

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Police Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi, Paramedic Larry Manaro, Attorney John Chaney, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Visitors: Ken Miner, Dom Daltorio, Patsy Daltorio, and Anthony Marchionda.

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*.

1. The July 17, 2024 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:08 p.m.

Roll call:

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

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

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 June 19, 2024 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the June 19, 2024 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to amend the agenda and add Legislation B as an emergency reading to purchase a vehicle for the Street Department:

Roll call:

4. 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.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Lewis stated that for the month of June, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$61, court costs \$237, Village revenue from fines \$725, Niles Municipal Court fines \$753.15, parking tickets \$100, and police reports \$9 for a grand total of \$1885.15.

Mayor Lewis and Mr. Domitrovich met with KO Consultants. Kristen Olmi was in attendance at last night's Committee meetings and presented what she has to offer in the form of grant writing and consulting services. Ms. Olmi will have a proposal for the Village prior to the next meeting. Also, Mr. Domitrovich and Mayor Lewis met with Stephanie Dyer and Justin Wanda from Eastgate to discuss the potential dam removal at the Girard dam. Their goal is, ultimately, the removal of the dam without affecting any type of commercial business. They are still working diligently to determine who the end user is going to be. If they need something for water holding, Eastgate will make sure everything is done to provide them with a pump station or something that would not prohibit them from doing business. Also, the ARC grant is complete. We are waiting for the application to come out.

Mayor Lewis thanked Larry Manaro for all his help with the Firefighter's Festival. Without his hard work the festival would not have gone off as it did. Mayor Lewis would like to appoint a committee that would meet every month moving forward during Committee meetings. This would be the Homecoming Festival Committee. Mayor Lewis would like to appoint Kyle Joynes as the chairperson along with Mrs. Reckard and Mr. Jones to the committee.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the Mayor's appointment of the Homecoming Festival Committee.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

Mayor Lewis stated that Park Supervisor Heidi Hoffman came up with an idea to add sensory hours to the splash pad. The hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This is a time designated for individuals with any type of physical, mental, or cognitive impairment. This is for their use only. Adult supervision is mandatory. It will be limited to 10 individuals at a time with 10-minute time limits. Mayor Lewis thanked Heidi for her hard work on this. Additionally, Saturday hours are available at the splash pad based on park attendant availability.

Also, Mayor Lewis welcomed the owners of P & D Painting and Power Washing to the meeting.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that Team Fishel has been in communication regarding repairs that need to be made to residential and municipal properties. There was a crew out today and they have begun this repair work. Mr. Domitrovich thanked Council for their consideration on the pickup truck. He likes to plan things annually with the budget but the ailing pickup truck that is currently in use won't cooperate any longer.

Police Lieutenant Ryan Ronghi spoke on the subject of the dispensary. He does not believe it is a good idea to have a dispensary in town. Banking is an issue for them so there is a lot of cash on hand. This could cause a lot of issues. Girard and Hubbard are both putting in dispensaries.

Paramedic Larry Manaro stated that there have been 305 calls to date. Total billing for the year is \$86,170. Year to date revenue is \$38,881. The Fire Department received less mutual aid because they are staffing. The new Lucas CPR machine is in service. The backup ambulance is still out of service. The MARCS radios are being programmed and will be received soon. The Fire Department received a new stair chair that allows them to get people up and down the steps very easily.

The same plan is in effect for the Billy Goat this year as it was last year. Mutual aid departments from Weathersfield, Girard, and Trumbull County EMA will be assisting with this event. Also, University Hospital's field hospital will be here.

The Fire Department received three AEDs. They have given one to the Police Department and one to the Administration Building. Mr. Manaro suggested placing the AED where it is accessible. The last AED will be in the engine. The Fire Department has secured a grant to put Firefighter Caden Candel through EMT school.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Mr. Manaro thanked Council for their help with Homecoming. They are looking at forming an auxiliary. This would involve community members as well as past members. Rich Harvey, Stacy Sowers, Mr. Zajack Sr. and Mr. Zajack Jr. were instrumental with the pancake breakfast. Everyone enjoyed the event. If we keep the same date for next year, the festival would fall on June 25 through June 28.

Office Manager Amy Cunningham stated that rental inspections are complete, for the most part. There are a couple out of town landlords that we have been unable to contact. Solicitor Ross has been working on this. The Village has started bringing non-filers for income tax into Mayor's Court. Mrs. Cunningham commended Colleen Chance on how well she is doing as our new activity director. She is raising the bar on programming. Lastly, the Watch Fire sign across the street is 13 years old. Mrs. Cunningham is talking with a representative to get some pricing on replacing the board with some of the ARP funds.

Attorney John Chaney stated no report on Solicitor Ross's behalf.

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, legislation, Village vehicle, and Wolford donations. Mr. Schmidt also thanked everyone for their hard work with the festival. It was a pleasure seeing the festival as it usually is.

Park & Buildings Mr. Jones stated that the Farmer's Market will be Saturday, July 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mahoning Valley Mobile Market will be giving out \$15 vouchers for the first 50 homeowners. There will be other vendors in attendance as well. This is a fundraiser for the parks. Mr. Jones thanked Kim Schmidt for putting this together and Council for permitting the use of the Ramsay Pavilion.

Mr. Jones stated that electrical connections in the administration building were upgraded with the NOPEC grant. Lastly, Paul Wolford offered a donation of two tents, 20 X 20 and 20 X 40, along with 15 eight-foot tables and 150 chairs. Thank you to Mr. Wolford.

It was moved by Mr. Jones to accept Mr. Wolford's donation of tables, tents and chairs to the Village.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Safety Committee Mr. Joynes stated that the Police Department's tasers are in and there will be a training for the Department. The Police Department is interviewing for a police officer. The newest unmarked car will be fitted and back on the road for use. Mr. Joynes stated that it is awesome to have all our departments come together to continue to offer our community events such as Safety Day and the festival. Mr. Joynes also commended Mr. Manaro on all his hard work with the festival. It did not go unnoticed. Mr. Joynes stated that Safety Day was a much-improved event.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith stated that there is an emergency resolution for the purchase of a truck for the Street Department. Mr. Smith briefly discussed the RITA annual meeting and the Ohio Municipal League's tax conference that he attended. Mr. Smith thanked the Mayor and Mr. Domitrovich for meeting with KO Consulting and bringing Ms. Olmi to discuss their services at our Committee meetings. Mr. Smith also thanked the Fire Department or Auxiliary, whoever was in charge of the festival. He commended the Fire Department for all they do for the Billy Goat event.

Service Committee Mrs. Reckard stated that KO Consulting was in attendance at Committee meetings to discuss the grant writing that is available to the Village. Ms. Olmi, from KO Consulting was in attendance to discuss all the services that her company provides and what they could potentially do for the Village. We are still waiting to hear back from Ed Davis at Eastgate regarding our 2024 Street Paving project on Connecticut Avenue. We received the DIG grant from Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management Systems for the cement pad under the recycle bins. With this grant, we were also able to install cameras at the recycling site. There is a new company that will be picking up our recycling. The Village ordered a traffic study for the next paving project in 2025. This would allow us to score a bit more points, and possibly more grant money. The streets for the study are Nebraska, Utah, Dakota, Sixth and Seventh Street. Also, all but one of the signs that were donated by the National Honor Society are up as you enter the Village.

Mr. Domitrovich met with the administration of the high school at the new track and field. He gave them some insight of the water lines and talked about new water lines as

7. Committee reports cont'd.

they are putting up five new buildings. Also, there are about 15 residents that need help with repairs that Team Fishel will be fixing. Team Fishel is planning to complete these repairs in the next couple weeks. Mr. Domitrovich met with the Girard Water Department and MS Engineering to discuss the water pressure at the Caterpillar Company on Salt Springs. They do have enough water pressure. Mayor Lewis had discussed the dam in front of U.S. Steel. Scrap tire pickup is from July 15 through July 26. Residents can leave up to four tires at the curb for pickup. Mrs. Reckard commended John Muckridge and all of his group that got together for a cleanup one Saturday. He and the volunteers put in a lot of work. They picked up trash at the ballfields, and on Olive and Second Street. It sounds like a lot of those volunteers may join the Beautification Committee.

Planning Commission Mr. Jones stated no report.

Community Chest Mrs. Reckard stated no report.

Levy Exploration Committee Mr. Metzinger stated no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Dom and Patsy Daltorio, owners of P & D Power Washing and P & D Painting are looking to move their headquarters to the Village. They gave some information on their business and the services they provide. Brothers Dom and Patsy Daltorio are interested in moving into the property at 305 W. Marshall Road. Mayor Lewis stated that we want to do everything that we can to help them bring their business to the Village.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. First Reading Of An Ordinance Prohibiting Within The Village Of McDonald Adult Use Cannabis Operators And Adult Use Cannabis Processing, Cultivation, Retail Dispensaries Or Other Businesses Intending To Process, Provide, Or Sell Cannabis As Defined In, And Regulated By, Sections 3780.01 Through 3780.99 Of The Ohio Revised Code.

It was moved by Mrs. Reckard that the ordinance pass first reading as read.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Discussion: Mrs. Reckard stated that this is for recreational businesses and we are prohibiting that in our Village.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

B. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor And Fiscal Officer To Enter Into A Contract With #1 Cochran Chevrolet, 8010 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44512, For The Purchase Of One (1) 2024 Silverado Regular Cab 4 X 4.

Roll call:

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

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Smith to pass Resolution No. 1904-24 as an emergency reading.

Discussion: Mr. Smith stated that this is needed for the safety of our staff.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Smith stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$190,805.95.

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. Jones – aye

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none.

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