

McDonald Village Council
November 5, 2025
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Officer Doug Pesa, Fire Chief Fred Marcum, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Visitors: Brian Bosheff and Kathy Miskell.

1. The November 5, 2025 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:05 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – present	Mr. Joynes – present
Mrs. Reckard – present	Mr. Jones – present
Mr. Metzinger – 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 October 23, 2025 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the October 23, 2025 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

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

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Lewis stated that Jarod Wagoner is resigning from the Fire Department. He read the letter of resignation into the record.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to accept Mr. Wagoner's resignation.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Lewis stated for the month of October, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$40, court costs \$152, additional costs \$29, fines overpayment/adjustments \$2, Village revenue from fines \$370, continuance fee \$40, Niles Municipal Court fines \$295, parking tickets \$50 and police reports \$5 for a grand total of \$983.00.

Mayor Lewis congratulated Mr. Metzinger and Mrs. Reckard on their re-election. He also congratulated Mr. Bosheff on his election. Friday night is the home football game. Mayor Lewis and Mr. Carkido are giving permission to use the street garage as over flow parking. Mayor Lewis wished the boys football team good luck. He watched a lot of them grow up. To see them go 10-0 is a heck of a feat but he would like to see them go 16-0. If you can be there, come out early. Be loud and be proud.

Mayor Lewis stated that some local municipalities are banning businesses. He wants to make it clear that we are open to business. We want you to call your business home whether it is a mom and pop coffee shop or it is a data center. If you want to call McDonald home, get in touch with the Village building and we will do everything in our power to try and help out. Mayor Lewis wants to make that clear for- not just the tri-county- the State and the country that we are open for business.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich thanked Council for their consideration to the legislation this evening. A lot of the subject matter is tough to go over but we did go through committees properly. Council took great consideration into what we are going to do to our budget and hopefully, to the benefit of the residents. Mr. Domitrovich also

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

thanked the Street and Water employees. A week ago, at 4:30 p.m., there was a phone call about a water break in front of Ianazone's. They could have isolated it and closed down a business but it was their busiest time of the week with Halloween. Instead, they decided to fix it that night in about five short hours.

Police Chief Ryan Ronghi was not in attendance. Officer Pesa stated no report in his absence.

Fire Chief Fred Marcum stated that there have been 474 calls for service to date compared to 458 for last year. Mutual aid from October 8 to today are 13 given, four received and Lane's has not been in the Village once. They have transported 152 patients out of the Village. Charges have been \$149,673 and total revenue is \$61,590. Due to the government shutdown, some of these funds have been withheld. They will start making payments soon. The new ambulance is tentatively scheduled to arrive December 3. The time to install graphics is unknown due to our delay. Chief Marcum talked about the new software. Onboarding will be December 1 with a target live date of January 1. The software will save about \$1,000 annually. Chief Marcum stated that the elevator at 550 Ohio Avenue is now working. Also, he ordered a pediatric kit for the new ambulance that was paid for with the Ohio EMS grant that was received earlier in the year. Chief Marcum wished Jarod Wagoner the best on his next endeavor. He also wished the football team the best of luck.

Office Manager Amy Cunningham stated that she and Mr. Domitrovich have worked on the property schedules for package insurance and she sent over the cyber application. She has been in contact with Love Insurance who will be providing a quote, hopefully, by the next meeting.

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, fire resignation of Jarod Wagoner, and waiving the waiting period for Officer Mulligan. Mr. Schmidt thanked his wife for all of her efforts and her committee for the Oktoberfest and putting on a good event. He thanked everyone that was involved with the Oktoberfest. It was a greatly attended event.

Park & Buildings Mr. Metzinger stated that two new heaters have been installed in the fire bays. Trick or Treat was last week. The 45th annual Christmas In the Village will be

7. Committee reports cont'd.

held on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Metzinger also wished McDonald football good luck.

Safety Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that there was a discussion about waiving the one-year waiting period for Officer Mulligan for vacation and accruing sick time. Also discussed was the SRO position at the high school. More information will follow.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to waive the waiting period to accrue vacation for new hire Officer Mulligan.

Roll call:

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

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

Motion carried.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith stated that the committee discussed the legislation on the agenda. There was also some discussion about the grants. It was proven for us to apply for these grants even though they are several years out. There is a deadline so they will be read as emergencies. Mr. Smith stated that the legislation with regard to reducing income tax reciprocity was discussed. The first reading is this evening. Mr. Smith stated that he and Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith spoke with RITA regarding House Bill 503 which would make our change null and void. He spoke on the process that House Bill 503 would need to go through before it is passed. The opinion seems to be that it will not get out of committee this year. Mr. Smith believes that the prudent thing for us is to consider our own legislation and see what happens. Mayor Lewis had reported on the progress in finding a health insurance carrier. At this point, it appears there will not be a material impact negatively upon the 2026 budget. Finance committee discussed the budget, at length, in executive session. They entered executive session at 7:10 p.m. and exited at 7:57 p.m. with no additional business to follow.

Service Committee Mrs. Reckard stated that there was no official Service meeting.

Planning Commission Mr. Jones stated no report.

Levy Exploration Committee Mr. Smith stated no report.

Homecoming Festival Committee Mr. Joynes stated no report.

7. Committee reports cont'd.
8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Kathy Miskell, 841 Connecticut Avenue. Mrs. Miskell is amazed at what she has learned in coming to Council the last several months. She never thought that filing for grants could take years. Mrs. Miskell never realized how many agencies, other than the State, could give you money for community. She is so impressed by the numbers that everyone knows and how much money Council is trying to bring in. Council is really trying to solve the problems because we do not have a lot of industry left. From the bottom of her heart, she is totally amazed at everything that the Village does. Mrs. Miskell thanked everyone.

Mrs. Miskell stated that two weeks ago, someone said that there was a disconnect. She does not think there was a disconnect. She thinks we just disagree. Mrs. Miskell stated that she and her husband took pictures of the rules of other splash pads and she brought them to Council. Then there was a question about how safe the kids would be with older kids there. Honestly, McDonald is the only splash pad that has the park supervisor, park attendants, and the Police and Fire Department that are steps away. Our kids are safe here. Mrs. Miskell heard someone say that the splash pad was made for younger kids. She was amazed at how easily she found out about the manufacturer. She called Canada and they gave her the Michigan office. Mrs. Miskell did her research. If she was not communicating properly, she apologizes. She tried - we just disagree. Mrs. Miskell asked before if there is a juvenile delinquency problem in McDonald that she does not know about. She does not think so. If the Police Department is right across the street, why would you cause a problem? Mrs. Miskell will come back. She still gets the feeling that, because it was voted on 10 years ago that nobody wants to break that vote. Mrs. Miskell does not understand that. Things change in 10 years. If there is no problem, why is it only the splash pad? She apologized if she offended anyone. It was never done intentionally. Mayor Lewis told Mrs. Miskell that she is welcome to attend every meeting. Unless Council wants to readdress the age limit on the splash pad, it will just be as is.

9. Old Business: none.
10. New Business: none.
11. Legislation:

A. Third Reading Of An Ordinance To Make Temporary Appropriations For 2026 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 2026.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that the Ordinance No. 3323-25 pass third reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Smith wanted to remind the residents that the temporary budget is passed to make sure we can keep the lights on and pay any bills that come in the first of the year while we are working through the permanent budget.

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 Previous Village Ordinance No. 3199-16 Regarding Water Rates And Authorizing The Village Administrator To Amend And Increase The Water Rates And Schedule Beginning December 1, 2025, Which Will Be Reflected In The First Billing In April of 2026.

It was moved by Mrs. Reckard that the ordinance pass second 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.

C. Second Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Ordinance No. 3257-21 To Revise The Charges For The Operation, Maintenance, And Replacement Costs For The Use Of The Village's Wastewater Treatment Facility And Sewage System Effective December 1, 2025 Which Will Be Reflected In The First Quarter Of 2026 Billing In April Of 2026.

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

Roll call:

Mrs. Reckard – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Mr. Joynes – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye

Mr. Jones – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

Motion carried.

D. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Allowing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator, On Behalf Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, To Apply For Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funds Programmed By The Eastgate Regional Council Of Governments (Eastgate) To Construct The 2030 Street Resurfacing Project.

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

Discussion: Mrs. Reckard stated that this is being passed as an emergency to get everything in by next week to meet the grant deadline.

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. 1941-25 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.

E. Emergency Reading Of An Ordinance To Amend 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.

11. Legislation cont'd.

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 that Ordinance No. 3324-25 pass emergency 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. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1, 2025 And Ending December 31, 2025.

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 that Resolution No. 1942-25 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Smith – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

11. Legislation cont'd.

Mr. Jones – aye

Mr. Metzinger – aye

Motion carried.

G. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Allowing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator, On Behalf Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, To Apply For Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds Programmed By The Eastgate Regional Council Of Governments (Eastgate) To Install The West Second Street Sidewalk Install 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. 1943-25 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.

A lengthy discussion followed as to which project would be applied for either the TAP funds or the STBG funds.

H. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Allowing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator, On Behalf Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, To Apply For Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funds Programmed By The Eastgate Regional Council Of Governments (Eastgate) To Install West Second Street Sidewalk Install Project.

11. Legislation cont'd.

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. 1944-25 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.

I. First Reading Of An Ordinance To Amend Section 183.06 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio Regarding Municipal Income Tax, Which Section Is Titled “Credit For Tax Paid To Other Municipalities”.

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.

12. Fiscal Officer’s report:

Mrs. Smith stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer’s report total \$284,106.89.

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

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 6:51 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer