

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

Council President Tom Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Tom McQuillan, Amber Wasko, Kirk Inskipt, Mike Bish, Jodi Robertson and Tom Rockwell. Member Ray Miller was unavoidably absent. Others in attendance were Mayor David Cooper, Police Chief Dennis Ahlborn, Kim Lauff, McDonald Sewage Authority, Emily and Joe Roberto, Dale Csonka, Celestine Braxton, Matt Cochran, Solicitor John Hofrichter and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VISITORS:** Kim Lauff stated that she was only observing.

Dale Csonka reported that steel was delivered for the bridge. Mr. Csonka spoke about his sidewalk in front of the Gym and Subway on West Lincoln Avenue. It has been flushed the best as it can, and a section of storm sewer has been replaced. Mr. Csonka asked the Borough to contact a company for further assistance with flushing out the debris.

Joe and Emily Roberto of 323 Queen Street came to advise Council of the many problems that they are having with their neighbors. Discussion held, Council and the police are aware of the activity that is occurring at the residence. Code Enforcement will be notified again about the activity in the garage. The mayor stated that he has a few ideas that he does not want to discuss publicly regarding a resolution to this problem.

Matt Cochran stated that he would like Council to keep an eye on the new constructed catch basin at the intersection of Grant and North Streets because to use determined that it does run into the pipe where Mr. Csonka just mentioned is collapsed. Mr. Cochran stated to please be on the lookout for a sink hole.

Mr. Cochran stated that the attendance for McScarefest at the Grand Theater was less than wonderful. However, a small donation was still made to MARA.

Celestine Braxton stated that she was only observing.

Dale Csonka stated that the Christmas lights are going to be put up on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: NONE**

**MINUTES:** The minutes of October 7, 2024, regular meeting of Council were presented for approval. Tom McQuillan asked for re-wording regarding where he asked for help with the engineering fees for the bridge. The correction will be that Council not Tom McQuillan asked for help with engineering costs for the bridge. Motion by Mike Bish

seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup>, as corrected.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Mike Bish stated that an executive session was requested to discuss a police personnel matter. Mike Bish stated that a resignation letter was received from Camren Hewitt a full-time police officer with McDonald Police Department. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Carmen Hewitt effective November 1, 2024.

The Manager stated that the Chief wanted Council to have a copy of all the police bids that were given to Robinson Township for Police services.

**MAYOR:** David Cooper gave the Mayors Report for October.

**STREETS:** Kirk Inskipt gave the street report for October. Mike Bish asked about the leaves at the end of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The Manager stated that she will give this information to the street department.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Amber Wasko stated that the new deed has been drafted for East End Park and John Hofrichter stated that Fort Cherry is not moving very fast.

Amber Wasko reported that Council got a lease agreement from Range Resources for gas rights for Heritage Park. Mr. Bish stated that Range Resources is proposing to pay the Borough \$3000 per acre and that the royalties will be 18%.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to approve the gas lease agreement with Range Resources.

Kirk Inskipt asked about a streetlight that is constantly on Valley Street. The Manager and Mayor will reach out to a west Penn power contact regarding this light.

Ms. Wasko reported that the Halloween Parade was a great success this year.

Amber Wasko reported that Light up Night is Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Cooper stated that a new Christmas Tree will be planted soon.

Mayor Cooper reported that another grant in the amount of \$185,000 was received from State grant LSA money to go towards the stage and new restrooms at Heritage Park.

Tom Rockwell stated that over the winter it is time to write new park rules for the ball teams to adhere to.

Celestine Braxton asked about being on the call for the flood meeting on Wednesday. The Manager will send Mr. Braxton the link to the meeting.