

McDonald Village Council
Regular Council Meeting
February 18, 2026

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

Visitors: Dave Evinsky.

1. The February 18, 2026 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – present
Mr. Metzinger – present
Mr. Bosheff – present

Mrs. Reckard – present
Mr. Smith – absent*
Mr. Sanson – present

Mayor Lewis stated that Mr. Smith is excused this evening. He is officiating a funeral.

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 February 4, 2026 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the February 4, 2026 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mr. Sanson – aye

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – 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. Metzinger – aye

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Mr. Sanson – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Lewis discussed the Ohio Municipal League webinar that he and Mr. Smith participated in today. It was regarding data centers and possible windfalls that communities can have. It also discussed the risks that communities could take on. It involved members of consulting groups, communities and a private investor that was Amazon web services. It gave a multi-faceted view of what these things bring. Mayor Lewis plans to follow-up with some of the resources that were provided. Also, Mayor Lewis stated that a few individuals have the opportunity to tour a data center. This is a private business so he is not disclosing the information regarding the business. Mayor Lewis stated that nothing has been submitted to the Village but we want to be proactive and prepare should something come about.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that the 2026 paving project was advertised in the paper on February 8. Three bid packages have been sold to date. The bid opening is scheduled for this Monday. Mr. Domitrovich will update Council at the Committee meetings next month.

Police Captain Brandon Caraway stated no report.

Fire Lieutenant Rich Rider stated that the new ambulance is 100% complete. The Fire Department is taking delivery either Friday or early next week. It will be stocked and put into service immediately. The Fire Department assisted Girard with the fire last Wednesday. Lieutenant Rider stated that the staff did an exceptional job. Water supply was an issue. The open house invitations were put out today. A press release was put out as well and Penn Care will sponsor the refreshments. The open house will be held on Monday, March 2.

Office Manager Amy Cunningham thanked Mike Schuller, Mark Srock and Jonathan Noel for getting her set up in her new records area. Mrs. Cunningham and the Police Department are splitting the old jail and her half is going to be used as the new records room. They cleaned the area, put the shelving together and just today, the new lighting was installed. They are always busy and Mrs. Cunningham appreciates them taking the time to help out.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Solicitor Ross stated that he and Marijo have six to ten income tax cases tomorrow in the City of Niles. They are always working on things behind the scene.

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. March Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 3. March Council meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 4 and 18. Also, the Homecoming Festival meeting was discussed at length.

Parks & Buildings Mrs. Reckard stated that Council motioned to allow Chief Ronghi to enter into a contract with UCI to renovate the Police Department. Mrs. Reckard reminded everyone that we are celebrating the 10th year of the R.E.S.T. Center. Festivities start at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27. Mrs. Reckard reminded everyone that the center is open to anyone over 60 in our area. She thanked Mrs. Cunningham and Colleen Chance for spearheading the celebration preparations. Mrs. Reckard invited Council to attend, if they are available. Also, the Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, March 29 in Woodland Park thanks to the Girl Scout troop and Jaelyn Kuntz.

Safety Committee Mr. Schmidt would like Council to consider a resolution regarding electric bikes, if they feel it is necessary. These bikes are a bigger safety issue. Mr. Schmidt does not know if there are any restrictions that can be put on electric bikes. Captain Caraway believes there is an ordinance regarding electric bikes. He stated that they can look at possibly amending this.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith was not in attendance. There was no report. Mayor Lewis discussed the mailer from RITA. In his opinion, it was extremely confusing. Mayor Lewis is going to reach out to RITA and get a new card sent to the residents. In a nutshell, if you are paying 2% elsewhere, you are still going to owe McDonald another 1%.

Service Committee Mr. Metzinger stated that there are two pieces of legislation. On February 6, Mr. Metzinger and Mayor Lewis attended the local government academy with Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber where they learned about efficient and secure government policies.

Planning Commission Mr. Bosheff stated that he sent an email to the Planning Commission on February 10 asking for initial input on putting together a data center ordinance. Included in the email was the same model ordinance provided by Solicitor

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Ross. Members of the Planning Commission have gotten back to Mr. Bosheff and they plan to meet in the near future. Mrs. Reckard stated that the information Mr. Smith forwarded to Council today was a lot of good information.

Levy Exploration Committee Mr. Smith was not in attendance. In his absence, Mrs. Reckard stated that there was a meeting with Chief Marcum and Chief Ronghi. They went over some numbers and where they would need to be with a levy.

Homecoming Festival Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that the committee had a meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to allow the Fire Department Association, McDonald Basketball Boosters and McDonald Homecoming Festival Committee to utilize the Woodland Park grounds and courts for the annual Homecoming Festival June 24-27.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Metzinger –aye
Mr. Sanson – aye

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmidt would like to allow Solicitor Ross to submit the liquor permit to commence consumption on Wednesday, June 24 to Saturday, June 27, 2026. Also, he would like Council to be present to help at the beer tent in some type of capacity. Council's presence needs to be there.

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 Permanent 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

11. Legislation cont'd.

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.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt that the Ordinance No. 3334-26 pass third reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

B. Second Reading Of A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary To Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(S).

It was moved by Mr. Metzinger that the resolution pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

C. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator To Engage The Services Of The Local Government Services Section Of The State Of Ohio Auditor's Office To Provide Consultation Services To The Fiscal Officer.

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

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Metzinger that Resolution No. 1956-26 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Sanson – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

Motion carried.

D. Emergency Reading Of A Resolution Authorizing The Village Of McDonald To Apply For Financial Assistance Under The Recreational Trails Program Administered By The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources.

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

Roll call:

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mr. Sanson – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Reckard that Resolution No. 1957-26 pass emergency reading as read.

Roll call:

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mr. Sanson – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Smith stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$81,273.46.

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. Schmidt to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mr. Sanson – aye

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Sanson at 6:35 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer