

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2025**

Council President Tom Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Kim Lauff, Dale Csonka, Adriane Ware, Megan Ward, Karrie Toward (Remote) Celestine Braxton, Mayor David Cooper, Solicitor Ashley Pulchalski and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kim Lauff stated that next month there may be a resolution that needs to be passed regarding an Alcosan project.

Megan Ward stated that she was only observing. Tom Rockwell stated that the Council is trying very hard to increase her son, Blake's wage.

No other visitors wished to address Council.

The visitor section was closed.

MINUTES: The minutes of September 8, 2025, regular meeting of the Council were presented for approval. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 8, 2025, as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Borough Solicitor Ashley Puchalski spoke on behalf of the Borough Council to the public addressing an officer involved shooting that occurred on Friday Night.

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

Mike Bish stated that a recent town hall meeting to discuss police regionalization has had a very disappointing turnout. Ashley spoke about the charter agreement, Ashley stated that at this time things are really at a standstill until the other 3 municipalities decided to sign the charter. McDonald Borough Council voted last meeting 7-0 to sign the Charter agreement.

Mr. Bish stated that the Borough would like to hire another part time officer. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to hire part time officer Michael Mace.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 17-20025 which give Officer Mace authority to enforce the laws in McDonald and Midway Boroughs.

Mr. Bish stated that Mr. Mace would like to be hired as a full-time police officer but this needs to be tabled until more budget discussions can be made.

MAYOR: No Report

STREETS: Kirk Inskipt gave the street report for September.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Kim Lauff stated that trick or treat will be held on October 25th from 6-8 pm with the kid's parade starting at 5:30 pm.

Mayor Cooper stated that the stage and bathrooms are going to be constructed soon.

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

Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to approve the profit and loss and finance report for September.

Mrs. Robertson stated that currently the Borough is at a \$-48,321.57 deficit.

Jodi Robertson stated that the next budget meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

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

The bills were as follows:

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ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL: Ray Miller stated that reviews were held for George, Blake and Marie. Mr. Miller stated that a review was not done for Ryan Johnston. Mr. Miller stated that everyone is doing a great job. Mr. Miller stated that he would like to ask for a \$2.00 increase for George and Blake, a 3% increase for Marie and a 2% increase for Ryan.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: Tom McQuillan stated he and Jodi interviewed the new business, boxfliz. Mr. McQuillan wants to figure out how to get it uploaded onto facebook.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (3 MINUTES ONLY):
Kim Lauff stated that she ran into a gentleman who can help with getting new businesses in the borough storefronts.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom McQuillan asked about the fire truck being stored at the borough street garage. Kirk stated that he allowed it only until the snow falls and the truck needs to be removed. Tom Rockwell stated that it is Kirk's decision. Tom McQuillan stated that he thinks it is a bad idea. Ray Miller stated that he heard that the truck was going to Hickory.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.

The Chair called for an executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel and finance. Tim Motte and Matt Tharp were allowed to enter the executive session at 8:15 pm to discuss his leave of absence.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

