

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Walt Bradley, Ken Miner, Cliff DeZee, Joseph Dugan, Lynn Miller

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Fire Chief Nick Kish, Acting Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The February 15, 2017 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:20 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present  
Mr. Seitz – present  
Mr. Lewis – present

Mr. Harvey – present  
Mr. Klase – present  
Mr. Fisher – 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 February 1, 2017 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the February 1, 2017 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

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

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett stated the Records Retention Committee met between Caucus Council and approved said records for disposition.

Mayor read a letter of resignation from Patrolman Chris Weibel who has accepted a full-time job with the Youngstown Police Department.

It was moved by Mr. Klase to accept the resignation of Chris Weibel.

Discussion: Mayor Puckett stated it is sad to see guys move on but it does happen. He said that Mr. Weibel will be missed.

Mayor stated he and Mr. Domitrovich will be attending a meeting in Weathersfield Township right after our meeting to discuss the reopening of an injection well on St. Rt. 169. They will be testing the well for functionality and he will report on it at the next Council meeting.

6. Report of Village Officials:

**Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich** – stated that he and Street Department Foreman Shawn Stevens have been working extensively with CTL Engineering. They are surveying the Baptist Church property on Second St. and are looking at the utilities at this time which includes storm water utilities, water lines, and wastewater lines.

The VA has been working with the Solicitor and GPD Engineers regarding the specs for the South of Marshall Road paving project. They hope to advertise soon.

Mr. Domitrovich circulated to Council the 2016 Water Department report listing their duties during the year.

Mr. Domitrovich also stated he has completed testing, Special Purpose Sampling, for the Ohio EPA. They asked us to monitor for lead and copper for two weeks. There were no finds for them at the locations tested. The water quality was excellent. We also concluded with required Stage II water sampling which has to be done. We look for Haloacetic acids and Trihalomethanes which are byproducts in water production from the plant. We monitor for those as well. We did sample for those on time and turned them in to the EPA and we were well below any recorded levels that would cause for any action to our public. The

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water is in great condition right now. We will be putting that in our CCR report that is due out in June. We will manage any of the orange water complaints that come up. That is an on-going battle still and I hope the State does look at doing something with the treatment facility so we can clean that up.

Mr. Harvey asked about the changes at Meander that have been affecting the people's pipes and water. Is it because of a different formula? Mr. Domitrovich stated that the facility works in symbiosis with the EPA. They are both, in my opinion, responsible and should take action together to clean up the orange water. The MVSD should never do anything without the blessing of the EPA.

**Acting Police Chief Bill Woodley** stated for the month of January, 2017 the Police Department answered 137 calls from the 911 center, investigated 35 formal complaints, conducted 22 traffic stops and issued 12 traffic citations and made 17 criminal arrests. They issued 10 parking tickets, responded to 6 alarm drops, 3 weather related calls, and 2 unwanted person calls. They conducted 6 residential security checks, responded to 2 animal complaints, 2 check the welfare complaints, 2 custody issues, 1 disturbance call, 1 noise complaint, 2 parking complaints, 4 suspicious activity complaints, 5 suspicious person complaints, 5 suspicious vehicle complaints, and 2 traffic regulation complaints. They assisted a disabled vehicle, conducted 1 standby and responded to 3 unknown problems. The department started taking their online training for 2017, and completed their Daily Bullets for January. Officer Dan Superak and Officer Ryan Ronghi were fitted for new Ballistic vests.

**Fire Chief Nick Kish** - stated for the month of January they answered 13 EMS calls and 2 fire calls. They attended 52 man hours of training.

The Fire Department has completed their annual drug free workplace training.

**Solicitor Douglas W. Ross** – no report.

7. Committee reports:

**President Pro Tem Mr. O'Brien** reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, committee meetings which will be Tuesday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m., Relay for Life which will be called Relay for Life Liberty and McDonald, Records Retention Committee meeting, resignation of Patrolman Chris Weibel, street bids for South of Marshall Rd. paving, and Weathersfield

7. Committee reports cont'd.

Township meeting regarding injection wells.

**Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey** stated Park & Buildings will meet February 28. They are still looking at the bids for the roof at the Village garage, the Relay of Life on June 9 & 10, and the facilities use agreement with the school.

**Safety Committee Mr. Klase** thanked Chief Kish on the procurement of the State grant funding for the carbon monoxide tester and the EMS IPads. He also thanked Solicitor Ross for preparing draft legislation regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and for covering the Village employee drug free workplace terms and conditions for Council's review and discussion at committee meetings. He thanked Office Weibel for his service and wished him luck in Youngstown.

**Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis** stated there is a third reading of our 2017 budget on the agenda this evening and appreciates everyone's support. Finance will meet Tuesday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m.

**Service Committee Mr. Seitz** stated Service will also meet February 28, at approximately 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. He also stated that our South of Marshall Road project is moving along. Once the bid language is completed we need to advertise those bids.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz to authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the 2017 road resurfacing project once the language has been completed.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Klase – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

**Planning Commission Mr. Fisher** reported Planning Commission met last Wednesday, February 8. The Zoning Inspector gave an update of the building reports and rental inspection report. Mr. Guarino stated a Zoning Appeals meeting will be held directly following Planning. Mr. Fisher attended and stated it was a contentious meeting. A variance was granted on a fence. In discussing medical marijuana bans there was discussion whether they were legal and Solicitor Ross

7. Committee Reports cont'd.

gave them an update as to why it is legal. The Trumbull County Planning Commission and the Trumbull County Emergency Management Agency were both scheduled to meet this week so there was no report. They finished up discussing contractor registration which was disbursed in your packets. The commission established the fees for contractor registration and it will be discussed at committee meetings.

**Community Chest Mr. O'Brien** – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Joe Dugan, 501 W. Marshall Rd. I'm here to provide a rewrite of my quest for public information in the most detailed format that I can and I also included examples to help out. I have eight copies here for those who wish to have a copy. I have also requested information from Council basically the Police Chief. The question is in here and I don't want to waste time because you want to get out of here. One request for the Police Chief and one from the Mayor about special privilege parking decision that was made some time in the past. I'm just asking for the document that describes duration and so forth. That's is a separate letter. Thank you. Oh, copies of the minutes you just approved. Next time could you get copies for us.

Mayor Puckett stated once we approve them they get printed out and we'll disburse. You can sign up for an email so they can be emailed to you. I just happened to discover today that the rules say if you don't provide or distribute minutes within seven days of that meeting, you must provide them to the public no later than the next meeting either special or regular. I just thought you may have extra copies here. Okay, I'll sign up.

Walt Bradley, 510 W. Third St. addressed Acting Chief Woodley, Councilman Klase and Tom Domitrovich to whom I've already talked to about this. I think down at Wolford's (175 Ohio Avenue) where they park their trucks in the morning facing oncoming traffic, people coming down Ohio Ave. when they turn down Olive Street, can't see where the lanes are. In addition to not seeing where the lanes are they are not even painted or they are faded. What you run into is the possibility of litigation when the Village knows the lanes aren't marked and if someone left of center hits them, it can bring the Village into legal action against them too. It's not a negative, this is just a fresh set of eyes sometimes seeing things that other people don't see. As a sidebar, Third Street is a race track from Ohio Avenue to Second St. At 5:15 every morning there is a truck that goes by there probably 55 mph. I've had the officers come down and he sat up there at 6:30 but it is a shortcut and it is a half mile race track. That is just food for

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

thought but I really think we need to address the good neighbor part to Wolford's to help assist in the safety of that intersection. Thank you.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Third reading of an Ordinance No. 3204-17 To Make Appropriations For 2017 To Various Divisions Of The Village Government For Each Of The Several Objects For Which The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Has To Provide Out Of The Monies Known To Be In The Treasury Of Said Village During The Year From The Collection Of All The Taxes And From All Other Sources Of Revenue For 2017.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Ordinance No. 3204-17 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis thanked the Finance Committee, Fiscal Officer, and Village Administrator for their hard work on this budget. I think it provides significant improvements for the Village for this year and also remains very fiscally responsible so I appreciate it.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$98,115.60.

I, Robin DeBow, 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. Lewis to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye  
Mr. Harvey – aye  
Mr. Klase – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye  
Mr. Seitz – aye  
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Seitz thanked the gentlemen (in the audience) for attending the meeting this evening. It shows you care about the Village. We take everything into consideration during our discussions. We discussed long and hard because we love this Village too. We appreciate you folks and thanks for coming down.

Mr. Harvey stated regarding the Community Room many of you know the programming is run by your taxes and through a grant. We are going to be looking into applying for another grant for more money. Once you are up and running and can show you are sustaining and improving, you certainly have the right to apply for a bigger size grant.

Mrs. DeBow stated that the annual financial report for 2016 will be filed by the Auditor of State by the end of this month. Also this is an audit year for 2015/2016. I have requested Charles E. Harris and Associates come on site for the audit. I think it makes it quicker to get through. If there are here and ask questions I can provide them with the information they need.

Mr. Harvey stated that comes right into play with having you here full time. I don't know how many people know that when auditors come they are on the clock and when they are looking for things, asking for things, time is everything when who has to go and find this and that. If we can provide the information when they are here that cuts down on the audit. It is a win win for us.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. O'Brien at 6:45 p.m. All voted aye.

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Mayor

Attest to:

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Fiscal Officer