

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 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 Inskip, Mike Bish, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Others in attendance were Kim Lauff, Celestine Braxton, Adriane Ware, Matt Cochran, 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):

No visitors wished to address council.

The visitor section was closed.

MINUTES: The minutes of November 3, 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 November 3, 2025, as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mike Bish gave the public safety report. Mike Bish stated that council was given a proposal for code enforcement, zoning and building inspection from Harshman CE Group to review for January if Council wants to make a change.

Mike Bish stated that the next regionalization meeting will be held December 10, 2025, from 6 to 8 pm.

Motion by Mike Bish, seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to hire Tim Motte as the Police Chief effective December 1, 2025.

MAYOR: No Report

STREETS: Kirk Inskip gave the street report for November. The Manager presented to council Resolution 18-25 which allows the Borough to enter into a 5-year winter maintenance agreement with Allegheny County PennDOT. Motion by Kirk Inskip seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to pass resolution 18-25.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Amber Wasko stated that construction in the park is ongoing and currently the park is closed. Ms. Wasko thanked everyone for their hard work on the Light Up Night.

FINANCE: Jodi Robertson presented the finance report for November. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve the November financial report.

Mrs. Robertson gave the profit and loss report for November. Mrs. Roberson stated that currently the Borough is at a \$-9,253.38 deficit.

Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to approve the profit and loss and finance report for November.

Jodi Robertson stated that the 2026 budget is ready for adoption. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to adopt the 2026 budget.

Jodi Robertson stated that Ordinance Number 771 which sets the millage rate at 4.89 mills, has been duly advertised and is ready for adoption. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance Number 771.

Jodi Robertson stated that the 2024 audit was in everyone's packets and is ready for approval. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously approve the 2024 audit.

Jodi Robertson stated that the Borough is working with PFM on obtaining financial assistance. The Solicitor stated that Judge Neuman is going to hear the Borough's emergency petition on Monday, November 8, 2025.

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

The bills were as follows:

GENERAL FUND: CHECKS THROUGH TOTAL

LIQUID FUELS: CHECKS THROUGH TOTAL

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL: No Report. Ray Miller asked for a few pictures at the special meeting on December 18, 2025.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: Tom McQuillan stated he and Jodi had done an interview with Boxflipz. Mr. McQuillan stated that Boxflipz needs to make more money to stay in business. Amber Wasko stated that rent for store fronts in the Borough is very high. Mike Bish stated that Celebrations is going to be opening for food pickup in the Grand Theater.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to authorize the Borough of McDonald to give a donation of \$500.00 for the Ranger Day Scholarship.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (3 MINUTES ONLY):
Matt Cochran asked about the loans that the Borough is asking for. Ashley explained the best that should could.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.

The Chair called for an executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss litigation, the upcoming conditional use hearing regarding 119 West Lincoln Avenue, personnel and finance.

The regular meeting of Council reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer