

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON OCTOBER 02, 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, Mike Bish, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Others in attendance were Police Chief Dennis Ahlborn, Kim Lauff, Kirk Inskipt, Matt Cochran, Bill Ciffoini, Celestine Braxton, Mayor David Cooper, Solicitor John Hofrichter and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

VISITORS: Kim Lauff stated that she is observing.

Kirk Inskipt stated that he is observing.

Bill Ciffoini spoke about the grand opening of his new business Fuel Required.

Matt Cochran asked about the sewer video of North Street. Mr. Rockwell stated that they will meet one day this week.

Matt Cochran asked about changing the parking situation at the Borough parking lot. This will be discussed more.

Celestine Braxton stated that she is observing.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 11, 2023, regular meeting of Council were presented for approval. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER: Philip Boggs reported that there was a request in the packets from the McDonald Presbyterian church to close a section of Grant Street for an event on October 14, 2023. Motion by Philip Boggs seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to authorize the Church to close a section of Grant Street from Third Street on Saturday October 14, 2023.

Discussion held regarding the parking for Fuel Required. Motion by Phillip Boggs seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to close O'Hara Street from 10 am to 4 pm Sunday October 15, 2023.

Philip Boggs stated that the vehicles on Municibid have been sold. The 2013 Jeep sold for \$4,001 and the Ford sold for \$625.00. Motion by Philip Boggs seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to accept the bids on Municibid.

Philip Boggs stated that full-time Officer Paul Bosle is up for a promotion to Sergeant. Motion by Philip Boggs seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to promote Paul Bosel to Police Sergeant effective October 3, 2023.

Tom Rockwell stated that the Council asked for a letter from Code enforcement. The Manager told the Council that KLH is not replacing Mr. Dennis Smith with a new Building Code Officer, they are going to give all their clients to Mr. Smith and his company.

Motion by Philip Boggs seconded by Mike Bish and carried to have Dennis Smith and his company UCC as the Building Code Official. Motion carried with Tom McQuillan casting a no vote.

MAYOR: Mayor Cooper gave the mayor's report for September.

PUBLIC WORKS: Tom McQuillan gave the street department report for September. Mr. McQuillan stated that the street department is busy. Mr. McQuillan reported that leaf collection is upon us. Mr. McQuillan stated that the tailgate is still bent on the truck and should be repaired after winter.

The Manager is working on the General 11 DEP permit for the covered bridge. Tom McQuillan stated that he still needs to get from Cecil Township Supervisors a letter of support for the placement of the covered bridge.

PARKS & RECREATION: Ray Miller gave a shout out to the parks and recreation committee for trying to have the movie night in the park, but the weather did not cooperate. Mr. Miller stated that the next event is the Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat.

Ray Miller asked Phil to look at the video recorder in East End Park at the salt garage.

Ray Miller stated that he would like money in the budget for the handicapped walkway that needs to be completed in the park.

Ray Miller asked about a work order for the fence at East End Park. The Manager will put one in with the Street Department.

Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Philip Boggs and carried unanimously to have trick or treat on Tuesday October 31, 2023, from 6-8 pm.

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

BILLS: The bills were presented for payment. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Philip 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

The Manager presented Council Resolution 12-23 which eliminates the police pension contribution for the year 2024. Motion by Philip Boggs seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 12-23 eliminating Police pension employee contributions for 2024.

The Manager told Council to review the 2022 Audit draft for approval in November.

The Manager told Council that the estimated 2024 Liquid Fuels amount is \$65,210 which is a \$2,000 increase from last year.

ADMINISTRATION & POLICY: Amber Wasko stated that herself and Marie will meet with Eric soon to discuss his end of probation expectations.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/REVITALATION: No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion by Thomas McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager Secretary-Treasurer