

McDonald Village Council  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024  
Regular Council Meeting

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

Visitors: Joe Midlick and Ken Miner.

1. The September 18, 2024 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by President Pro Tem Sean Schmidt at 6:03 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 September 4, 2024 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Smith to approve the September 4, 2024 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

Roll call:

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

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

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Lewis is on a business trip this evening. He did not submit a report. President Pro Tem Sean Schmidt stated that for the month of August, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$170, court costs \$648, additional costs \$232, Village revenue from fines \$333, Niles Municipal Court fines \$880, and parking tickets \$90 for a grand total of \$2353.00.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** is working with the Street Department and Village residents to have curbside trees either removed or trimmed. This project has slowed down a bit due to water readings but will resume. Mr. Domitrovich is working with Solicitor Ross on a number of matters for the Village.

**Police Chief Ryan Ronghi** was not in attendance. No report.

**Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Bickerstaff** stated that EMS billing is \$122,201 with YTD revenues of \$55,680. Year-to-date transports are 146 compared to the same time last year at 83. Mutual aid was five given and two received and six from Lane. The CMS report is now complete. Chief Marcum applied for the State Fire Marshal's MARCs grant. He is working with KO Consulting to file for the Ohio BWC Safety grant. Chief Marcum is exploring options for what equipment can be covered under this. This is a matching grant. KO intends to file for a foundation grant to cover the cost.

**Office Manager Amy Cunningham** stated that the demo truck for the Watchfire sign was here last week. She, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Domitrovich had a lengthy discussion with the representatives. They decided on a 10mm resolution sign. The sign will be ordered soon. We were approved through NOPEC to receive a \$13,251 grant toward the cost of the sign. The remaining portion will come out of the ARP funds. The remainder of the ARP funds will go to Mr. Domitrovich to put toward the cost of the cameras.

**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, legislation, and October meetings. The Committee meetings will be held on October 1. Council meetings will be held on October 2 and 17.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Jones** updated everyone on the events of Oktoberfest, which is on October 12. The list of events is on the Oktoberfest Facebook page. Events that have been added are: peppers and oil contest, hayrides, and a pumpkin walk. Also, there will be a pickleball tournament which begins at noon. The committee is taking sponsorships until September 29. This is the deadline to have your sponsorship on the banner but they will take sponsors all the way up to the day of the event.

Mr. Jones thanked Mayor Lewis for going on live news on behalf of the Oktoberfest committee. He did a nice job. Mayor Lewis also discussed some of the positive things going on in McDonald.

**Safety Committee Mr. Metzinger** stated no report.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith** stated that he met with all the Department Heads who submitted their “wish lists”. He and the Fiscal Officer will begin to work on this.

**Service Committee Mrs. Reckard** stated that there is a pre-construction meeting with Lindy Paving on September 25. WR Mechanical will be at the water tower to improve the water pumps. This is so that Suez can start the cleaning process. Suez will be doing the inside and outside of the steel water tower. We will have them do this for under \$100,000 throughout 10 years. This way, the Village is compliant with the EPA and the cost is off the residents.

Mrs. Reckard stated that we are waiting to hear back from Tom Bellish with Buckeye Energy regarding the gas aggregation. The Village is due to renew in February. However, Constellation is not renewing an opt-in. Mr. Bellish is looking for a new supplier.

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

**Community Chest Mrs. Reckard** stated that there will be a meeting on 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 no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Ken Miner, 105 W. Third Street. Mr. Miner stated that when the air conditioning is running, he can hardly hear people talking.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Third Reading Of Resolution No. 1909-24 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 Resolution No. 1909-24 pass third 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.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Smith stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$80,601.52.

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 6:19 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer