

## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2024**

Council President Tom Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Tom McQuillan, Ray Miller, Amber Wasko, Kirk Inskipt, Mike Bish, and Tom Rockwell. Member Jodi Robertson was unavoidably absent. Others in attendance were Mayor David Cooper, Police Chief Dennis Ahlborn, Dale Csonka, Mike and Brenda Ancus, Bill Ciffoni, Doug Ganchuk, Marge Haney, David Hoag, Celestine Braxton, Matt Cochran, Solicitor John Hofrichter and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VISITORS:** Dale Csonka reported that the Borough finally got a DEP permit for the bridge.

Brenda and Mike Ancas stated that they are filmmakers, and they are having an event at the Grand Theater on October 25, and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Celestine Braxton stated that she was only here to observe. The mayor stated that the flood meetings have been cancelled twice now because there is no report at this time.

Marge Haney of West Grove stated that since Littles Landscaping bought the commercial property behind them it has been loud and dirty. They are asking that Littles Landscaping not use West Grove as an access route. Mr. Rockwell stated that the Borough cannot deny access to Littles Landscaping, they have the right to access their property. Very heated discussions regarding this matter. Tom Rockwell stated that they are going to investigate this matter.

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: NONE**

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 9, 2024, regular meeting of Council were presented for approval. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup>, as written.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Mike Bish stated that interviews were conducted for the Administrative Assistant position for the police department. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to hire Tiffany Moore as the administrative assistant to the police department with the start day being October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**MAYOR:** David Cooper gave the Mayors Report for September. Mayor Cooper stated that Representative Ortitay did get money for East End Park. The Manager reported that the deed has been received for East End Park. The deed was in the name of Fort

Cherry School District. The Manager stated that the reason for the delay in the Army Corps of engineering is that they are meeting with other committees. Matt Cochran asked if the new deed for East End Park can contain a deed restriction can have so that it is maintained as a park.

The Manager gave the report for Fire Chief Boggs.

**STREETS:** Kirk Inskipt gave the street report for September. Mr. Inskipt stated that Bennett Way has been paved and a catch basin has been replaced on North Street.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Amber Wasko stated that a double header softball game was held in East End Park and that it was nice to see that fields being used. Ms. Wasko asked about the batting cage that is in Heritage Park. Ms. Wasko stated that an organization wants to put money into and maintain it as their own. Ms. Wasko stated that she does not want to lock up public property. Discussion held regarding the batting cage. Ms. Wasko stated that she will reach out to the organization and see if they would like to purchase the cage and move it off the Borough property.

The Halloween Parade is going to be at 6 p.m. this year and trick or treating will be from 6:30 – 8:30 on October 31, 2024.

Tom Rockwell stated that the Presbyterian Church is having McFall Fest this weekend and the trunk and treat car show event is being sponsored by Always Safe and Fuel Required.

**FINANCE:** The Manager gave the Profit and Loss and finance report for September.

**BILLS:** The bills were presented for payment. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve payment of the bills as presented. The bills were as follows:

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The Manager stated that she is going to be starting the 2025 Budget.

**ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL:** Tom Rockwell stated that employee reviews were conducted and that all is good at this time.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS:** Tom McQuillan stated that the engineering cost for the bridge was very high, and he would like to help with the costs.

Tom Rockwell stated that he asked Redcon Engineering to give a final breakdown for the bridge costs.

Tom McQuillan asked about the emblems on the trucks and why they were removed. Tom Rockwell stated that they were copyrighted. Tom McQuillan stated that Tom Rockwell had no right to make that decision on his own. Tom Rockwell stated that Tom McQuillan was right.

Tom Rockwell stated that the videos that Tom McQuillan are sending are not clear on his phone. Mr. Bish asked the Manager to send him the videos.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve a \$500.00 donation to the FC Scholarship.

Dale Csonka asked for \$500.00 to replace the four back sides to Welcome to McDonald. Tom Rockwell stated that we will put it in the 2025 Budget.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan and carried.

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Thomas Rockwell, Council President

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Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager  
Secretary-Treasurer

