

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

Tom Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Tom McQuillan, Adriane Ware, Amber Wasko, Kirk Inskipt, Michael Bish, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Others in attendance were Kim Lauff, Dale Csonka, Phil Boggs. Megan Ward, Chief Tim Motte, Solicitor Ashley Puchalski and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES:

Dale Csonka asked about the American spirit grant. Mayor Cooper stated that the Borough received a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Kim Lauff stated that the sewage authority needs a resolution passed by Council.

Phil Boggs gave the fire department report for January.

Chief Motte stated that the police department is back to full staff.

Matt Cochran stated that he was observing. Tom Rockwell asked about Mike Ancus who had asked to be put on the agenda. Mayor Cooper stated that Mr. Ancus wants to film a movie here in the Borough.

The visitor section of the meeting was closed.

MINUTES: The minutes of January 5, 2026, reorganization meeting of Council were presented for approval. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Amber Wako and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of January 5, 2026, as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mike Bish stated that Midway Borough has paid the quarterly bill in full.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to authorize Officer Micken to place two vehicles, unit 1232 and 1234 on munibid to sell.

MAYOR: David Cooper gave the Mayors Report for January. Mayor Cooper thanked the street and police department for all their efforts during the snowstorm.

STREETS: Kirk Inskipt stated that the street department has worked very hard to keep up with the storm. Kirk Inskipt stated that salt has been ordered but it is hard to get here with the rivers being frozen. Kirk Inskipt stated that they have been offered help from North Fayette Road department with the alley between 3rd and 4th streets.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Amber Wasko stated that the parks are quiet right now. Amber Wasko stated that she and Terri went to the LSA Board on January 16, 2026, about obtaining an additional \$94,0000 LSA grant to finish work in Heritage Park.

Tom Rockwell asked Amber to obtain an excel spreadsheet for what is outstanding in invoice for grant for Heritage Park.

FINANCE: Adriane Ware stated that at this time council is at a standstill on the profit and loss because of the upcoming meeting on Wednesday February 4, 2026.

Tom Rockwell stated that a special meeting is to be held on Wednesday, February 4th for the adoption of the 2026 Budget.

Motion by Adriane Ware seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to approve the 2025 audit proposal from Guthrie, Belczyk and Associates in the amount of \$14,500.00.

Motion by Adriane Ware seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to ratify insurance payment in January to Amtrust WC payment in the amount of \$16,795.00 for the December and January premiums.

Motion by Adriane Ware seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to ratify an insurance payment in January to ESI insurance in the amount of \$13,323.68 for insurance down payment and first monthly installment payment.

Motion by Adriane Ware seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to approve the DCNR grant approval letter for East End Park in the amount of \$100,000.

Motion by Adriane Ware seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to approve the American spirit grant award letter in the amount of \$25,000.00. Mayor Cooper explained that this money will be used to finish the landscaping, brick work and electric on the stage. Tom Rockwell explained to Dale Csonka that this it is the only project that they would award.

BILLS: The bills were presented for payment. Motion by Adriane Ware seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to approve payment of the bills as presented. The bills were as follows:

GENERAL FUND: CHECKS THROUGH TOTAL

LIQUID FUELS: CHECKS THROUGH TOTAL

GENERAL FUND EFT:

TOTAL

ADMINISTRATION, PERSONNEL: Jodi Robertson reported that Council received a letter of resignation from Full-time fire fighter Ryan Johnston. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Ryan Johnston. Ms. Robertson reported that three applications for part-time fire fighters were received by the fire chief. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Tom McQuillan and carried unanimously to hire part-time firefighters Jordan Cavey, Christopher Cerci and Chuck Nourgait for a wage amount of \$15.00 per hour.

Jodi Robertson stated that a letter was received from Robinson Township regarding the status of the full-time and part-time firefighters. Chief Boggs stated that he did speak with the secretary there and stated that there would be no lapse in coverage for Robinson Township.

Ms. Robertson stated that the Manager has started a monthly manager's report. Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to accept the Manager monthly report.

Jodi reported that she is still working on the handbook and that she is keeping track of employee's time off.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to pass resolution 01-26 adopting and approving a revision of act 537 sewage facilities plan for the Robinson run interceptor line.

The manager says that it is a trash bid year and that she is preparing for it. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Kirk Inskipt and carried unanimously to authorize the Manager to start all the necessary paperwork for the new trash bid contract.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES:

Philp Boggs stated that they are going to have a blood drive next week and that a 40-foot bus will be holding the drive.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting and to go into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Kirk Inskipt and carried unanimously to table the approval of profit and loss until the special meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager
Secretary-Treasurer