

McDonald Village Council
September 9, 2026
Regular Council Meeting

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

Visitors: Jennifer Pountious, Denise Deltondo, Jeannie Morello, Linda Lee, Cathy Woods, Debbie Maley, Heather Johnson, Stacy Foster, Gayle Frantz Bowser, Lynn Brown, Sherry Sutton, Lynn Sutton, Fran Vitullo, Paula Dougherty, Amanda Dougherty, Sandy Morgan, Karen Stoughton, Karen Muche, Samantha Muche, Joe Guarino, Sandra Guarino, Jim Frederick, Lynn Miller, Shirley Jo Nemec, Mary Kay Skufca, Ann Skufca, Morris and Sandra Frazzini, Patty Gault, Lori Gawdyda, Christine Maley, Kathleen Cooper, Tom Supko, Laurie Ruane, Pat Ruane, Susan Lipkovich, Robin Ruschman, Betsy Novakovich, Ron Jones, Judy Schmidt, Kim Jones-Schmidt, Patti Templeman, Tracey Carkido, Ed Stonestreet, Kathleen Miskell, Dorothy Hannon, Andrea Mason, Deb Santangelo, David Fortune, Debbie Crish, Richard Crish, Jim Baal, Diane Fossaceca, Marie McNulty, Kellie Bundy, Greg and Lori Costantino, Jenna Evans, Mary Breckner, Candice Ward, Greg Ward Nancy Kish, Irene Capaldi, Blaine Carter, Bob Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Frank Krumpak, Mike Stevenson, Mark Stevenson, Grant Stevenson, Brianna Stevenson, Jeff Hughes, Tom Baker, Pam Baker, Ty Jividen, Curt Kuntz, Tracy Bosheff, Cara Pecchia, Thom and Debbie Kunkel, Kayla Latimer, Eric and Paula Hoffman, Peggy and Rick Gum, Linda and Ray Getz, Ray and Ruth Flere.

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*.

1. The September 9, 2026 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Ray Lewis at 6:04 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Schmidt – present
Mr. Metzinger – present
Mr. Sanson – present

Mrs. Reckard – present
Mr. Bosheff – present
Mr. Puckett – 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 August 19, 2026 Council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt to approve the August 19, 2026 minutes as mailed:

Discussion: Mr. Schmidt thanked Mrs. Cunningham for her due diligence to go through and do her best to listen and type things out verbatim. He knows there are some records

3. Approval of the August 19, 2026 Council minutes cont'd.

requests for comments. Mrs. Cunningham does her best. Some things are inaudible. This evening, if you want your remarks to be verbatim, speak into the mic so we can hear you.

Roll call:

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

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye
Mr. Puckett – 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
Mr. Sanson – aye

Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye
Mr. Puckett – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Lewis thanked Mr. Carkido and the McDonald Local Schools, and the Board of Education to provide the auditorium as our venue this evening. Last meeting, we were at capacity in the Community Room. The Fire Chief made the recommendation, which Mayor Lewis believes, is worthwhile. Mayor Lewis also thanked Thomas Costantino, who helped with the sound this evening.

Mayor Lewis had mentioned last meeting the possibility of Oppidan, a company that has been interested in our industrial property, coming into the Village on September 15 for an open house. Mayor Lewis received confirmation that they will be coming next week. He thanked Mr. Carkido and the schools. They have given permission to use the gymnasium. Next Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m., there will be representatives from Oppidan, along with civil engineers, an environmental consultant, and an atlas technical consultant. (inaudible) have to view and an open public discussion. There will be a concept site plan, proposed exterior finishes, project comparisons, environmental due diligence, and more.

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Mayor Lewis stated that this company is proactively coming to the Village prior to giving us anything. They have not purchased the property. They have been, for a couple years, doing their due diligence. Mayor Lewis appreciates the fact that they are willing to come and meet with the residents and talk to us. We all have a vested interest. Mayor Lewis encourages everyone to be there. Ask a lot of questions. Mayor Lewis believes, in talking with Pete this afternoon, they will say a few brief words and they will have stations set up throughout the gymnasium where they can have real open dialogue with residents, answer questions, take feedback, etc.

Mayor Lewis stated that, with regard to the zone changes, this has been going on for 18 months now. He commended Solicitor Ross and Administrator Thomas Domitrovich. They have spent tireless hours in working on coming up with ways that we can control a business to come to our industrial park. This has not been done overnight. It is not something they just (inaudible) and say let's start on this. Again, it has been going on for quite awhile. With that being said, Solicitor Ross has (inaudible) a final draft prepared. It has been sent to Chris Tolnar at GPD, who is the engineering firm that we utilize quite often. They are reviewing what we have in place prior to it coming to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Lewis stated that there is a Planning Commission meeting on September 21 at 5:30 p.m. He read the agenda as it stands right now. Mayor Lewis does not want folks to think that this is something that he and Council are trying to push through without having public input. The request that will be heard on that date is a replat request for 616 Washington Blvd. That is all that is on the agenda. If something were to be changed on that agenda, it will be made public. Mayor Lewis stated that, to the best of his knowledge, it will not be a vote for a draft of a zone change to make data centers usable or conditional or prohibited or anything of the sort. If you hear anything otherwise, call the Village. That is your best resource. It is not social media.

Mayor Lewis stated that the Village received a letter from resident, Lori Scala. He read the letter into the record which commended the McDonald Fire and EMS. She described two instances recently in which she needed their assistance. Mrs. Scala gave a special shout-out to Caden Candel who was there for both instances. Mayor Lewis commended Chief Marcum on his staff.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that he will be attending the court hearing for MVSD tomorrow related to the water rate increase. They can't increase rates without meeting with the Court of Jurisdiction. Mr. Domitrovich and Solicitor Ross will

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be in attendance tomorrow at MVSD's request. The Village had enough foresight to do our rate increases. We have increased our rates so we had time to save. We are prepared and hopefully, we will not have any rate increases again until, at least 2029.

Mr. Domitrovich stated that, related to the data center, there was very hard work done to draft legislation and send it over to GPD. It wasn't done quickly at all. These conversations have taken place over the past year and they started a draft. Once it was made site specific to McDonald and (inaudible) the particulars, we will turn it over to draft this and oversee these projects once they go to construction. Hopefully, it will (inaudible) to Council to look at. Mr. Domitrovich stated that, knowing that the property has not been purchased and we are already at that stage. He is happy to work with you guys in creating the document. Mr. Domitrovich stated that they did a wonderful job and he thanked them. He looks forward to entertaining the conversation more on September 15.

Police Chief Ryan Ronghi stated that they discussed the 9-1-1 center rates. Chief Ronghi read a statement into the record regarding pay raises for his department. They have not received raises since 2023. Chief Ronghi discussed the Police Department budget from 2016 to now. The average first-year patrolman in this area starts at \$31.21. Our patrolmen make \$5 less than the average first-year patrolman. The average salary for Sergeant is \$35.43, our Sergeant is at \$28/hour. The average salary for Captain is \$40.94, our Captain is at \$30. The average hourly for Chief is \$50.59, our Chief is \$33. Four out of our seven officers live in the Village. Should this levy pass, they will also be responsible for paying the levy. The levy is 4.5 mil which comes out to \$158 per \$100,000 of the value of their house. Chief Ronghi stated that, with seven full-time officers and one part-time officer, there are approximately 140 years of law enforcement experience. You don't see that, especially in small departments. Chief Ronghi described what other departments offer on top of competitive pay scales which included take home vehicles, pension pickup, healthcare pickup, to name a few.

Chief Ronghi does not want to scare anyone but the well has run dry. In the two years since they took over, he and Captain Caraway have built an environment based on experience wise. Chief Ronghi stated that if the levy doesn't pass, this will not be sustainable. While everyone's rate is going up, ours is staying the same. We are down one officer, potentially two. Chief Ronghi can't stress enough how important a levy is.

Chief Ronghi would like to talk as a resident for a moment. He thanked the Mayor, Council and Solicitor Ross. There are no easy discussions and that's why we need discussions. We are all on the same page up here. We all live here, we all have kids here, our families are here. We are open for business but we're going to do it on our

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terms. We're just having conversations. They're trying to make the best possible decision for the Village. It's not a secret this is a mill town. They all closed. We immediately started the task of the garbage and income tax. Chief Ronghi is pretty sure the school is losing money. The property is a brownfield. Chief Ronghi stated that data center is the focus but (inaudible) take a pause. (inaudible) Hubbard and Howland can turn stuff away. They can take a pause because they have other options. This is different for us. So, we can push this away and that's fine. He'll tell you right now, for the Police Department, (inaudible). The majority of people see (inaudible). A moratorium is (inaudible). At the end of the day, these are our politicians that are up here. (inaudible) We can find fault (inaudible) on Facebook. It's terrifying. Do some of your own research, figure it out. I'm sure some of you have. It's fine. You tell me what (inaudible) down there and (inaudible). Chief Ronghi stated that his department is seven guys.

Fire Chief Fred Marcum stated that calls to date were 409. Mutual aid from August 19 to September 8 were 14 given, six received and Lane provided four. There are 144 transports to date. Total charges are \$146,558 and total revenue is \$58,802. Chief Marcum stated that this is the best year we have had for the Billy Goat. There were only eight people treated. Chief Marcum extended his thanks to University Hospitals for letting us use the field hospital. This was actually the lowest participation that we have ever had. He thanked Girard for (inaudible). Unfortunately, Lane was unable to attend this year. On September 29, they will have another _____. Engine 37 is out of service for a major water leak. They will do their best to fix this in-house. The awards for the AFG grant should start any day now. The Fire Department applied for a new cardiac monitor. In October, the 2026 grants will open. We need to discuss this in the October committees. The airpicks were tested and in compliance. Chief Marcum stated that the Department assisted Vienna in searching for a lost autistic child. They sent a thank-you letter.

Chief Marcum became Fire Chief December 2022. He spent the first several months learning, listening and studying (inaudible) and creating a picture of how things could be. When he took over the Fire Department, you had one person here, maybe, every other week. Since he became chief, his team has been built, we (inaudible) every single day for four years. The people that dedicate and sacrifice their time for their family to service this community, they take with pride. Chief Marcum stated that McDonald Firefighter/EMS make \$18 per hour compared to surrounding communities which include: Austintown \$22, Vienna \$23, Girard \$21, Liberty \$22, and Poland \$25. Chief Marcum has been trying to recruit and they laugh at him. His department hasn't had a raise in four years. Right now, we're losing people. Chief Marcum needs a roster of 31 people to provide service and he is down to 20 or 21. He operates his department with

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Fire/EMS at \$258,000. Chief Marcum stated that his full payroll is 16 hours a day because we can't afford 24 hours a day. That is \$236,520. That leaves him \$21,480 to run a building that operates 24 hours a day. To provide 24-hour service, Chief Marcum's payroll needs to be at least \$315,360. When he started, you got turn out gear thrown to you. That is not safe. We can't do that in today's society. Chief Marcum can't even recruit volunteers because their immediate training to be a firefighter and a paramedic is well over two years and well over \$15,000. He doesn't have that. Chief Marcum thanks Council. They have struggled to increase his budget because they see the value and see what they're doing and what they're building. Chief Marcum doesn't even have near the equipment that he needs to provide a lot of the services that we have to provide. This levy is important. This is a small levy. We could have a 10 or 12 mil levy and maybe then be comfortable. We're asking for 4.5 mils. Chief Marcum has a personal take on the data center. He doesn't support it and he isn't against it. They have to go somewhere. He'd rather see them in the United States, in McDonald, Ohio than China. Chief Marcum promises that he will make sure they do everything to the highest standard.

Mayor Lewis stated that he truly believes that we have the best fire, EMS, and police not just in this state, but in the country.

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. Mr. Schmidt thanked Mayor Lewis and Oppidan for setting up the meeting next week. They don't have to do that but they're going to do it anyway.

Parks & Buildings Mrs. Reckard stated that they discussed the renovation at the police station. Fall ball started at the baseball fields. There are two new businesses in town: the Center on Marshall Road and It Takes A Village on Ohio. Please stop by and support those businesses. Security cameras will be going up this week near the buildings, splash pad and ballfields. Brad Silvas' company donated a nine-hole disc golf course. The Street Department will dig the holes soon. The school has been so kind to donate turf for this. The Oktoberfest will be held on October 10 starting at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please contact Kim Schmidt to donate for baskets, raffles, and money donations. Mr. Schmidt gave an update on Oppidan, the potential end user for a data center. They

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discussed the possibilities of a three-month moratorium to pause while legislation moves forward. Council discussed the timeline for zoning changes including public hearings, and a three-read process. As a result, Council has agreed to listen to Oppidan on September 15 so there is an opportunity to hear the details and participate in this conversation. After that meeting, Council will determine whether to move forward or to pause or a moratorium is appropriate. While having that conversation, it was mentioned that Oppidan has a deadline of November 5. Please remember this deadline is theirs, not ours. It does not control or influence Council's decision making. It also does not mean this is a done deal. That is just something they have to do by that date.

Safety Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that there was discussion about the e-bikes and creating rules so these can be enjoyed but in a safer manner. Initially, Council discussed an impounding process but that will be more of a headache than do any good. Chief Ronghi is looking into some other things. Mr. Schmidt stated that there was a comment at the last meeting stating that there is "stuff" out there to educate our kids. The police already do that. Mr. Schmidt stated that he has his own kids. He doesn't have to educate yours. There will be more discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Schmidt stated that both chiefs come here every day to do their job and they're so severely underpaid. We reap the benefits of them coming and helping us. When this levy goes up, whether you're for it or against it, think about what's going to happen when they're not here. It is time to support those that support us in a time of need. Mr. Schmidt thanked the Fire, EMS, and Police for the Billy Goat. They did amazing and we have some amazing runners in this town. There is a lot of participation with our residents.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Puckett stated that there was a lengthy discussion on police wages. There is a resolution to certify the amounts and rates with the County.

Service Committee Mr. Metzinger stated that MVSD is asking for a rate increase. They have not increased their rates since 2015. The 2026 paving is all but done. There are a few things that need to be fixed. The 2027 paving project will be Sixth Street from McDonald Avenue to Ohio Avenue. Mr. Metzinger discussed both EPA violation notifications that will be in resident water bills. Neither violation is the fault of the Village. It was an issue with MVSD. There was never any bad water that left the facility. Also discussed was the gas aggregation. Mr. Metzinger thanked the Village Street employees who had a water break on the corner of Seventh Street and Iowa.

Planning Commission Mr. Bosheff stated that there will be a Planning Commission meeting on September 21.

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Levy Exploration Committee Mr. Sanson stated no report.

Homecoming Festival Committee Mr. Schmidt stated there will be more information at the next meeting. After the committee meets, they will have all the details.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Elizabeth Johnson, 871 Ravine Drive South. Brownfield cleanup, permitting pause status of consideration, and model ordinance and next draft timeline. Mrs. Johnson stated that she has done her research. You better believe she's done her research. Mrs. Johnson has lived here for 51 years and she appreciates everyday she lives here. It's about we are to the table too late. You've (inaudible) and now you're engaging experts. There was no evidence to any of us that you had additional (inaudible) to work with your (inaudible). You were discussing putting these generators on roofs. Mrs. Johnson talked to the mayor and he told her "send anything you've got and we'll take a look at it". (inaudible) education in July. You told me "Mrs. Johnson, you'll have a few moments to speak and you can't ask questions". Rules of Council section 11, first section say "citizens should get on the agenda in advance, state specific concerns and comments so Council is prepared to discuss and answer questions, however, they are under no obligation to do so". Mrs. Johnson sent Council information on emissions, noise, and water ordinances. She had to have a public records request to get Planning Commission minutes and they scared her because of the level of understanding of the significant risk you are undertaking. Mrs. Johnson did a public records request for a model ordinance in (inaudible) County, which, by the way, there is a moratorium in place. It's a weak model in Mrs. Johnson's opinion. From what she can find in the first draft, it was presented to Planning Commission this July. The second draft is improved. Mrs. Johnson got a letter from the Solicitor telling her, in her interpretation, to back off. You're sending us all these (inaudible) of stuff. We have no obligation to acknowledge it, read it, listen to it and to (inaudible). This is not productive. This is not how you get the buy in from this auditorium for a data center. You spent an hour talking to Oppidan yesterday and asked that company if they would support a moratorium. Why don't you ask us? Why aren't you giving us the presentation like Oppidan is going to be giving on the 15th? We can tell you publicly what we think about your progress. You never bring us along on your bus. You spend 18 months with Oppidan. I don't know how big this facility is. They don't want their kids breathing in bad air. They don't want tonal noise driving them crazy, (inaudible) taking in animals, destroying the birds that are flying around. Every community that cares and protects their citizens are initiating moratoriums. It's a protection for this Village. Get us on the bus, we will help you solve these financial problems so we can pay you fairly, deserve pay. We deserve the service that we get. We, as a Village, to the extent (inaudible) but no one is (inaudible) to help safety (inaudible). For God's sake. Come on. Look at

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(inaudible) enough already. Bring us on the bus. (inaudible) moratorium tonight until December 21, 2027. You're not ready.

Sandy Frazzini, 805 New Jersey Avenue regarding data centers. Mrs. Frazzini cares about the competency of (inaudible). She gave them lots of questions and didn't receive answers. It's frightening. Data centers (inaudible) risks. She doesn't know who here (inaudible) working down there for the past 15 months. (inaudible) We don't know. The State of Ohio is a little (inaudible) in the works for data center (inaudible). Mrs. Frazzini would like to see an emergency moratorium until we can get this figured out and possibly benefit from this (inaudible).

Joe Guarino, 837 Connecticut Avenue regarding industrial park. Last meeting, Mr. Guarino spoke of 18 months that the Village has been working on language for ordinances to protect the residents. Since he became aware that, on July 1, 2025, Oppidan entered into a purchase agreement with AP McDonald. The clock started ticking on July 1, 2025. Mr. Guarino will assume that Council, Mayor Lewis and the Solicitor, from the statements that you've made in the past 18 months about there is no buyer. It's true. It hadn't been finalized but they had a purchase agreement. You wonder why there's a little bit of distrust or apprehension? (inaudible) from July 1, 2025 to present (inaudible) plan which (inaudible). Somebody or somehow the ball got dropped. You just can't give a key to the Village to Oppidan or any other developer. Sean, you mentioned (inaudible). If, on September 15, Oppidan comes in and all of you (inaudible) try to make a decision. What happens if on the morning of September 16, Oppidan comes in and delivers you an application for a data center (inaudible) and they're gonna follow the ordinances which are obsolete. I know you're gonna say (inaudible). There are ways around that. There's going to be things that are gonna come into play. You don't have any (inaudible). I implore you to add to tonight's agenda an emergency moratorium (inaudible) whatever time period is necessary to begin (inaudible) Planning Commission and Council the opportunity to (inaudible) are necessary.

Lynn Miller, 924 Ohio Avenue regarding data centers. Mrs. Miller's main concern tonight is her health. She has asthma and elevated blood pressure. Those are two major factors with a data center that can cause horrific things to herself. You, fire and police chiefs, are asking for a levy. Questions: will this levy you're asking to pass, have you even considered what has to go into a data center prior (inaudible) and are you expecting us to continue levy after levy after levy because of the fact that you're not (inaudible) equipped possibly for a fire that would be at a data center. Lordstown was in a lot of trouble with (inaudible) and they (inaudible) a levy from (inaudible). Their residents, not to business, to their residents. You're asking for us to continuously to pay. I get it. I was there too. I don't (inaudible) in my opinion but one thing is why don't you get rid of the

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Flock cameras because the Flock cameras cost money. Right now, they don't cost money but they're going to. Is that part of the (inaudible) of the levy? How do we know? We have no idea but it's the concern of all (inaudible). Flock cameras can go and you wouldn't have to, fire chief, put more money into equipment for data center fire that would be so horrific. Going back to the asthma situation, the asthma issue has been bad. I've had it since I was (inaudible). You stir up the brownfield, all the asbestos in the air, the diesel emissions, I'm out of here. I will put my house up and I will leave. You might not care but I spent 18 years here and I thought I was (inaudible) but I will leave and that makes me mad. I don't appreciate-Mr. Mayor-you and I have had discussion in the past and it never seemed to have any (inaudible) when you told me that (inaudible) don't send me information that has any videos, I won't watch them. I did have some videos from grassroots organizations in the State of Ohio that (inaudible) protect number one nature and number two residents. It would be nice if you would have read it but (inaudible). Don't take into consideration what people around them are concerned about. It may be laws and ordinances. But you've got other people here that (inaudible) thank God they would come because I was the only one for a little while and I knew I wasn't getting anywhere with this. Nobody (inaudible).

Fire Chief Marcum stated that the Ohio Fire Code 2025 is taking data centers very seriously. They offer so many options for Chief Marcum to enforce fire protection systems, control (inaudible). Chief Marcum stated that you have his word that as long as he has (inaudible). He will do whatever is in his power in the State of Ohio to make sure the (inaudible). He will make sure we are protected.

Police Chief Ronghi stated (inaudible). If there is an accident, they can't get down there. They don't have the resources. The Flock camera is a free trial. Agencies have been using them for years. (inaudible) For 50 years, there's no mill. Sticks were free, garbage was free. Sit at a Council meeting and see what they're talking about. (Inaudible)

Mayor Lewis stated that, if anybody in this room thinks that he doesn't care about the Village residents, you don't know me. If people don't think I lose sleep over this. I've taken 11 years of my personal life to dedicate to this town because I love this place. I didn't grow up here. I moved here and raised my kids here (inaudible) my wife and children because I do things for this Village. Yeah, I sound upset. You know why? Because I care. Because I love the people of this town. I love this Village. If anybody feels different, please call the Village building. Ask Mrs. Cunningham, I will never dodge a phone call. I will never not listen to a concern. Ever. That's my word. It's been like that since day one.

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Mr. Schmidt stated we'll sit up here and listen to everything that you have to say because we care what you have to say regardless of what we say. Every single person out there lives in this Village. For one minute, do you think that we're that dumb to put something here that's going to affect my children, their children, your children? If you think that, why in God's name did you vote for us? Mrs. Johnson, you continue to come to our meetings and you sent us all this stuff like we're stupid. We are seven, if not more, intelligent people. Just because it doesn't fit in your timeline and when you want to move, doesn't mean that it's not ready. So please stop coming up here and attacking us. I told this to Mr. Guarino when I spoke to him. (booing and heckling could be heard) We had a great conversation because it was a back and forth conversation where adults talk, not him talking at me, not me talking at him. If you want us to listen to you, come (inaudible) don't come at us. (more shouts can be heard)

Frances Vitullo, 500 Dakota Avenue. Opposition to data centers. Mrs. Vitullo has lived in the Village, all but six years of her life. (inaudible) A data center on the McDonald Steel property could be approximately 4,780 feet from our home on Dakota Avenue, less than one mile. It could be just a few hundred feet from our beloved preschool. I have concerns related to noise, utility costs, home values. (inaudible) long time health care worker. I am concerned about the transparency of Council and Mayor who we've elected to serve us. (inaudible) up until now, we haven't heard (inaudible) We don't have to (inaudible) serve us. My position is to not support a data center in the Village of McDonald. Was there a permit issued to AP? No word. Who is the Village zoning inspector? No answer. (inaudible) Have you considered the impact a data center would have on our residents in our neighboring communities? With rapidly changing technology and increased (inaudible) a data center are becoming obsolete. Mrs. Vitullo is requesting an emergency moratorium to pause any plans for a data center in the Village of McDonald. She has talked to many who are concerned which includes lack of transparency from Mayor and Council. Mr. Mayor, you stated that you are available anytime to speak to residents. Casual conversations are not an answer. Public forums are (inaudible) and placed on record. With lack of transparency, comes lack of trust. That's why people are (inaudible). Your residents know you are withholding information. They know. We see the casual nod of the head. We hear the non-answers to our questions. Mr. Mayor and Council, (inaudible) make decisions in the best interest and (inaudible). I respectfully ask that you keep the will of the people in mind as you make decisions. Decisions that will affect the best interests of the residents of the Village of McDonald. This is the most serious decision that you will make in the history of this Village. I was listening to Chief Marcum and Chief Ronghi. I hear you, I see you, I appreciate you protecting us. Your officers should be compensated fairly. The conversation needs to extend beyond the Mayor and Council. It needs to be (inaudible).

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Linda Lee, 512 Indiana Avenue. The effect of a data center on property values. She has lived here 46 years and invested a lot of money into her house. She is concerned about the noise that is created by this. From what she's seen, depending on the data center we're talking about. Ohio Avenue is one mile from Marshall down to (inaudible) and it encompasses the whole Village. Do you have plans for noise if this goes through? Do you have walls? Do you have any type of sound barrier? The environmental impact. At some point, these data centers are gonna take (inaudible). Are we going to be responsible for cleaning up whatever damage they've done? Do you know the difference between data centers? There are data centers that are for artificial intelligence and there's (inaudible). Which one are we talking about? If you do not know this, let me explain to you. The data centers that are artificial intelligence are using (inaudible) If you're not familiar with (inaudible), it is used for (inaudible) currency very occasionally. Data centers are out there trying to come up with (inaudible) they are (inaudible) with crypto currency. We have data centers and (inaudible) They do not take those precautions. They are blasting air in big huge fans with decibels equivalent to a jet or a highway. You have to explain to me which type of data center are you looking at? I did ask the Mayor, have you considered other types of business in this industrial park? I personally am an environmentalist and I believe in solar green (inaudible). Have we looked at doing other businesses trying to get renewal energy sources? There is a company in Ohio that has solar panels. We have the technology now. Ms. Lee has considered getting solar panels on her home.

Mayor Lewis stated they are looking for anything. If you know who to contact, we're looking for anything.

Jackie Rasile, 891 Ravine Drive South. Would like to know why Council supports a data center in the industrial park. She doesn't want a data center in our backyard. Lots of concerns about that. If one comes in, it's our backyard. Mrs. Rasile respectfully requests a moratorium until you're ready. With the current ordinance in place, there is a conditional use. If somebody comes in, what are we gonna do? It doesn't sound like we're ready yet. We don't want the Village to (inaudible). We're all here because we care about the Village. I think, overall, residents have been super respectful, not attacking anybody. We're all concerned. With regard to the finances, you guys (inaudible). We want to be (inaudible) and we want to maintain those things. You've got engaged citizens right here. Use us. Get a task force (inaudible). Let's figure things out. Let's figure out how to make it work (inaudible) in the Village but Oppidan coming into this Village right now, we're not ready for it. I respectfully request that you consider a moratorium until we're ready.

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Stacy Foster, 811 Florida Avenue. Requesting emergency moratorium on data centers. Mrs. Foster stated that she doesn't think we're ready. She has done some research. There are six different House Bills that have been presented in the Ohio legislature that deal with data centers. The big one is House Bill 193. If that comes to fruition, (inaudible) protects every single citizen here. We need to protect the residents in this Village. House Bill 193 protects our most vulnerable citizen which is our senior citizens. It requires voter approval of a data center. It has (inaudible) built into it. It has (inaudible) that the data center has to build if they want to come in here, they have to build it. There are emissions standards, no property tax abatement. The biggest cost that we have here are (inaudible) and we are (inaudible). If Oppidan comes in, who's paying for the (inaudible)? Not them. We are. I implore you, I beg you to consider placing an emergency moratorium so that we can be prepared. I understand financial worry. I get it. I've talked to you before (inaudible) services. I still think there are some things we need to do. I think that as we (inaudible) communities, we can do something. I think we can do some powerful things. But I'm asking you to please consider this. I have personally had health issues the last two years since they started (inaudible). I'm on medication for asthma. I've never had that before. There is toxicity and we need to consider that too. So I'm just asking that you really consider putting a moratorium on. If Oppidan is interested, somebody else will be interested. We need to do (inaudible) and we need to do our (inaudible) senior citizens who are (inaudible). Put a pause and let's take it a little easy.

Mary Kay Skufca, 540 Dakota Avenue. Concerns regarding data center. Mrs. Skufca is a proud third generation of the McDonald Community. She would like to express her concerns regarding potential hazardous conditions, noise pollution putting a company such as a data center at the former McDonald Steel site. While she can appreciate there are those on Council that made a trip to the data center, the community (inaudible) is not represented here. (inaudible) it's approximately 16 miles with the ability to expand out to 20 (inaudible) square miles according to the American (inaudible). Most of the data centers in New Albany are contained within an international business park. Our reality is that McDonald (inaudible) boundaries are locked in place. The totality of the community sits on 1.7 square miles. We have nowhere to expand. A data center in McDonald will not be contained to a business park but directly adjacent to residential areas with a daycare directly across the street. Even with this proximity this facility, to her own property, she is concerned about exposure, harmful emissions and constant noise associated with the cooling systems, generators at data centers. As an example, the data center in (inaudible) Tennessee was recently sued for (inaudible) harmful gas through lines that polluted the air with fine particular matter of soot and (inaudible). Right now, Loudon County (inaudible) retroactively trying to rewrite the ordinances to curtail the 24/7 noise plaguing their own community. We can't allow this in our Village. With

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essentially zero information from our leadership, and I know you guys have been working on this for a long time, but you haven't brought us along with you. Quick pace and lack of public transparency to your residents has not inspired confidence in our Village leadership that you have (inaudible) to protect the health and safety, peace in herself and those here. If a data center was (inaudible) questions for consideration. Will you mandate to your (inaudible) generator (inaudible)? Will there be strict enforcement of the volume (inaudible) requirements stringent and objective maximum decibel levels, energy grid and infrastructure protections, detailed plans and oversight of hazardous materials (inaudible), regular testing of water to protect from any unhealthy environmental impacts, corroborative contingency plans for unforeseen emergencies or disasters. Will you ensure clear and direct language referring to protections in any (inaudible) of the Village ordinances or (inaudible) Oppidan or any other company? There is no (inaudible) paid amount promises or money that is worth compromising this. We request an emergency moratorium.

Dorothy Hannon, 851 Ravine Drive South. Request moratorium on data center and address financial responsibility of Mayor and Council. I propose this (inaudible). I was thinking about how we have nothing (inaudible). The (inaudible) we had a good meeting. (Inaudible) asked a question and you're pretty good at (inaudible). There's no (inaudible) I personally (inaudible) I felt comfortable and (inaudible). But (inaudible) moratorium (inaudible). Health (inaudible) California (inaudible) no kidding. Do I have a right to feel (inaudible). You guys know something we don't know about (inaudible) information (inaudible). 18 months you've been working on it and (inaudible) I do request an emergency moratorium on data centers.

Jim Frederick, 116 S. Cleveland, Niles. Regarding data centers. I suppose you're wondering why I'm here since I live in Niles. But I live right across the river. (inaudible) I'm concerned about the fact that data center business is (inaudible). It's really (inaudible). In order for that business to come here and us to feel comfortable with it, I think ordinances need to be on the books to protect the environment and the community. In full disclosure, I'm the (inaudible) author of the measure (inaudible) to have a vote on whether or not to ban data centers in the City of Warren. I've met with Trumbull County Board of Elections to try and coordinate all that. (inaudible) whether or not the community wants a data center. These people are so worried about the future of this community with a data center. Here, more than anything that we know about (inaudible) But these people are (inaudible). They're all here because they're concerned. Maybe engaging them might be the thing to do. (inaudible) That could be an option. But I would think a moratorium would be your best bet (inaudible) to develop ordinances and regulations for the (inaudible). That's my (inaudible) concern is that (inaudible) I live in the extreme southeast corner of Niles, just across the river. So I'm a little concerned

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(inaudible) Years ago, (inaudible) Was there a permit issued when that (inaudible). Mayor Lewis stated that this wasn't inside the Village. Mr. Frederick stated that the day they took down the (inaudible) I happened to be home. I was in the basement and the sound (inaudible) an earthquake. That's not a concern. My concern was that we were engulfed in particular from that demolition. I'm sure there was asbestos because it was a smokestack. (inaudible) asbestos (inaudible) from the heat of the tanks so I called the EPA. I was wondering if any of you had information on the (inaudible) if it was permitted or what was the status of it? Was that (inaudible) data center then. I can't speak to your reputation (inaudible) a lot of experience (inaudible) but there are some transparency issues (inaudible) I don't know if that's the reality you have or that's the perception. (inaudible)

Cathy Woods, 509 Illinois Avenue. Questions regarding effect of utility rates, environmental impact and disbursement of Village financial gains. Mrs. Woods had things she was going to say but basically, it's been said and so obviously is for an emergency moratorium so more time can be given so we can do more work (inaudible) data centers can work on this.

Cara Pecchia, 110 W. Adam Street. Data center information. Mrs. Pecchia wants to say that the levy, you have her full support. She owns two businesses on Ohio Avenue and lives here with her husband and four children. The businesses are less than 100 yards from a projected data center site. To say that she has a vested interest in this decision is an understatement. She became aware of a plan for a data center this spring on social media. (inaudible) in communication with the administration (inaudible). We had great conversations (inaudible). Her main concern is the proximity to her preschool where (inaudible) 120 children. They are roughly 100 yards from the site. They are one of the closest in proximity to the damage or potential harm that they (inaudible) a data center. Her business promotes (inaudible) an extension of the classroom (inaudible). Her main (inaudible) is centered around (inaudible). Outside of that, (inaudible) three times in the past two years (inaudible). She worries that (inaudible) is going to impact her business which is a preschool/daycare so it impacts hundreds of other (inaudible). She deducted the following: you guys care, we know that. This isn't about our personal vendetta or anything. It's about we all live here and clearly a lot of people are confused and (inaudible). Longevity and success in the future of this Village. The second thing she deducted from the conversation with the administration was that we all know that we need to replace something vital that we lost with the mill. We need something in here to support that because our Village thrives on our safety. It thrives on community. It thrives on (inaudible). Thirdly, there are no easy answers to her questions regarding the financial situation that we have found ourselves in this Village. Mrs. Pecchia appreciates all the discussions with the administration that she had. Today, she asked for an

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emergency 12-month moratorium to allow more time to get this ready. She wants to trust everything that you have done in the past 18 months but it's hard to do that when we haven't seen any information on the record. The residents of the Village of McDonald deserve to have a full understanding of what's going on in detail. Mrs. Pecchia would also like to ask the administration to (inaudible) moving forward with 100% transparency. We have a wealth of knowledge. There are some people in this town who really investigating, dig down deep (inaudible). They want to (inaudible) long term plan to (inaudible) this Village, (inaudible). This is a huge decision and will impact all of us. (inaudible) The decision on this will (inaudible) some of us in this room today. The decision could be potentially detrimental for the community, our children and our future.

Jeannie Morello, 290 Dakota Avenue. Express opinion for an emergency moratorium to further study data centers. Like so many others that spoke tonight, she feels let down that they were not included in this discussion on data center since you've been working on it for so long. She feels like things were being done secretly. She stated that she really loves this (inaudible) and she knows all of you want the best for us. Therefore, she strongly supports and requests an emergency moratorium on data centers to be enacted tonight through December 2027.

Nancy Kish, 923 Pennsylvania Avenue. Regarding data center. She appreciates (inaudible). She apologizes if you take any of our comments personally.

Mayor Lewis stated that he did take one comment personally and it wasn't the way it was presented, it was when people say that anybody here doesn't care. Just understand that everybody up here and everybody out there cares about this town. We love this Village and we want what's best for this Village. Sometimes tensions get high and we're people too. Mayor Lewis doesn't want to take offense to anyone being on the opposition or in favor of. That's what's great about our country that we live in. But Mayor Lewis doesn't want anyone to ever think that he doesn't care. Not only does he care but everybody here and out there all cares. That's why we're here.

Mrs. Kish fully supports levies, as did her ancestors. She would like to express her strong opposition to the proposed data center. This opposition is not based on her emotions or resistance to any development. It is opposition based on fact that there are too many significant questions about this project that have not been answered. Keeping your tax paying community in the dark is not democracy. It is betrayal. We were talking about large scale industrial type operation in close proximity to homes and daycare centers. This is not simply another commercial pizzeria or bicycle shop. Data centers operate 24 hours a day 365 days a year with substantial electrical (inaudible), mechanical equipment, cooling systems, backup (inaudible). At this time, she requests an immediate

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moratorium on all data center applications, rezone requests and permits. Have we learned nothing from the fallout of the quickly force-fed fracking (inaudible). She does request that the city, staff and Council reject any nondisclosure agreements with (inaudible).

Mayor Lewis has said many times and he'll say it again, he never has, he never will, ever signed any paper for a non-disclosure. Ever. Fact. He's not going to address it again. He's done with it.

Mrs. Kish (inaudible) closed door agreements with the government that insists that all communication, site plan, and resource projection be wholly open to the public. She also requests that all the environmental impact studies, noise and (inaudible) studies be done independently. We do not want to (inaudible) to a group of salespeople coming in on the 15th (inaudible) their own studies. We want third party independent test results. For those who are (inaudible) to support this (inaudible). How many long-term jobs will these data centers present us? (inaudible) tax abatements we're giving back to them. How are we benefitting? We want to hear what they're going to do for us. She believes these small towns are being hunted and we're the prey. Mrs. Kish is asking Council to stop treating these concerns and obstacles to (inaudible) and start (inaudible) decision. Once the facility is built, we can't simply undo it. The noise is forever (inaudible). Emergency response becomes an issue. Property values (inaudible). The Village has one opportunity to get this decision right. Mrs. Kish respectfully asks Mayor Lewis and Council not to (inaudible) until every significant environmental infrastructure (inaudible) nor emergency response question have been independently (inaudible) and answered publicly.

Sue Lipkovich, 490 Utah Avenue. Ms. Lipkovich was here in November 2025 and requested that Council consider a moratorium. (inaudible) was not necessary. There is no plan in action. But you guys sat here tonight and said for 18 months. So, it was in action in November 2025. With your 18 months, why don't we have a report showing the money? Mrs. Lipkovich wants to know why is a data center the end all to our financial crisis. We have no report. Have you given us a report? If you've been doing it for 18 months, and you are transparent, educate us. We are your constituents. We are your neighbors. Each and every one of you are our neighbors. Why don't we have a report? It's great we have this on Tuesday. What are we supposed to ask them? You haven't given us anything. You haven't educated us through the facts. Give us the report. Show us the money. Show us (inaudible). Show us everything that you have if you've been doing it for 18 months. Help us to know what to ask these people. They're gonna come and (inaudible) with everything. They're gonna try to persuade us. I am not for it. I never was. I am requesting, as a property owner, for an emergency moratorium

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as of (inaudible) I am asking you to consider that because we aren't ready. We, your constituents. We're not ready. I'm asking you to consider this to help educate us, show us everything that you have (inaudible) before Tuesday so that we have time to educate ourselves to know what to ask these people. These people have more money than any of us could ever imagine. All we have is our beautiful village that we love to live. I know you want to protect it. That's what you keep saying. But you're not educating us. You're not getting us the facts. I want to know (inaudible) for the last 18 months. Have you (inaudible).

Mayor Lewis stated that, for 18 months, the Solicitor, Council, Administrator and himself have been working on drafting a zone change.

Ms. Lipkovich stated that we are not ready. Please, enact an emergency moratorium-temporary moratorium. Educate us, get a task force. We have so many amazing people here that would work alongside all of you. But we are not educated. Ms. Lipkovich isn't saying that you're hiding anything. But you are not educating us. We should have reports. It seems like you're basing everything on this data center to be the end all to pull us from (inaudible) has come to the table. If this is the best we have, and if we're not ready, nix it.

Kayla Latimer, 408 Garfield. Ms. Latimer stated that was disabled by Covid and (inaudible). So not only has she been a patient affected by poor planning and lack of due diligence, she has been on the other end of that, giving care to people (inaudible) and seeing patients every single day who are affected for their entire lives and (inaudible) to live exposure. She has certifications in mental health which the constant (inaudible) sound definitely affects (inaudible). It sounds very much like we are (inaudible) of the Village and have been for a long time. It is very (inaudible) that these businesses specifically target very vulnerable communities who have no more options. (inaudible) desperate attempt to (inaudible) see themselves and to do so now in a small village such as ours does jeopardize everybody's health and well-being long term. Everyone here is so proud to live in McDonald. Ms. Latimer spoke of her grandfather who was a resident. She would hate to see all the work that was put into this town for so long disappear because we made a hasty decision that did not (inaudible) long term impact that it would have on this community. Ms. Latimer understands finances. She knows what it takes and right now, it is very apparent that we are not ready for this type of endeavor and the risk is so much higher than (inaudible). Ms. Latimer asks for an emergency moratorium on a center until we are prepared. (inaudible) medically. How are we going to manage increase in calls? As much as she would love to take your word for it, (inaudible) your word has no recourse attached to it. (inaudible) legislation and ordinances in place that allows that would give us peace of mind and security (inaudible) a business (inaudible)

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Absolutely (inaudible). We're not ready. Ms. Latimer would be glad to volunteer to be on this committee to offer her expertise. We need to be more prepared than we are right now and not set us up for failure. That's exactly what this is.

Mayor Lewis stated that this is a long time coming and this is available if you want to request it. There was a State of the Village two years ago regarding the finances. The fact of the matter is we have a population that's half retired and those individuals earned their right to not pay income taxes. That being said, we have less than half of our population that funds our entire Village. Of that half, every year we are deemed with the task of calling people into Mayor's Court because they decided that income tax doesn't matter. Mayor Lewis commended then Mayor Puckett, who started the difficult task of calling these individuals in but we have known for an extended period of time that the Village finances were not getting any better. When your number one employer in the town is the school district, that's not good. This Council is taking measures in the form of the garbage collection, income tax forgiveness to kind of right the ship where it is now. The State of the Village will happen the beginning of next year. Mayor Lewis encourages everyone to attend and see where things are. It's been known for awhile. The discussion started as early back as 2017-18.

Mayor Lewis stated that those that think a data center at the industrial park is an end all, he's said this from day one and he'll say it again, the need for a "business" at the industrial park is the end all. A safe, revenue generating job creating business.

Seth Robertson, 408 Garfield. (inaudible) Mr. Robertson stated that actions speak louder than words. Now is the time. This is your moment to prove that your actions equal your words. Emergency moratorium, just like everyone else said. Give us some time. (inaudible)

Marie McNulty, 334 Grant. Ms. McNulty is a former member of the Fire Department. (inaudible) data center, I disagree with (inaudible). Keep us involved. She is asking for a moratorium. She thinks there are cons and pros to this. It's just too much and we're just too small of a Village. Ms. McNulty stated that Chief Marcum is probably one of the best fire chiefs we've had in this Village. As a paramedic, (inaudible) training firefighter, police officer, EMT. If anybody found offense regarding a levy, Ms. McNulty wants you to consider the physicality and psychological aspects that takes its toll especially it's like Russian roulette-you don't know. You might have to deliver babies, (inaudible). Ms. McNulty has also seen residents who (inaudible). She can personally attest to the physical aspects (inaudible) heavy lifting (inaudible) Ms. McNulty two weeks before Thanksgiving Day 1986. That day, talk about a Village coming together (inaudible) entire Trumbull County community. Ms. McNulty (inaudible) police and fire go through

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24/7 to deliver some of the best care around. This Village has had some of the most dedicated police and fire, EMS. (inaudible) If anyone is on the fence, just consider (inaudible). They are, they're as fast as they can get to you. Ms. McNulty fully supports the levy.

Lori Gawdyda, representing her mom. One thing she noticed is that nobody talked about water. On July 1, the Planning Commission was told the Village (inaudible) for water. That is an active permit allowing (inaudible) It is active with the EPA (inaudible) today. (inaudible) water conditions (inaudible) The actual (inaudible) there's an ODNR (inaudible). So, what Ms. Gawdyda has found was that the facility (inaudible) There is no average water use. There's no average water use because the (inaudible). So, what Ms. Gawdyda is asking is (inaudible) the conversation of (inaudible). Being looked at because the Mahoning River is part of (inaudible) and a data center (inaudible). Conditions (inaudible). The other thing (inaudible) lighting, cooling (inaudible). Once you decide (inaudible) it's done. You can't fix it. (inaudible) Village can't (inaudible) water (inaudible) We need to set a (inaudible) water use (inaudible) consumption, (inaudible) discharge. Ms. Gawdyda is asking for an emergency moratorium. (inaudible)

Bill Johnson, 871 Ravine Dr. Mr. Johnson discussed the history of McDonald U.S. Steel. (inaudible) Our entire village (inaudible) you're squeezing us into that space. (inaudible) Putting one industry down there (inaudible) Most of the places we have (inaudible) tourism. (inaudible) U.S. Steel was in violation the entire time (inaudible). Cleaning up that property entirely (inaudible). Why should we clean it up? It doesn't make sense. U.S. Steel needs to come fix it before we (inaudible). That company also has to (inaudible). Horrible situation. (inaudible) Mr. Johnson's dad worked (inaudible) in the mill. When he first started (inaudible). By the time Mr. Johnson was (inaudible). Now it took 50 years (inaudible). Now (inaudible). floats down the river for a mile a mile and a half (inaudible). You're gonna have (inaudible) situation where industry has the leverage (inaudible). Too large, too small population. (inaudible) It's a great place to be. It's a great place to live and we all love it here and want to stay. (inaudible)

Mayor Lewis stated that Oppidan said they have (inaudible) power.

Joe Shoaff, Poland, Ohio. Mr. Shoaff's son lives here and he's been watching the pros and cons on data centers. (inaudible) The problem here is you want to put one in a residential community. That's the issue. You want to put it in the wrong place. (inaudible) He suspects that it wasn't being (inaudible) So you're trying to figure out (inaudible) He also believes you're well intentioned and you want what's best for the community. Many people have asked if he was in support of and recommend a (inaudible) moratorium. Mr. Shoaff suspects (inaudible). Do not trust their intentions.

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He believes that Council has put in the time. He doesn't believe we have the expertise necessary to ensure (inaudible). Mr. Shoaff has seen regulations. He knows (inaudible) the dangers of regulations if they're not done properly. He believes (inaudible). The pitfalls of (inaudible) even if you (inaudible). The ordinance has to have (inaudible) criteria that are (inaudible) not subjective (inaudible) to interpretations. The ordinance has to have enforcement. (inaudible) step back, continue that to make sure the final product provides real and meaningful protection. His son is concerned about (inaudible). He's about 2/10 of a mile (inaudible). He's concerned about his property value. (inaudible) is going to be turned away (inaudible). Mr. Shoaff thinks the reason we need a moratorium is not because (inaudible). Time to step back (inaudible) and also to bring the community (inaudible). We're not in that position right now. Emotions are running high. (inaudible) If this is done wrong, we can change that to (inaudible) once Village of McDonald is now noisy, cold, disenfranchised nationalism. Bring the residents in and (inaudible) community.

Ty Jividen, 333 Indiana Avenue. Mr. Jividen would like to request an emergency moratorium and to (inaudible) decommission (inaudible). He does not want to discuss (inaudible) data centers (inaudible) good or bad (inaudible). To form a conclusion is a waste of time at this point (inaudible) data center. Mr. Jividen is presenting numbers for reference (inaudible) expanding (inaudible) capacity to rebuke the (inaudible) that China is winning the AI race (inaudible) data centers. China is roughly the same size as U.S. (inaudible) China has a population of 1.4 billion compared to 340 million in the U.S. That's four times the amount of people compared to (inaudible). Ohio (inaudible) globalized (inaudible) state population size at 12.8. That's roughly 3% of the 340 million people in the United States. Ohio's population compared to China is roughly .8%, rounded up to 1%. Let's move on to data centers. (inaudible) 4,000 operational to 3,000 (inaudible) classified as active versus China's 376 and 449. Based on (inaudible) the U.S. has 5,500 versus China's 413, roughly 7.5% the number of data centers as the U.S. It's really (inaudible) versus 376 (inaudible) It's really simple math (inaudible) set numbers that's easy to remember 4,000 in U.S. versus 400 in China. We still have 10X the number of data centers and 25% of the population (inaudible) in the U.S. (inaudible) 4X the data centers as the U.S. (inaudible) 16,000 data centers. That's 4X (inaudible) Should have 4X fewer. In all actuality, the current numbers are 5,500-7,000 data centers in the U.S. which is 37.5-75% higher than the example given as 4000 current data centers. Somehow this is considered a threat. This is the standard talking point for justification for building more data centers (inaudible). There is no real threat. (inaudible) by China. This is a corporate (inaudible) AI. This is high-powered tech billionaires and their corruption and lies (inaudible). The grass with so many solutions to our problem (inaudible). While having (inaudible) to offer non-existent transparency. (inaudible) responsibility. (inaudible) with zero accountability. We need (inaudible)

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people (inaudible) billionaires (inaudible). China (inaudible) has a total of 449 data centers. Ohio has 200 data centers currently and roughly 250 active (inaudible) one more than the entire (inaudible) of China.

Blaine Carter, 445 Utah Avenue. Mr. Carter was in a Council meeting in December when they talked a little about data centers. (inaudible) issue. He had two requests. Mr. Carter has done work as a civil engineer and he's done (inaudible) studies. He thinks a lot of issue he has about this process is the lack of information. He will request a second draft zoning ordinance that can be posted on the Village website for residents to see. He thinks there is a lot of expertise in town that (inaudible) and feedback and (inaudible). This is the third state he has lived in (inaudible). As an overall, Ohio is the least transparent. He doesn't think it's just the Village (inaudible). But there's not a lot of information (inaudible). Mr. Carter knows you guys were working on this last December. That was over eight months ago. As far as (inaudible) something out there for us to look at (inaudible). Mr. Carter feels like (inaudible) people (inaudible) should be posted on the website. (inaudible) income tax (inaudible) and fiscal report which was provided. (inaudible) He knows you guys have been working on that and (inaudible). If you guys would (inaudible) information (inaudible). He would ask more specifically (inaudible) income tax issue and (inaudible) He would appreciate it.

Chief Marcum stated that his job is to command and litigate emergencies in this Village. He doesn't have time to make emails and put things on websites. Chief Marcum stated that he doesn't have time and he doesn't know how to do that. If someone wants to come in and draft something for him to post on the website, he'd be more than willing to do that. It's not being disrespectful. He's trying.

Christine Maley, 306 Indiana Avenue. Ms. Maley stated that (inaudible) businesses in town, not just a data center. Her question is what is the difference between a data center and a (inaudible). Pollution and noise and environmental issues. Was there any concern with the steel mill? (inaudible) clean up and tear it down. (inaudible). We do need something in here. If it's a data center. (inaudible) We need something. Ms. Maley worked for a fire station. She thinks it's disgusting that they ask so much (inaudible) That's just sad to her. If you guys need any food or shelter, come to her house.

415 Nebraska. She wanted to ask for a moratorium. She has lived in the village for 48 years. She appreciates the fire department, the police department and she can't remember a levy being turned down. She thinks there's not enough known about the data centers. She wants to know that we're all protected and she thinks we need more time to research because (inaudible) enough information out there. We don't know how long these things

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last. She doesn't want to see us being stuck with tearing it down (inaudible). She remembers the stench going from Niles to Youngstown, the smog. You didn't have air conditioned cars. She remembers the jokes about the Mahoning River being so polluted. It's been cleaned up. You have Niles and Struthers (inaudible) for kayaking. She doesn't want to see the river being contaminated again. We can't trust (inaudible) and now (inaudible). She's not saying they're not doing their job. She's just saying we all need more time. Her son has been trying to wrap his head around this. If they want us so bad, they'll wait. Don't let us get taken advantage of.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. First Reading Of A Resolution Accepting The Amount And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor.

It was moved by Mr. Puckett that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

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

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Smith stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$133,493.19.

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

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Puckett – aye
Mrs. Reckard – aye
Mr. Bosheff – aye

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

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mayor Lewis stated that, for the month of August, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$60, court costs \$99, Village revenue from fines \$375, Niles Municipal Court fines \$165.90, and parking tickets \$30 for a grand total of \$729.90.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Sanson at 9:05 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer