

McDonald Village Council  
Wednesday, November 20, 2024  
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Patrolman Ron Pratt, Captain Dan Jamison, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Visitors: Ken Miner.

1. The November 20, 2024 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:05 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 November 6, 2024 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the November 6, 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 accept the agenda as presented:

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 has finally completed all of the necessary steps to fill out the ARC Ready grant application. He verified that this can be used for KO Consultants. Mayor Lewis met with David Emmerman, who is the Chief Community Officer of the Northeast District for the EPA. This was just a meet and greet. Mayor Lewis also met with Superintendent O'Connell and Nick Gallo to discuss a public forum on the State of the Village. They are going to grant the Village permission to utilize the auditorium in January. Mr. Lewis will be attending the student council meeting in December to come up with exact dates. More information will follow.

Mayor Lewis reminded everyone that Christmas In the Village is Saturday, November 30. John Muckridge, Jr. will be lighting the Christmas tree. He has done a lot in the Village. Mayor Lewis described Mr. Muckridge's Wooden M project in which he donates the money that is collected to a scholarship for a graduating senior for some type of non-traditional schooling.

Mayor Lewis stated that two members of Council need to be nominated to the Fire Dependency Board.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to appoint Mr. Metzinger and Mr. Joynes as the new representatives for the Fire Dependency Board.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Lewis would like to remind residents that branch pickup has ended. Residents can put the branches in their polycart or call the Village for specific pickups. Mayor Lewis also would like to remind residents that, if they are going to put leaves at the curb, put them at the curb, not across the street, in the street or in the devil strip. It makes it a lot easier for the Village employees to get their jobs done.

Mayor Lewis congratulated all of Fall Sports including the cross-country competitors that made it to State. He would like to extend a big congratulations to the volleyball team

5. Mayor's Report cont'd.

who made it to their second straight Regionals, especially Coach Klockner. He's doing a great job with the program in his first six years.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** stated that the curbside leaf pickup program is scheduled to end Wednesday, December 4. This will be the last day that residents can put leaves out. Residents do have an option to bag their leaves. However, they do need to contact the Village office to arrange for them to be picked up.

**Patrolman Ron Pratt** stated no report in Chief Ronghi's absence.

**Fire Lieutenant Dan Jamison** gave the Fire Chief's report in his absence. Calls to date are at 481. EMS billing as of November 19 is \$146,272 and revenue is \$69,527. Transports to date are 174 compared to 102 last year. For November, mutual aid has been five given and three received. The Fire Department has been awarded the BWC Safety Intervention grant which will be used to purchase another power cot. Both ambulances will then have a power cot. The Fire Department will be pursuing another grant to try and obtain another load system for the second ambulance.

Also, there will be a bonfire at Christmas In the Village. Lieutenant Jamison stated that the new PPE is in service and the Department will be ordering a couple more sets. The FEMA AFG grant is now open. Chief Marcum would like to apply for an engine. He has also looked to apply for gas meters and possibly thermal imaging cameras.

**Office Manager Amy Cunningham** stated no report.

**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. Our December meetings will be held on December 3, 4, and 19 with Committees being on December 3. Also, Mr. Joynes and Mr. Metzinger were appointed to the Fire Dependency Board.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Jones** stated no report. He would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He is looking forward to seeing everyone at Christmas In the Village.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

**Safety Committee Mr. Metzinger** stated that Safety had a meeting November 12 to discuss possible legislation for lateral transfer. Further discussions will be held in next month's Committee meetings.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith** stated that there are five pieces of legislation. He thanked the Fiscal Officer, Office Manager and Solicitor for their work in putting these together.

**Service Committee Mrs. Reckard** stated that health and package insurance quotes have been received. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe and Happy Holiday. Mrs. Reckard is looking forward to seeing everyone at the tree lighting.

**Planning Commission Mr. Jones** stated that there is one piece of legislation to amend the schedule of fees. These fees were discussed at the last Planning Commission meeting. It was decided that these fees needed to be increased due to the rise in costs. The increase on certain fees will help cover the Village costs and expenses which is long overdue.

Mr. Jones stated that there is a zone change request at 305 W. Marshall Road. He read the Planning Commission's recommendation into the record.

It was moved by Mr. Jones to set up a public hearing in Council Chambers for the rezoning of the property at 305 W. Marshall Road from RA to CA.

Discussion: Solicitor Ross stated that he had suggested if January 8 would be the date of the reorganizational meeting, perhaps the public hearing can be set prior to the meeting. There is a statutory requirement for notice and publication as well as some letters that need to be mailed to adjacent property owners.

Roll call:

Mr. Jones – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye

Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mrs. Reckard – aye

Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

**Community Chest Mrs. Reckard** stated that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the Community Room. Plans for Christmas and holiday plans to help families in the Village will be discussed.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

**Levy Exploration Committee Mr. Metzinger** stated no report.

**Homecoming Festival Committee Mr. Joynes** stated no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Third Reading Of An Ordinance To Make Temporary Appropriations For 2025 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 2025.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that Ordinance No. 3302-24 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.

B. Second Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance No. 2948-03 Concerning Employee Overtime, The Provisions Of Which Are Currently Set Forth In Section 161.05 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. Jones – aye

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Motion carried.

C. First Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Village Ordinance No. 3275-22 For The Purpose Of Adopting The Previously Established Schedule Of Fees For Building Permits, Zoning Permits, And Other Fees; And For The Purpose Of Increasing Certain Fees In The Schedule Of Fees.

It was moved by Mr. Jones that the ordinance pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mayor Lewis thanked the Office Manager for her work on this. He wants the public to be aware that some of these fees have not been updated for about 30 years. For example, the zoning request is costing the Village money.

Roll call:

Mr. Jones – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Joynes – aye

Mrs. Reckard – aye

Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

D. First Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance Number 3281-23 (The “Salary Ordinance”) To Increase The Salaries And Wages Of Certain Employees Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio; And For The Purpose Of Repealing Any And All Other Ordinances Or Resolutions In Conflict Therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that the ordinance pass first 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.

E. First Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Ordinance No. 3268-22 Concerning The Appointed Position Of Village Fiscal Officer Created In Accordance With Section 733.262 Of The Ohio Revised Code.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that the ordinance pass first 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.

F. First Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Village Ordinance No. 3233-19 To Provide A Raise For The Building And Zoning Inspector.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that the ordinance pass first 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 \$69,664.63.

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: Mayor Lewis stated that, for the month of October, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$90, court costs \$381, additional costs \$126, Village revenue from fines \$510, Niles Municipal Court fines \$606.50, and parking tickets \$65 for a grand total of \$1,778.50.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Joynes at 6:27 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer