

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON AUGUST 4, 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, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Members Kirk Inskipt and Mike Bish were unavoidably absent. Others in attendance were Kim Lauff, Dale Csonka, Adriane Ware, Matt Cochran, Celestine Braxton, Besty and Rick Gibson, Debbie Baldigowski, Noel and Sharon Cerciello, Pat and Barb Powell, Cynthia Hughes, Tim Motte, Mayor David Cooper, Solicitor Ashley Puchalski and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Besty & Rick Gibson, Sharon Cerciello, Pat and Barbara Powell, Deb Baldigowski, and Cynthia Hughes stated that they were there to present a skunk issue to Council. Discussion held regarding this issue. Council will discuss this issue with the solicitor and see if a resolution can be found.

Noel Cerciello stated that the cars are speeding on West Lincoln Avenue at the Ice Cream shop. The mayor will get the speed sign placed in that location.

Matt Cochran thanked the Borough Street department for cutting down the dead tree on North Street.

Dale Csonka stated that he was here to sell a walking bridge. This will be discussed a little later in the meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of July 7, 2025, regular meeting of the Council were presented for approval. Motion by Ray Miller seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 7, 2025, as written.

The minutes of the Special meeting held on July 29, 2025, were presented for approval. Motion by Ray Miller was seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of July 29, 2025, as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Tom Rockwell stated that a motion to hire new part time police officer needed to be approved. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to hire part time officer Ryan Newman effective 8-4-25.

Resolution 11-25 was presented to Council for approval. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 11-25 which gives new officer Ryan Newman the power to enforce the law in McDonald and Midway Boroughs.

MAYOR: Mayor Cooper presented to Council a proclamation to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the settlement of John McDonald to the Borough of McDonald.

STREETS: The Manager stated that part-time parks employees Gavin Boocks had asked about being able to enter the senior work release program for his senior year of high school at Fort Cherry. Motion by Ray Miller seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to table this matter until September.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Amber Wasko stated that a movie in the park will be shown on August 22, 2025, in Heritage Park.

Amber Wasko reported that the FC Band will NOT be available this year for the Halloween Parade due to a football game scheduled for October 31, 2025. This will be discussed later.

Ms. Wasko stated that the stage is scheduled for September 22, 2025, delivery.

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

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

Mrs. Robertson stated that currently the Borough is at a \$-1,386.98 deficit.

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 and Mr. Miller agreed that September was a good time to start employee reviews.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: Thomas McQuillan thanked everyone for coming to the walking bridge ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. McQuillan stated that even though the rain put a damper on things it was still very nice.

Tom McQuillan stated that he is still working on getting the old street markers painted by the residents in the Borough.

Amber Wasko stated that a letter of commitment was presented to Council regarding the PA Walk Works grant. Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to execute the letter of commitment for the PA Walk Works grant.

Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to appoint Harshman CE Engineers as the consultant for the PA Walk Works grant

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tom Rockwell stated that the McDonald Area Redevelopment Authority would like to sell the walking bridge in Heritage Park to McDonald Borough for one dollar (\$1.00) and for the Borough and execute a sales agreement. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to authorize the Borough of McDonald to purchase the walking bridge from M.A.R.A in the amount of \$1.00 and for to authorize the Council President and Borough Manager to sign on the Borough's behalf.

NEW BUSINESS: The Solicitor for McDonald Borough stated that Resolution 09-25 regarding the proper procedures at Borough Council meetings has been presented to Council for consideration. Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution Number 09-25 to prescribe rules for public comment at Borough Council Meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.

The Chair called for an Executive Session at 7:45 pm to discuss pending litigation and to discuss legal advice on a possible zoning matter.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:32 p.m. Discussions in executive session included pending litigation, and legal advice.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

