

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2025**

Council President Tom Rockwell called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Tom McQuillan, Ray Miller, Amber Wasko, Kirk Inskipt, Mike Bish, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Others in attendance were Celestine Braxton, Adriane Ware, Adrienne Frazier, Maura Boggs, Helene McQuillan, Tim Motte, Anthony Ditka, Jason Sippey, Ronald Fedzen, Jonathan Nuygen, 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.

Tom Rockwell stated that the first order of business was to pass and vote on Resolution 19-2025 which authorize the Borough to hire Harshaman to write a \$25,000 American spirit grant to be used for the Heritage park phase III project. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Ray Miller and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 19-25.

Tom Rockwell stated that the second item is Resolution 20-2025 which authorizes Harshman to write and submit on behalf of the Borough a Strategic Management Planning program grant. The Solicitor stated that this is a very important program that the Borough could benefit greatly from. Motion by Ray Miller seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 20-2025.

Tom Rockwell stated that the final item on the agenda is Resolution 21-2025 which needs to be approved or denied to the conditional use agreement with Alumni Holdings to operate a group residential facility.

Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Ray Miller to DENY the application in its entirety. A roll call vote was taken on this motion.

Tom McQuillan – No
Ray Miller – No
Amber Wasko – Yes
Tom Rockwell – Yes
Kirk Inskipt – Yes
Mike Bish – Abstain
Jodi Robertson - Yes

The motion to deny the application did not have a majority vote and did not pass.

Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Kirk Inskipt to ACCEPT the application in its entirety. A roll call vote was taken on this motion.

Tom McQuillan – No
Ray Miller – No
Amber Wasko – Yes
Kirk Inskipt – Yes
Mike Bish – Abstain
Jodi Robertson – Yes
Tom Rockwell – Yes

The Solicitor will send to the applicant a copy of the findings of fact, conclusions of law and the decision of the board.

Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Jodi Robertson to adopt Resolution 21-2025 which adopts and accepts the findings of facts, conclusion of law and the decisions for Alumni holdings.

A roll call vote was taken of this motion.

Tom McQuillan – No
Ray Miller – No
Amber Wasko – Yes
Tom Rockwell – Yes
Kirk Inskipt – Yes
Mike Bish – Yes
Jodi Robertson - Yes

Tim Motte gave accommodations and certificates to Ronald Fedzen, Johnathan Nyguyen and Jason Sippey for their amazing work in the McDonald Police department.

Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to enter executive session to discuss legal advice and personnel matters.

The special meeting reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

Anthony Dika from Dismore gave the board and residents an explanation on taking a 5-year general obligation note and TAN Loan which must be paid by December 31, 2026.

Motion to amend the agenda to add two potential motions to the agenda. The first motion being the formal action of a debt ordinance under the local government unit debt act. This is Ordinance Number 772 and the non-electoral debt is in the amount \$175,000 as recommended by note council. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to add this to the agenda.

The second item to amend the agenda is the addition of the tax and revenue anticipation note in the amount up to \$325,000 using Dollar Bank for one year to be paid in 2026. Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Kirk Inskipt and carried unanimously to add this item to the agenda.

Public Comment was given to the floor. Maura Boggs asked what the money is going to be used for. Lengthy discussion held regarding this matter.

Motin by Mike Bish seconded by Kirk Inskipt and carried to authorize the adoption of Ordinance Number 772 which authorizes the Borough to borrow \$175,000 in non-electoral debt. Motion carried with Tom McQuillan casting a "NO" vote.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried to authorize the Borough to take a 2026 TAN Loan in the amount up to \$325,000.00 with dollar bank. Motion carried with Tom McQuillan casting a "NO" vote.

The Board took this time to recognize Raymond Miller for his many years of service on the board.

The special meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer