

McDonald Village Council  
April 17, 2025  
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Police Chief Ryan Ronghi, Fire Lieutenant Rich Rider, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

1. The April 17, 2025 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:09 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 April 2, 2025 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the April 2, 2025 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 attended the Mahoning River Mayors' Corridor Association meeting where they discussed Flock cameras and fiber optic CRAs. He would like to further discuss the CRAs at next month's committee meetings. Mayor Lewis, Mrs. Cunningham, and Matthew Ellis met with Lynette Ford from the Youngstown Foundation. They learned a great deal about the foundation and have asked KO to rescind the application for the current grant cycle and potentially look at a larger application for the next cycle. Mayor Lewis and Mr. Domitrovich met with Anthony Cafaro Jr. regarding the bank property. They will set up an additional meeting with some of Cafaro's marketing representatives to discuss the bank property. He encouraged any business owner who has interest to contact the Cafaro Company or the Village office.

Solicitor Ross worked on the Solicitor/Peddler permit which will be read as an emergency this evening. As discussed during Caucus, it will give the residents the opportunity to obtain no soliciting stickers to put on their doors to prevent anyone from coming to their door. Mayor Lewis received the scholarship applications from the school. There was a total of 32 applications, one of which did not have a name. If any student applied and thinks they may have forgotten their name, Mayor Lewis encourages them to contact Mrs. Bosheff at the school. Mayor Lewis wished everyone a Happy Easter and thanked everyone involved in putting on the egg hunt.

Mayor Lewis thanked Donna Dolsak for donating a scoreboard to the baseball field. It is ordered and paid for. It should be shipped to the Village sometime in the next couple weeks. The Village has agreed with the school that, they will find a way to split the cost between themselves and the baseball association to get electricity run to the scoreboard and get it installed. The school has also agreed to take on the additional cost of putting in a new scoreboard at the girls' field. This was a great collaboration with the community, schools and baseball association. Thank you to Mrs. Dolsak. She served the students of the Village for many years and is continuing to do so.

It was moved by Mr. Jones to accept the donation of a new scoreboard for the pony and high school baseball field.

Roll call:

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

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

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** thanked Ava Kuntz and her family and friends for putting on the egg hunt in Woodland Park. They did a great job. It's a lot of work and they had great success. Mr. Domitrovich wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**Police Chief Ryan Ronghi** stated that the cruiser that was purchased from Niles is back with the McDonald lettering and striping. Hudson Radio will take the radio out of the old cruiser and install it in the new one. After this, it will be in service. The old cruiser will be given to the Street Department. For the month of March, there were 118 calls for service, 101 residential spot checks and 26 traffic stops.

**Fire Lieutenant Rich Rider** stated that calls to date are 173 compared to 127 last year. Mutual aid calls for last month were: six given and Lane has been in the Village six times. The backup squad is in service. The Fire Department will be obtaining software that will make the billing easier and it should be more efficient. It will also save the Department about \$1,000 annually.

**Office Manager Amy Cunningham** stated that she and Mr. Domitrovich are working on the grant for the Community Room. They met with Colleen to go over some new programming. The grant is due May 12.

**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. Committee meetings will be held on May 6. Council meetings will be held on May 7 and 22. Also discussed were: MCRMA, Youngstown Foundation meeting, Cafaro Company meeting, and emergency legislation for the solicitor/peddler permit. Mr. Schmidt thanked everyone involved in the Easter egg hunt. It is always a great turnout. Mr. Schmidt stated that the Village has beautiful parks but they are not your pets' bathrooms. He reminded residents to pick up after themselves and keep things the way they are supposed to be-nice, clean, neat and pretty.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Jones** thanked Jaclyn Kuntz and all the other volunteers for putting on the Village Easter Egg Hunt this past Sunday. It was great weather and there

7. Committee reports cont'd.

were plenty of kids. Mr. Jones also thanked Mrs. Dolsak for her donation of the scoreboard. It is an awesome addition to the boys' high school and pony field. It is very generous and kind of her to do that. The spectators will definitely appreciate it for many years. Mayor Lewis added that, based on time frames and obtaining quotes and install times, this will probably be something that everyone will benefit from next season or in the fall. He does not want residents to be under the impression that the scoreboard will go up as soon as the Village acquires it.

**Safety Committee Mr. Schmidt** stated no report today. However, at the next committee meetings, there will be some things to discuss.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith** stated no report. He believes also, that the Finance Committee will have some things to consider during the committee meetings.

**Service Committee Mrs. Reckard** stated that there are two pieces of legislation. Also, things were sent out to Ohio Valley and were received within the timeline. There are details that will be discussed regarding billing and how things will affect the residents. Mr. Domitrovich is looking at a contract to review the sanitary pipe on Nebraska before the paving begins. Mrs. Reckard wished everyone a Happy Easter and a blessed weekend.

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

**Levy Exploration Committee Mr. Smith** stated that there is a first reading of the renewal of the 1.5 mil levy. There have been questions as to why we are going through this when it is so small. This will be further discussed at the upcoming committee meeting.

**Homecoming Festival Committee Mr. Joynes** stated that the festival will be June 25-28. The parade will be on Wednesday. There will be a beer tent and entertainment available Thursday through Saturday. Bingo, rides, games, and food vendors will be available every night. The pancake breakfast will be on Saturday. Mr. Joynes will have times for each day moving forward. Solicitor Ross stated that he has received all the signed documents that are needed to submit for the liquor permit. It will be received in time for the festival.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Third Reading Of Resolution No. 1927-25 Accepting The Bid Of R.T. Vernal Paving & Excavating, Inc., 11299 South Avenue, North Lima, Ohio 44452, For The 2025 Street Resurfacing Program With A Base Bid Of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy And 50/100 Dollars (\$168,570.50) And For The Further Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With R.T. Vernal Paving & Excavating, Inc. And Execute Any Other Documents Necessary To Further The Project.

It was moved by Mrs. Reckard that Resolution No. 1927-25 pass third 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.

B. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator To Engage The Services Of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, 1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 40006, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, To Provide Audit Services To The Village.

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

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. 1928-25 pass emergency reading as read.

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.

C. First Reading Of A Resolution To Proceed And Submit To The Electors Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio The Question Of The Renewal Of A Current Operating Levy Of One And Five Tenths (1.5) Mills For A Period Of Five (5) Years For The Purpose Of Providing A Renewal Of Funds For The Current Operating Expenses Of The Village.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that the resolution 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.

D. Emergency Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Chapter 711 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Which Chapter Is Titled “Peddlers And Solicitors”.

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

Discussion: Mr. Schmidt stated that this is to get things moving at a fast rate so the Village can get this set up and have things safer for our residents.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that Ordinance No. 3315-25 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Joynes – 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 \$68,593.49.

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 6:28 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer

