an ordinance to amend the budget to reflect the \$100,000.

**Service Committee Mr. Jones** stated no report.

**Planning Commission Mr. Jones** stated no report.

**Community Chest Mrs. Reckard** was not in attendance. No report.

**Levy Exploration Committee Mr. Metzinger** stated that if anyone has questions on the packet that Chief Marcum distributed, please contact either himself or Chief Marcum.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Second Reading Of A Resolution Adopting The Alternative Tax Budget Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025, And Submitting Same To The Trumbull County Auditor.

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

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye  
Mr. Jones – aye

Motion carried.

B. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Authorizing The Creation Of, And Establishing, Special Fund 2907 To Administer American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Of 2021 Funds, To Be Received From A Board Of Trumbull County Commissioners Grant.

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  
Mr. Jones – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that Resolution No. 1902-24 pass emergency reading.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye  
Mr. Jones – aye

Motion carried.

C. Emergency Reading Of An Ordinance To Amend Appropriations For 2024 To Various Divisions Of The Village Government For Each Of The Several Objects For

11. Legislation cont'd.

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:

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

Mr. Schmidt – aye  
Mr. Jones – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that Ordinance No. 3296-24 pass emergency reading.

Roll call:

Mr. Smith – aye  
Mr. Joynes – aye  
Mr. Metzinger –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 \$71,881.65.

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: none.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Joynes at 6:43 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer