

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2025**

Council President Tom Rockwell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Tom McQuillan, Ray Miller, Kirk Inskipt, Mike Bish, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Member Amber Wasko was unavoidably absent. Others in attendance were Shane Mage, Matt Tharp, Tim Motte, Mayor David Cooper, and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (3 MINUTES ONLY):

Shane Maga of Supervisor of Mount Pleasant Township stated that Mount Pleasant at a meeting last evening voted to pass all three charter agreements and that he encourages McDonald Council to consider the same so that LSA grants can be applied for as soon as possible. Mr. Maga stated that all parties have put three years of time into this.

Chief Matt Tharp stated that he also encourages Council to vote on the three charter agreements this evening.

Tim Motte stated that he also hopes that Council will to vote to move forward with the three charter agreements.

No other visitors wished to address Council.

The visitor section was closed.

Tom Rockwell stated that Council needs to pass the 5 presented Motions this evening.

Motion by Ray Miller seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to Motion to accept proposal from PFM to provide municipal advisor services to the Borough of McDonald not to exceed an amount of \$5,000.

Tom Rockwell stated that next Council needs to authorize PFM to move forward with securing a loan.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to Motion to authorize PFM to proceed with the process of securing a loan in the amount of \$500k that complies with LGUDA unfunded debt provisions for the use of paying off current borough debt and monies owed.

Jodi Robertson stated for the record, that she wants confirmation that by voting on the three charters this evening does NOT mean this is finalizing anything and this is not the final vote. Council agreed that this does not finalize anything, it allows the Borough to move forward with obtaining more accurate budget numbers.

Mike Bish told Council his reasoning for why he thinks the signing of the three charters tonight is advantageous for McDonald Borough.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Kirk Inskipt and carried to authorize execution of proposed Charter Agreement establishing the formation of the **Northern Washington County Regional Police Department** as unincorporated nonprofit association, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, for the purpose of providing police services for **Mt. Pleasant Township, McDonald Borough, Midway Borough, and Robinson Township**, subject to and conditioned upon final agreement between the parties as to the final proposed Apportionment Formula, and other final terms and conditions, and also conditioned and effective only upon adoption of motions/resolutions authorizing same by McDonald Borough, Midway Borough, and Robinson Township.

Council President Rockwell asked the Manager to take a roll call vote on the motion.

Tom McQuillan- abstaining
Ray Miller – Yes
Tom Rockwell – Yes
Kirk Inskipt – Yes
Mike Bish – Yes
Jodi Roberston - Yes

Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Kirk Inskipt to authorize execution of proposed Charter Agreement establishing the formation of the **Northern Washington County Regional Police Department** as unincorporated nonprofit association, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, for the purpose of providing police services for **Mt. Pleasant Township, McDonald Borough, and Midway Borough** subject to and conditioned upon final agreement between the parties as to the final proposed Apportionment Formula, and other final terms and conditions, and also conditioned and effective only upon adoption of motions/resolutions authorizing same by McDonald Borough, and Midway Borough.

Council President Rockwell asked the Manager to take a roll call vote on the motion.

Tom McQuillan- No
Ray Miller – Yes
Tom Rockwell – Yes
Kirk Inskipt – Yes
Mike Bish – Yes
Jodi Roberston - Yes

Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion By Mike Bish seconded by Kirk Inskipt to authorize execution of proposed Charter Agreement establishing the formation of the **Northern Washington County Regional Police Department** as unincorporated nonprofit association, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, for the purpose of providing police services for **Mt. Pleasant Township and McDonald Borough**, subject to and conditioned upon final agreement between the parties as to the final proposed Apportionment Formula, and other final terms and conditions, and also conditioned and effective only upon adoption of motions/resolutions authorizing same by McDonald Borough.

Council President Rockwell asked the Manager to take a roll call vote on the motion.

Tom McQuillan- No
Ray Miller – No
Tom Rockwell – No
Kirk Inskipt – Yes
Mike Bish – Yes
Jodi Roberston - Yes

The motion ended in a tie vote, Mayor Cooper voted yes to break the tie. Motion passed with a majority vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

