

McDonald Village Council
July 15, 2026
Regular Council Meeting

Staff: Police Captain Brandon Caraway, Attorney John Chaney, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

Visitors: Bob Steele, Liz Johnson, Bill Johnson, Pam Sowers, Laurie Smith, Jeff Rasile, Jackie Rasile, Dorothy Hannon, Tim Merlin, Kathy Miskell, Ray Getz, Linda Getz, Lee Evans, and Lynn Miller.

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*.

1. The July 15, 2026 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:06 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Mrs. Reckard – present
Mr. Smith – present
Mr. Sanson – 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 June 17, 2026 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the June 17, 2026 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Smith – aye
Mr. Sanson – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Metzinger –aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Smith – aye
Mr. Sanson – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Lewis stated that, for the month of June, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$91, court costs \$194, additional costs \$29, Village revenue from fines \$260, Niles Municipal Court fines \$755, parking tickets \$15, and drug fund \$250 for a grand total of \$1594.

Mayor Lewis stated that Turbo Putt Disc Golf will be installing a nine-hole disc golf course sometime in August. They will plan something out that integrates, hopefully, the trails in the park. They are also going to try and find a way to integrate Billy Goat Hill without hurting the integrity of the course. More information will follow.

There is a meeting scheduled with KO Consultants tomorrow regarding the Millworkers' Trail. Included in this meeting is Parks and Buildings Chair Mrs. Reckard, Mr. Carkido and some representatives of the school. This is a planning meeting in how the trail will be set up as well as the highlights of the trail and the signage.

Mayor Lewis stated that the Solicitor is working diligently to come up with something regarding e-bikes. There are still kids riding around without helmets. Hopefully, Council will have something in August. When they do come up with something, it is going to be strict and stern.

Mayor Lewis encouraged everyone on Council as well as residents that, if they see something unsightly, call the Village building and report it. It seems as though we are getting more and more complaints with high grass, garbage, etc. The only way the Village can tackle it is if we know about it. The Building Inspector is part-time so the eyes and ears of the Village help him out.

Mayor Lewis stated that Planning Commission had a June meeting with a replat. Also discussed was the drafting of the zone changes for data centers. Our Solicitor has been working diligently for 18 months to have those changes put in place. Once there is a final draft, there will be a Planning Commission meeting. There will be public hearings. Mayor Lewis stated that we are transparent. There are no secrets. He offered to stay

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

after the meeting and chat with anybody in attendance. If the visitors do not have time today, Mayor Lewis will give them his number and they can talk.

Mayor Lewis spoke about Mr. Smith. He stated that, when you talk about the epitome of what a Council member is, Mr. Smith is the guy. He came in, day one, and because of his background, he took on the budget and he understands it as good as our Fiscal Officer. Mr. Smith is going to be a huge loss, number one as a Councilman. Mayor Lewis will miss the talks off the bridge with Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith's phone number cannot change because Mayor Lewis will still need this. Mayor Lewis will miss Mr. Smith's spiritual twist with everything, both in Council and personally. It is appreciated. Even though Mayor Lewis will always consider Mr. Smith a dear friend, he will miss him as a friend. Mayor Lewis stated that, if you look in a mirror and say "show me what it means to be a good public servant, a good man, a good father, a good husband, a good friend, you name it, Mr. Smith is the guy.

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich is on vacation this week. Mayor Lewis stated that the contract for the 2026 paving project was received and signed this week. We could not set dates until the contract was signed. They are looking to have the project done before school starts.

Police Captain Brandon Caraway stated no report.

Fire Chief Fred Marcum was not in attendance. He is attending a FEMA grant review training on behalf of the Village this week. There is no report.

Office Manager Amy Cunningham has no official report. She would like to thank Don for stepping in as a Councilperson. In the short time that he has been here, there has been so much that he has done. Employees as well as Council will all miss Mr. Smith. Mrs. Cunningham echoes Mayor Lewis's sentiments on Mr. Smith's friendship. Mrs. Cunningham stated that Mr. Smith is so intelligent but he has a way of explaining things to all of us without belittling anybody. That is so appreciated. Mrs. Cunningham pointed out that it is just as hot and humid here as it will be in Florida. She is hoping Mr. Smith will reconsider and stay.

Solicitor Ross was not in attendance. Attorney Cheney stated no report in Solicitor Ross's absence. Solicitor Ross had asked Attorney Cheney to extend his appreciation for Mr. Smith.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Schmidt stated that Caucus met this evening and discussed the following: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, and legislation. August meetings are set as Tuesday, August 18 for Committees and Wednesday, August 19 for Caucus and Council. Also discussed was the KO agreement, Mahoning River Corridor meeting and disc golf.

Mr. Schmidt stated that everyone is saying nice things about Mr. Smith. He is going to turn it around and say that he is mad at him. Mr. Schmidt thanked Mr. Smith for doing what he does and being the person that he is. There have been countless phone calls on their way to work and home. They have had nice conversations and some that were not. Mr. Smith always had the peace of mind to calm Mr. Schmidt's temper. He will miss those conversations. Mr. Schmidt jokingly stated that, hopefully Mr. Smith comes back to help with the festival.

Parks & Buildings Mrs. Reckard stated that the police station renovation will begin in mid-August. Mayor Lewis asked Council to be the eyes and ears of the Village, particularly with exterior maintenance. Woodland Park hosted an incredible softball tournament. Mrs. Reckard stated that it was nice to hear all the cheering and see wonderful teams and families get together. There was no problem whatsoever with parking. The fields and surrounding areas were left clean. We hope that surrounding businesses saw an upswing in sales that weekend. Mrs. Reckard thanked Lee Evans and his team and also to the guys that maintain the field.

Mrs. Reckard discussed the need for a heavy-duty ADA swing. This is commercial grade. The committee agreed this would be an appropriate purchase. The dimensions need to be sent to Mr. Domitrovich and quotes to Kim Schmidt so this can be donated through the Oktoberfest park funds.

Mrs. Reckard stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow regarding the Millworkers' trail. The attendees will be Mrs. Reckard, Mayor Lewis, Matthew Ellis, Gary Carkido, and some representatives of the school.

Mrs. Reckard stated that when she thinks of Don and Laurie Smith, she thinks of a servant's heart. She read the definition of a servant's heart. Mrs. Reckard stated that they have both done this in their leadership in church, in our community, coming back on Council, walking around town, and always being so present. What Mrs. Reckard knows Mr. and Mrs. Smith for is being the biggest cheerleaders of MHS. She believes the students and so many people at the school will miss them. They go to every band, drama, basketball, volleyball, track-you name it, they have been there. Mrs. Reckard does not know anyone else in the Village that has ever done that. Mrs. Reckard stated that Mr.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

and Mrs. Smith will be so missed. We are losing wonderful people in our Village. She is so grateful to know Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Ginger and Christian. Mrs. Reckard presented Mr. Smith with a gift from Council.

Safety Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that there is pending legislation on the e-bikes. Safety Day is Saturday, July 18. There was a lengthy discussion about the Flock cameras that are set up in town. There are three installed currently. There is a fourth one that is waiting on a permit from Ohio Edison. This is a 90-day free trial which started on July 10 and ends on October 8. Council will need to make a decision as to whether or not this is something they want to continue to have in the Village. Mr. Schmidt described what the Flock cameras are doing. They are just taking pictures of license plates as individuals go by. If you are walking your dog, it is not taking your picture. It is basically just three other police officers sitting on the corner reading license plates. They can read your license plates whenever they want to and it directs them to all your personal information and backgrounds. There are 13 things that can be on a record that it is looking for. If it does find that you have that on your record, it will ping to our police officers' phones letting them know what is in our Village. McDonald can sometimes be a pass-through community for these individuals who have records to sneak through to get to where they need to go. Now they can't. There was an incident at Dollar General where there was a car stolen. Flock cameras are what helped to find them. This is not a speed camera either. It is simply a camera that takes a picture of the vehicle with the license plate so we have an idea of who is coming to our Village. It keeps us safer and also keep our police officers safer.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Smith stated that there is still an ambulance that is out of service that we have been unable to sell. It is in the Water Department area. Mr. Smith is somewhat satisfied with how the first half of the year has gone in staying on budget.

Service Committee Mr. Metzinger stated that the paving contract was just signed. He stated that, even if it was for a few years', the Village is better off with having Mr. Smith sitting in that seat. He will be missed.

It was moved by Mr. Metzinger to extend the KO contract for grant consulting services for one year with the ability to terminate with a 30-day notice.

Roll call:

Mr. Metzinger – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye

Mr. Schmidt – aye
Mr. Smith – aye

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Mr. Bosheff – aye

Mr. Sanson – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Metzinger stated that the baseball season is finally done. There will not be any games until fall ball. Mr. Metzinger appreciates the Village workers and what they have done. We had a ton of rain in the beginning of the year. Almost every team got a full schedule. Kudos to the Village workers and all they do for the organization.

Planning Commission Mr. Bosheff stated no report. He wanted to reiterate everything great in talking about Mr. Smith. Through no fault of his own, Mr. Smith is an intimidating guy because he knows so much. Mr. Bosheff appreciates how helpful Mr. Smith has been to him as the new guy on Council.

Homecoming Festival Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that the fire association was unable to get volunteers and have the ability to put on the Homecoming Festival. Mayor Lewis appointed a festival committee that consisted of Mr. Schmidt, his wife Kim, Kyle Joynes, Joe Midlick, and Tom Domitrovich. There were others involved but that was the main core. It was a huge success and a lot of work. It is quite the daunting task to be there every day, all day and make sure everything is going well. Council was there almost every single day helping out as well. Our Village workers put in a ton of time. The Police and Fire Departments were there supporting as well. They always say “it takes a Village” and it did and we did it. The Run of the Mill is always a success. The parade was organized by Dan Jamison and Robert Golden. The flyover was very impressive. Mr. Schmidt thanked Dan Jamison for arranging this. There were countless donors and this is greatly appreciated. All donations are going to the park. The festival ended with a heck of a fireworks display. It was awesome to say the least.

There was a lot of legwork that happened in a few days for permits and insurance that we learned this year. It will make things easier going forward. Mr. Schmidt thanked Mrs. Cunningham for her assistance with the insurance. He thanked Kyle Joynes and his lovely wife. They spent countless hours. Mr. Schmidt is not going to take any credit. They did it all.

Mayor Lewis asked Mr. Sanson if he would like to say a few words to Mr. Smith. Mr. Sanson stated that he is honored to sit next to Mr. Smith these last six months. Through the years, Mr. Sanson has seen Mr. Smith throughout town in all the different positions that he has held, being on Council and also a substitute teacher. Mr. Sanson is very envious of Mr. Smith. His dream is to retire to Florida. Mr. Sanson presented Mr. Smith with a gift.

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Levy Exploration Mr. Smith stated that there is a third reading of the resolution for the levy. This is a 4.5 mill levy that residents will have the opportunity to say yes or no. Council promised the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Captain that this would be brought before the constituents for their voice. Mrs. Cunningham will be taking this information to the Board of Elections so that we meet the August deadline to have it as a ballot issue.

Mr. Smith stated that this is the third leg of a three-leg process. We have had an empty industrial park for decades. It became starkly aware when they shut down the mill with a couple hundred employees. The last of the revenue that came through tax dollars withheld and profit taxes dried up. Council did three things. They passed the cost of trash removal from the Village to the resident. The second thing Council did was to reduce the tax forgiveness from 2% to 1%. This will affect those who are in 2% or higher taxing communities. The third is the opportunity to vote on a levy. If Mr. Smith were still sitting in this chair, these would be in part or all rolled back if there were to be a viable business that would return to the industrial park and become a revenue generator for the Village. This becomes a challenge for Council. The question is "what do we do with the industrial park"? There have been many comments about what we should not do and painfully few about what we could do.

Mr. Smith thanked the heads of the departments and told them to do what they do to continue to lobby on behalf of their departments and continue to ask for funds. Mr. Smith told Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith to continue to do what she does best and that is to say no. This places the ownness with where it should be and that is with Council to determine how best to divide up the funds that we have available to us. Mr. Smith told Council to continue to make the decisions that are best for the Village and for its residents-not ever what is popular or what is the most expedient to legislate. Mr. Smith will continue to pray with and for Council. He and his wife will miss this place terribly. Mr. Smith's wife, Laurie, is a lifelong resident. As he looks out at everyone, there were many shoulders that he had the opportunity to stand upon because there are many here that represent those that have poured themselves, heart and soul into this Village. It has been a privilege to be able to walk alongside. Mr. Smith thanked everyone.

Mayor Lewis stated that Council went into Executive Session last evening to discuss the appointment of a public official. There was no action that followed.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Elizabeth Johnson, 871 Ravine Dr. S. Mrs. Johnson stated that she is going to discuss data centers. When she spoke to the mayor, he told her to give him information if she has it. She forwarded her research backing up her comments. Mrs. Johnson suggested that, perhaps, we can do this thing the right way for the right reasons and be a small community model. She has an idea for the brownfield.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present cont'd.

Mrs. Johnson stated that it will probably make more money than a data center but they probably can co-exist. Mrs. Johnson discussed her career experience in risk assessment. She was chief risk officer at major health systems in the State. Mrs. Johnson described what the city of Aurora has done in making citizens part of the process. They are now a model for this country. Mrs. Johnson is begging Council to put a “pause” in place of a moratorium. Moratorium, in her opinion, has become a buzz word coined by data center consultants. They call it a business killer. Moratoriums can be very beneficial. This is a good way to stop applications as you are trying to finish a plan. Mrs. Johnson stated that, it looks like our ordinance already prohibits data centers. She begs Council to consider buying time first to get a coalition and gain community support in the plan. She also suggested to get informational meetings that are not public hearing meetings. All hell will break loose at a public hearing about a data center. You will have uninformed citizens sitting there working on emotion. The media is going to be there. It will be all over the papers. Families will not want to purchase homes and be exposed to diesel fumes. Property values may fall-we can’t have that. Citizens are concerned about the plan. Mrs. Johnson commends Council for working 18 months and getting this plan going. Let’s get informational meetings to get to see that information. Mrs. Johnson suggested that these meetings be informal where residents can give input and get feedback. She is asking for Council to take a one-year pause.

Mrs. Johnson would like her questions regarding the reasoning and math for the benefits answered specifically the Village benefit and the taxpayer benefit. She asked if Council has gathered best practices for model plans, especially the Aurora plan. Mrs. Johnson asked if they spelled out, in detail, what the risk mitigations are, the safety parameters that have to be proposed and written in ordinances. That has to be spelled out to the citizens. That is really important. They want to know that the health and safety of their children and themselves are protected. Mrs. Johnson asked are we looking at and ensuring any agreements and community benefit agreements we write with a data center and the developer are going to mitigate emerging downstream electrical energy availability? Mrs. Johnson stated that it does affect us. She suggested that Council report on progress frequently at pre-planned informational public meetings. Cuyahoga County has published a guidance document for communities on how to formulate these plans.

Mrs. Johnson stated that many communities are in moratoriums because they are going to do exactly what Aurora did. We don’t have to reinvent the wheel from scratch. Now you have the public seeing all these communities on moratoriums but McDonald isn’t. This is a big deal for property values. In Mrs. Johnson’s opinion, if she were in Council’s seat, she would go full steam ahead advertising that we are going to be a model community. We don’t want China having our data. McDonald is a tiny one-square mile Village.

8. Comments from persons or groups present cont'd.

Ohio has been really generous in deregulating some things so these data centers can come in. Mrs. Johnson referenced House Bill 701 that tells the energy suppliers that they need to cover their own cost. Citizens are worried about that. She gave statistics regarding energy usage. Ohio is feeling the pinch. The Chamber of Commerce Research Foundation is politely telling them that they better be thinking of alternative energy. PJM has gone on record that they anticipate, within five to ten years, they cannot supply sufficient energy.

Mrs. Johnson suggested that, when Council develops this plan, they have to have really good ordinances that regulate the environmental risks and the health and safety risks to our citizens. For Mrs. Johnson, as a citizen and a human being, diesel emissions is number one. We are a one-square mile Village. There is no argument that diesel is carcinogenic. That is why it is regulated. Ohio has relaxed their emission levels. It used to be three-now they vary from two to three. Mrs. Johnson stated that Illinois is level four and that is what we need-level four or higher. For her, as a voter and citizen in this community, that is a non-starter in any plan. If it's not a four, Council will see Mrs. Johnson gathering petitions. It is too dangerous for this community to have diesel generators the size of boxcars putting emissions out at level two and three. These are trillion dollar companies-they can afford it. The Aurora plan requires data centers to have a stepped up alternative energy source backup. Batteries have to kick in before the diesel generators kick in.

Mayor Lewis stated that Mrs. Johnson is bringing up relevant information. The Village has draft zone changes that are going to be coming before Planning. He is more than happy to sit down with Mrs. Johnson. She would like a public informational meeting to present them to everybody. Mayor Lewis stated that we would have to have a public meeting scheduled for that. Mrs. Johnson responded that not a public meeting on a draft change to an ordinance. She wants to see the plan first. Mayor Lewis asked Mrs. Johnson, out of respect for everyone in the room, if she could make her point so we can move on. Mrs. Johnson asked the visitors if anyone would be willing to yield their time. Several visitors yielded their time.

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is important. Mayor Lewis agreed. Mrs. Johnson stated that, what you have here is a roomful of the most influential citizens in the community. Mayor Lewis does not disagree but this is not new information. Mrs. Johnson stated that, the word of these citizens alone will kill your plan. Mr. Smith stated that her points are fabulous and the information that she is articulating, as he read everything that she sent, is exactly what she put to Council in print. Mr. Smith asked Mrs. Johnson if she is doing this for the benefit of Council or is she doing this for those behind her. She asked if Council would like to build a coalition for their plan. Mayor Lewis does not have an

8. Comments from persons or groups present cont'd.

answer to that question. These people will build a coalition of support for the plan. Mr. Smith stated that Mrs. Johnson would like the public to understand the same information that she provided Council which he thinks is a wonderful thing. Mrs. Johnson stated that Council should be doing this to the public then they will build a coalition of support. The Council members are very well respected and work wonderfully together. There is a purpose to this.

Mrs. Johnson would like to see a halt, public informational meetings where Council discloses the plan specifically to the top risks. Then go back and do what they have to do. Mrs. Johnson discussed another option with the brownfield. She stated that, if you want to use a brownfield without cleanup, Applied Partners would probably love this. She suggested that the data center on brownfield with all the protections, take every square inch of remaining land, that either McDonald owns down there or that the business owns and put a solar farm on it. We should make that money. We can probably sell that back to the aggregator at \$150-\$200/kWh. Mrs. Johnson described how much energy a solar farm generates. In her opinion, at the rate, the Village would make more money at no risk with a solar farm than a data center. Mrs. Johnson stated that we have the connections to sell it. Mayor Lewis replied that the Village does not own the property. She suggested that, as one of the work plans, to build a coalition with the property owner, talk to Columbus. They want to sell the land and make a profit.

Mayor Lewis stated that, for some in the room, this is new information. He stated that Council has looked at community benefit agreements, off the grid power sources, setting up these businesses where they must set up a public utility where the Village can benefit. This is not something that we have taken the stance of some of our neighbors. Mayor Lewis does not want to speak for other communities. We have not taken the stance of let's just stick our head in the sand. Mayor Lewis wants to make sure that Mrs. Johnson is aware this is not-Mrs. Johnson stated that we do not know that. That is part of the ask. Mayor Lewis stated that, what is fortunate about this evening is that she is in attendance tonight. What is unfortunate is that, for 18 months, we have a select few residents that are present. Mayor Lewis stated that we want to see residents here. Mrs. Johnson replied that the residents didn't know that Council has been 18 months in planning. They are going to know now if you put it in the minutes. Mayor Lewis stated that it is always in the minutes. Mr. Coupland has reported on it as well. Mrs. Johnson wants the detail and the plan. Mayor Lewis stated that she is making very valid points. She stated that, as a taxpayer and citizen, these concerns are not unique. Mayor Lewis stated that he has the same concerns. Mrs. Johnson stated that she is here to help. She believes that the Village has a two-million-dollar revenue potential down there.

8. Comments from persons or groups present cont'd.

Mrs. Johnson stated that these moratoriums are going in because all this research that has been done in 18 months is now flipped. Now you have new risk factors, new data. This is changing like a tornado. Everything that has been researched has probably gone out the window. Mrs. Johnson suggested that the Village buy the land back from the company. Mrs. Johnson appreciates Council's time. She, as a citizen, thinks this is not going to work-it will fail because the citizens will rise up. We don't want that. Mrs. Johnson doesn't want that.

Bill Johnson, 871 Ravine Drive S. Mr. Johnson asked Council as they are doing their work on this to think about McDonald. U.S. Steel came here and they held out the brass ring and they built a nice school and paid a lot of taxes. They took our iron ore, they dug dangerous tunnels, they left giant vats of pure sulfuric acid. That is not an industrial park. That is an industrial sewer down there. It would be nice to find somebody to clean it up. One of Mr. Johnson's suggestions to Council is to think about where they want to be when this industry is gone. What Council wants the property to look like when they are gone. These data centers are going to be gone quickly because they are moving into space and oceans. Right now, we have perfect conditions. We have a river which was dammed up when the steel mill came here. All those poisons that they had stayed in that trough and now they're possibly knocking those dams down. Our forefathers had jobs and a school was built which is good. Then they come to the end, which Mr. Johnson would like Council to focus on. What did they do to us? They left us on short notice. We lost all those union jobs. They put the schools in disaster. That was not a corporate citizen. Mr. Johnson stated that we don't want to move junk in there. You are better off with nothing. Be careful where you are heading with this thing. Don't grab for that brass ring because somebody down the road might have to pay for it like they're asking us to do it now.

Mayor Lewis stated that, at one point when he was first on Council, the Village had the opportunity, through the State of Ohio to remediate the vacant portion of that brownfield. There are other businesses down there. The Village had a \$1.5 million dollar grant to remediate that brownfield to make it usable, sustainable land. The problem was the Village had a \$500,000 match. At one time, the previous governor decided it was ok to create a big old rainy day fund and pull all the money back. Because of that, the Village had to halt being able to obtain the U.S. Steel property at the time. We did not have the money. The money is not there. This is something that has been looked at in the past. Now that remediation cost is probably tripled just based on the cost of business since COVID. It puts the Village in a bad spot because we don't own those properties. Also, we don't have the funds. We are worried about being McDonald in 20 years. That is a very real thing. This Council has been faced with decisions that are unlike what prior Councils have ever decided to look into-not because they didn't want to but because they

8. Comments from persons or groups present cont'd.

never had to. Mayor Lewis moved into this town and all he knew was Youngstown. He grew up two miles away and did not know about McDonald. When he moved to the Village, he thought that this is the greatest town in the country. Mayor Lewis's goal is that we do the due diligence to do this right and we bring about zero harm to our residents. Mayor Lewis stated that he has spent 500 hours with trips to Columbus and the State chamber, webinars, visits to New Albany and Cleveland. There is actually an individual within this Village that runs a data center. That plethora of knowledge is unlike any.

A resident stated that, just like the boy scouts when they go to camp, they leave it better. We need that type of building down there. If they build a building, make it so it is habitable once they are done.

Lynn Miller, 924 Ohio Avenue. Mrs. Miller stated that, based on the ground and what was poured into it when it was the mill, how is that going to be ok if they start digging? Mayor Lewis stated that, to his understanding, if a business moves into that property, they must remediate that property. There are strict regulations in place. The Village has zero control over that. Mayor Lewis emphasized that the Village has zero control over what the EPA decides. The Village of McDonald has zero control over what PJM decides. We, as a one-square mile Village, can control what we can control. Mayor Lewis stated that, to Mrs. Johnson's point, we need to make sure that what we can control, we control it and control it right. Mayor Lewis has a different stance on the moratoriums. He has talked to other officials and they are putting their heads in the sand. We are not there yet but we are light years ahead of our neighbors.

Mr. Johnson stated that they have a little experience with tax abatements. If you give a tax abatement, at the end of the twenty years or whatever it is, the business generally fails before or they ask for more. They become obstinate or they fight you.

Mayor Lewis stated that this is good. He wants to see this at every meeting. This is what we need. Mayor Lewis stated that these folks up here don't just come up here and vote haphazardly. They want to make the best decisions for the Village.

Mr. Getz, 830 New Jersey Avenue. Mr. Getz stated that you know that you're doing a good job, Council and Mayor, when there are not a bunch of people coming in. The fact is there is a tremendous amount of support in this community for this Council, this Mayor, and this exceptional Village. There always has been. You can measure your support by when we don't show up. Mr. Getz stated that they are really going to miss Don, Ginger, Laurie and Jack Evans, Mr. McDonald. He will never be forgotten. Mr. Getz doesn't care where they're at.

8. Comments from persons or groups present cont'd.

Mrs. Johnson asked when they can expect feedback on their request for pause. Mayor Lewis stated that, if Council decides that they would want to address voting on some type of moratorium, they will discuss it at the next Committee meetings in August. If they decide they want to bring it to a vote at the August meeting, they bring it to a vote at the August meeting. Mayor Lewis stated that they could also not discuss it at the August Committees and not vote on it at the August meeting. Mayor Lewis stated that Committees are public meetings as well. They are probably the more productive because it is a work session. It is an open discussion. There are no public comments, however. There are some times when a public comment is solicited from a member of Council.

Mrs. Johnson asked who would initiate the proposal to do the formal plan. Mayor Lewis stated that it would go through Planning Commission first. He then explained the process for a zone change. Mrs. Johnson feels that the timing is off. She asked why would you want to hold public meeting and zone changes when you don't even have the public engaged to support it? The ordinance is only one part. Mayor Lewis stated that we need to conclude the meeting. He will stay afterward and explain the timeline that he has discussed at several meetings.

Lee Evans, 942 Parkside Place. Mr. Evans stated that the baseball association hosted an open softball tournament at Woodland Park. He wanted to thank Mayor Lewis, Council, and the Parks Committee. There were 24 different teams from over four different states participating. A total of 57 games were played on the fields. The Street Department installed some base pegs on Field A. Mr. Evans gave props to our Village workers as Mineral Ridge had 14U and 16U divisions and they got rained out Friday. However, there were games in McDonald on Friday. Mr. Evans stated that there were no parking issues. He thanked the Village again. It was a big fundraiser for the baseball association. They will use the funds to help defray the cost for all the kids to play the summer league. They will also put more funds toward projects that are planned down at the fields to continue to improve them and keep them in the excellent condition that they are in.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. Third Reading Of A Resolution To Proceed And Submit To The Electors Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio The Question Of An Additional Tax On Real Property In Excess Of The Ten-Mil Limitation To Provide For Safety Services.

11. Legislation cont'd.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that Resolution No. 1964-26 pass third reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Smith – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Fiscal Officer Stephanie Smith thanked Mr. Smith for all his time. She wanted to express how much she appreciates all the work that he does in meeting for finances and budgets.

Mrs. Smith stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$151,947.28.

I, Stephanie Smith, Fiscal Officer for 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
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none.

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14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Sanson at 7:26 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer