

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2023**

Council President Tom Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Thomas McQuillan, Ray Miller, Amber Wasko, Philip Boggs, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Member Mike Bish was unavoidably absent. Others in attendance were Police Chief Dennis Ahlborn, Kim Lauff, Kirk Inskipt, Joe Zuccherro, Celestine Braxton, Mayor David Cooper, Troy Gump, Code and Zoning Officer, Solicitor John Hofrichter and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor David Cooper made a proclamation that December 7th is Fort Cherry Ranger Nation Day.

Tom Rockwell told Phil Boggs thanks for serving for the last 4 years.

VISITORS: Kim Lauff stated that she is observing.

Kirk Inskipt stated that he is observing.

Tom Rockwell told Joe Zuccherro that he will get to speak soon.

Celestine Braxton stated that she is only observing.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 6, 2023, regular meeting of Council were presented for approval. Motion by Phil Boggs seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER: Troy Gump gave the code enforcement report for November. Heated exchange between Joe Zuccherro and Troy Gump. Mr. Rockwell asked the two gentlemen to leave the meeting.

Phil Boggs reported that both Midway Borough and Robinson Twp have sent letters to McDonald Borough stating that they have chosen to opt out of the police regionalization at this time.

Mr. Boggs reported that the Chief will be sending letters to the residents with handicapped placards for renewal verification.

Mr. Boggs stated that the ford explorer sold municibid for \$555.00. Motin by Phil Boggs seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve the sell of the 2010 Ford Explorer for \$555.

Phil Boggs stated that all parties have approved the 2024-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion by Phil Boggs seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously

to approve the 2024-2026 Collective bargaining agreement with the McDonald Borough Police Department.

Philip stated that the Borough would like to give free parking in the Borough from December 18th-31st. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Amber Wasko to approve free parking in the Borough.

MAYOR: Mayor Cooper gave the mayor's report for November. David Cooper thanked Phil Boggs for his service.

PUBLIC WORKS: Tom Rockwell stated that Mr. Bish is not here. The Manager stated that the street department is ready for snow. Tom McQuillan asked when the box came off the leave truck. Tom McQuillan stated that it was too early this year.

PARKS & RECREATION: Ray Miller thanked the parks and recreation board for a great light up night. Mr. Miller stated that there is an issue with the money for the playground equipment that will have to be addressed.

BUDGET & FINANCE: Jodi Robertson gave the profit and loss through November 2023 and reported that all is in order at this time.

Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Phil Boggs and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 proposed budget.

Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve the bills for December.

Motion by Phil Boggs seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to authorize the Manager to execute all paperwork necessary to obtain a 2024 tax anticipation note in the amount of \$85,000.

BILLS: The bills were presented for payment. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Phil Boggs and carried unanimously to approve payment of the bills as presented. The bills were as follows:

GENERAL FUND: CHECKS	00000 THROUGH	00000 TOTAL	\$000,000.00
LIQUID FUELS: CHECKS	0000 THROUGH	0000 TOTAL	\$ 0,000.00
GENERAL FUND EFT:		TOTAL	\$ 00,000.00

ADMINISTRATION & POLICY: Amber Wasko made a motion to approve the purchase of \$50.00 Giant Eagle cards for each employee.

Discussion held regarding a Borough Christmas party this year. The decision was made to have a party on December 15th.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/REVITALATION: Tom McQuillan stated that he looked at plaques for All Ways Safe. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Phil Boggs and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a plaque for All Ways Safe not to exceed \$100.00.

Tom McQuillan asked about the bridge in Heritage Park. Discussion held regarding the bridge. Mr. Rockwell stated that this is currently in Redcon's hands.

Mr. Hofrichter stated that 1133 Laurel Hill Road has a bunch of liens and should be sold "as is".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion held regarding the paid parking lot on O'Hara Street. This will be tabled until January.

NEW BUSINESS: The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd this year because it is a reorganization year.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Motion by Thomas McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager Secretary-Treasurer