

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON JULY 7, 2025**

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, Jodi Robertson, who joined remotely and Tom Rockwell. Others in attendance were Kim Lauff, Dale Csonka, Philip Boggs, Adriane Ware, Matt Cochran, Celestine Braxton, Tim Motte, Mayor David Cooper, who joined remotely, Solicitor Ashley Puchalski and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Kim Lauff, Celestine Braxton, Adriane Ware, and Matt Cochran stated that they were only observing.

Dale Csonka stated that he gave a proposed sales agreement to the Solicitor for the purpose of selling the newly installed walking bridge to the Borough of McDonald for a price of \$1.00. The solicitor will review and make a recommendation at the next council meeting.

Phil Boggs gave the fire department report for the 1st quarter of 2025.

MINUTES: The minutes of June 2, 2025, regular meeting of the Council were presented for approval. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of June 2, 2025, as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mike Bish stated that a steering committee meeting will be held on July 25th to discuss the writing of the charter for police regionalization.

Mr. Bish reported that another ad for police officers has been posted on Facebook and needs to go on indeed.

MAYOR: No Report.

STREETS: Kirk Inskipt presented the street report for June. Mr. Inskipt stated that one quote was received to fix the collapsed road between 3rd and 4th street and that it was \$35,000.00.

Matt Cochran asked if maintenance would be performed on the main street before the parade. Mr. Inskipt said yes it would.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Amber Wasko stated that the Borough did receive an email today that the Borough was approved for the full \$30,000 for a study under the walks works grant.

Ms. Wasko stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on July 25th at 2:00pm for the opening and dedication of pedestrian bridge in Heritage Park.

Amber Wasko stated that the Borough needs to pass a resolution regarding the authorization of entering into a grant contract with the Redevelopment authority of Allegheny County. The grant provides security upgrades and development in the amount of \$308,000 for East End Park. Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to pass resolution 08-2025.

Mayor Cooper stated that getting this approval for the walks works grant is amazing. He stated that this is a big deal for downtown revitalization.

FINANCE: Jodi Robertson presented the Profit and Loss and finance report for June.

Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to approve the profit and loss and finance report for June.

Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to authorize the Borough Manager and Council President to open two interest bearing checking accounts with Washington financial for the purpose of yielding a higher interest rate.

Mrs. Robertson stated that currently the Borough is at a \$22,054 profit balance.

Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to authorize McDonald Borough to send \$2,000.00 for security at McSummerfest.

BILLS: The bills were presented for payment. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to approve payment of the bills presented.

The bills were as follows:

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ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL: Tom Rockwell asked Mr. Miller if September was a good time to start reviews.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: Thomas McQuillan asked about the telephone poles in the Borough. Discussion held. It is going to be very difficult to get Verizon to transfer the lines over so that there is only one pole.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion held regarding the comcast cable franchise agreement. This matter is being tabled again as Council does not want to enter into this agreement without asking other providers if they want to enter into a franchise agreement as well.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Rockwell stated he would like to schedule 4 budget workshops in the next couple of months with each to discuss the topics of Income, taxes, police, parks and salaries.

CORRESPONDENCE: The manager gave Council copies of information regarding a strategic management planning programs with the DCED.

The Chair called for an Executive Session at 7:40 pm to discuss pending litigation and to discuss legal advice on a possible zoning matter.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. Discussions in executive session included pending litigation, and legal advice.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

