

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, September 4, 2024
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Police Chief Ryan Ronghi, Fire Chief Fred Marcum, Attorney John Cheney, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Visitors: Ken Miner.

1. The September 4, 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 August 21, 2024 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the August 21, 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 F:

Roll call:

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

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

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Lewis read the resignation of Officer Austin Bucan.

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

Discussion: Mayor Lewis stated that Officer Bucan is a good friend. He wishes Officer Bucan all the best. He is pursuing something outside of law enforcement and taking a big jump. Hopefully it is a wild success for him. All the best to Officer Bucan.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Mrs. Smith read the bids for the 2024 Street Paving Project into the record.

Barbicas Construction, 124 Darrow Road, Akron, OH 444305	\$215,158.80
RT Vernal Paving & Excavating, P.O. Box 519, North Lima, OH	\$168,692.50
Lindy Paving, 1807 Shenango Road, New Galilee, PA	\$157,488.70

It was moved by Mrs. Reckard to accept the bid with Lindy Paving for the 2024 road project.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Lewis stated that he, Pro Tem Sean Schmidt and Department Heads met with KO Consulting yesterday. We still do not have the readiness assessment but went over the “thousand-foot view” of how we will process requests moving forward. We will set up a singular email with the Village where Department Heads can send all of their requests to that email which KO will also have access to. Mayor Lewis stated that Council can

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

create a list of their needs and wants for the Village. They were advised to send the list over to Mrs. Cunningham as soon as possible. KO will figure out where the commonalities and differences are.

Mayor Lewis wanted to remind everyone that the Oktoberfest is October 12. He is giving \$100 donation and is asking Council to possibly donate as well.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich thanked Council for moving forward with the paving project. He will schedule a preconstruction meeting and announce when they will pave as quickly as possible. The tree trimming program has begun. There are about 30 trees that the Village employees will be working on. They have started tree trimming work in the area where the paving project will be. Mr. Domitrovich wished Officer Bucan the best in whatever he decides to do. He is sad to see him go. Officer Bucan is a true public servant and Mr. Domitrovich appreciates working with him.

Police Chief Ryan Ronghi wished Officer Bucan luck. He worked with Officer Bucan for eight years. The last four years, he took on the golf outing with the F.O.P. and the Police Department was able to spend a lot of money on the kids at Christmas. Officer Bucan was a big part of that.

Chief Ronghi, Lieutenant Caraway, Sergeant Smith, and Officer O'Neill are now certified as taser instructors with the newly acquired tasers. They will have the rest of the Department trained shortly.

Fire Chief Fred Marcum stated that the Fire Department is at 367 calls to date. They billed \$116,131.00. The year-to-date revenue is \$51,158.00. Transports to date are 139. Chief Marcum stated that the Fire Department gave mutual aid to other communities 12 times and the Village received 11 in the month of August. Lane was in the community four times in August. The nighttime calls have slowed down substantially.

Chief Marcum reported on the success of the Billy Goat. Over 20 patients were treated during the event, none of which was a transport. Chief Marcum gave kudos to the Village employees who prepared the park for the event. There was not one bee sting.

Chief Marcum and Mrs. Smith have been working on the reporting for the ground transport. They are about 60% complete. He is hoping it will be done in the next couple weeks.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

The Fire Department was awarded the Division of EMS grant through the State which amounts to \$4,922.12. Chief Marcum is looking at what EMS equipment needs updated or increased. He will be making purchases in the next month or so with this grant. The Fire Department was also awarded the Ohio Hardship grant which amounts to \$25,745.00. This is for specific equipment. Both grants are non-matching.

Office Manager Amy Cunningham stated that she is working with Walter Drane to get the ordinances codified. She has set up a meeting with Watchfire to bring their demo truck on Monday at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Cunningham wished Officer Bucan good luck. It has been a pleasure working with him and she is going to miss him.

Attorney John Cheney 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, legislation, road paving project bids, police resignation, KO Consulting meeting, and emergency Lane contract. Mr. Schmidt wished Officer Bucan good luck. He also thanked Mayor Lewis for his work with KO. Without his work in getting this done, this wouldn't be a thing. He is hopeful that we get some good grants.

Park & Buildings Mr. Jones reported on the Oktoberfest events that will take place on October 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. There are a variety of activities available to everyone. Mr. Jones thanked Chief Marum and the Fire Department for their preparation and hard work at the Billy Goat event.

Safety Committee Mr. Metzinger stated that the Lane contract was discussed. Sergeant Smith, Lieutenant Caraway, Officer O'Neill, and Chief Ronghi are all certified with the new tasers. Also discussed were some of the issues facing the ambulance and medical treatment with Trumbull Memorial closing. Safety went into Executive Session to discuss compensation of a public employee. Mr. Metzinger thanked Officer Bucan for his time and wished him the best.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith stated that the committee discussed budget meetings that he and Mrs. Smith will be having with the Department Heads. There is a second reading of the Amounts and Rates resolution. Mr. Smith stated that there is an emergency reading of the amended budget ordinance and resolution to transfer funds. Money needs to be brought into the general fund from other funds specifically to ensure we have sufficient money for KO Consulting's contract through the rest of the year. Also

7. Committee reports cont'd.

the budget is being amended to ensure the Fire Department can be staffed with two people at 16 hours per day on EMS. This includes wages, FICA, and Medicare. There was a slight decrease to move funds around in regard to park equipment.

Mr. Smith stated that the KO Consulting presentation was discussed during the Finance Committee meeting. He is looking forward to seeing how that will impact our upcoming budget and to allow us to do some things that we've been pushing off into the future.

Service Committee Mrs. Reckard thanked Mr. Domitrovich, Solicitor Ross, and Mrs. Cunningham for the quick turnaround on the paving bids. The different percentages that the Village is responsible for compared to the grant funding through Eastgate was discussed during the Service Committee meeting. Lindy Paving's bid was under what the Village had budgeted for. After we have a contract with Lindy, the Village is looking at potentially adding Massachusetts to the project. Mrs. Cunningham discussed the message board which is outdated. The Village can replace the message board with the help of the NOPEC grant and some ARP funds.

Planning Commission Mr. Jones stated no report.

Community Chest Mrs. Reckard stated that the next meeting will be held September 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Levy Exploration Committee Mr. Metzinger stated no report.

Homecoming Festival Committee Mr. Joynes stated that the festival will be June 25-28. They will sign a contract with the same ride company that we had this past year. Mr. Joynes stated that they will begin meeting as an organizational group for ideas, etc. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 11.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Third 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 Ordinance No. 3297-24 pass third reading as read.

Discussion: Mrs. Reckard stated that Chief Ronghi had given Council the safety protocol on this issue. She appreciates his leadership at that time. Due to his insight on this issue, Council feels this is for the safety of the residents in the Village.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

B. Second Reading Of A Resolution Accepting The Amount And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The 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. Jones – aye

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

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

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that Ordinance No. 3298-24 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

D. 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. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye	Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Jones – aye	Mr. Metzinger – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that Resolution No. 1906-24 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Mr. Jones – aye

Mr. Metzinger –aye

Motion carried.

E. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Accepting The Bid Of Lindy Paving Inc., 1807 Shenango Road, New Galilee, PA 16141, For The 2024 Street Resurfacing Program With A Base Bid Of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight And 70/100 Dollars (\$157,488.70) And For The Further Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer And/Or Village Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With Lindy Paving, Inc. And Execute Any Other Documents Necessary To Further The Project.

It was moved by Mrs. Reckard to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

Mrs. Reckard – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye

Mr. Jones – aye

Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Reckard that Resolution No. 1907-24 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

Mrs. Reckard – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye

Mr. Jones – aye

Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

F. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor And Fiscal Officer To Enter Into An Emergency Medical Service Agreement With Lane LifeTrans Paramedics.

It was moved by Mrs. Reckard to suspend the Rules of Council.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Reckard that Resolution No. 1908-24 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Smith stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$107,921.30.

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 6:38 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer