

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

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 State Representative Jason Ortity, Kim Lauff, Dale Csonka, Adriane Ware, Alice Thomassy, Tim Thomassy, Besty and Rick Gibson, Noel Cerciello, Phil Boggs (remote), Ron Catrain, FCYFP, Mayor David Cooper, Solicitor Ashley Wagner and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: State Representative, Jason Ortity presented to Borough Council a citation celebrating the 250th anniversary of the establishment of McDonald Borough.

Noel Cerciello stated that the speed recording device on sign on West Lincoln Avenue at the Ice Cream shop is currently not working. Mayor Cooper asked Mr. Motte to address this matter.

Dale Csonka asked Council to think about grant opportunities for the 250 Birthday of the United States to have celebrations in the Borough.

Alice Thomassy stated that she is raising money to fix the surface of the Tennis courts and that the cost will be around \$16,000.00. Mrs. Thomassy stated that anyone wanting to donate can make checks to MARA. Mrs. Thomassy stated that she is currently writing a grant and would like a letter of support from the Borough. Mr. Rockwell will provide her with this information.

Phil Boggs gave the Fire Department report for the first 2 quarters of 2025. Phil Boggs thanked the police department for a great job during an incident on Labor Day.

Besty & Rick Gibson stated that they are still having skunk issues. Discussion being held regarding this issue.

Tom McQuillan stated that shrubs and trash cans with no lids are an attraction to the skunks.

Ron Catrain, Fort Cherry Youth Fast pitch gave a presentation to the Council on all the repairs that were made to the Borough baseball fields. Mr. Catrain asked Council to please consider giving them \$2,200 for infield mix.

The visitor section was closed.

MINUTES: The minutes of August 4, 2025, regular meeting of the Council were presented for approval. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 4, 2025, as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mike Bish thanked Mr. Motte and Ron Catrain and everyone for a great job during an incident on September 1, 2025.

Mike Bish stated that Council got the August code enforcement report.

Mike Bish reported that Resolution 14-25 authorizes McDonald Borough to enter into an agreement with Mount Pleasant Township to trade police hours worked for McSummerfest in return the Borough is giving a used vehicle transmission and 6 vehicle scales that are used and no longer in service. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 14-25.

Mike Bish presented to Council Resolution 15-25 which is a sales agreement transferring a vehicle transmission and 6 vehicle scales to Mount Pleasant Township. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 15-25.

Mike Bish stated that next is to discuss police regionalization and the charter agreement to pass Resolution 13-25 adopting the charter. Mayor Cooper recommended to Council to pass this charter this evening.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Kirk Inskipt and carried unanimously to pass the charter agreement.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 13-25 which adopts the charter agreement and appoints commissioners to the regional police department commission.

MAYOR: No Report

STREETS: Kirk Inskipt stated that the alleys between Station and 3rd and Jefferson & Washington.

Kirk Inskipt presented to Council Resolution 12-25 which authorized the Borough to enter into a 5-year winter maintenance agreement with Washington County PennDOT. Motion by Kirk Inskipt seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 12-25.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Amber Wasko thanked everyone for their support on movie night in the park.

Ms. Wasko stated that construction of the stage and restrooms is starting soon in Heritage Park.

Ms. Wasko asked when Council would like to have trick or treat this year because the fort cherry band can not march in the parade on the 31st due to a football game. Discussion held. Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to have Trick or Treat Saturday October 25th from 6-8 pm with the parade starting at 5:30pm.

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

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

Mrs. Robertson stated that currently the Borough is at a \$-37,092.54 deficit.

Jodi Robertson stated that the next budget meeting is scheduled for October 6th at 5:30 p.m.

The Manager presented to Council the pension MMO's for 2026. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to accept the Police pension MMO at \$49,913 and the Non-Uniform Pension MMO at \$4,280.

Jodi Robertson stated that the current fee schedule for the Borough needs to be amended with a new Resolution. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 16-25 which amends the current fee schedule resolution 11-19.

Jodi stated that the comcast agreement needs to be signed. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Kirk Inskipt and carried unanimously to sign the 5 year comcast franchise agreement.

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 stated that annual reviews are scheduled for Wednesday September 17th starting at 1:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: Tom McQuillan stated a few new businesses are coming in and few businesses are leaving. Tom McQuillan stated that he and Jodi are going to interview boxflipz soon. Tom McQuillan stated that he has

been receiving a ton of complaints about the e-bikes in the borough. Mr. Motte stated that he will post something on Facebook.

Tom Rockwell stated that Council all received a conditional use application in their packets. Mr. Rockwell stated that this concerns the business that wants to open at 119 West Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Rockwell stated that the code enforcement officer and solicitor have been working to come up with a conditional use application form and to approve this application tonight. Mr. Rockwell stated that this will be sent to the business owner as soon as tomorrow.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve the proposed conditional use agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer