

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

Council President Tom Rockwell called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Adriane Ware, Amber Wasko, Kirk Inskipt, Mike Bish, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Tom McQuillan was unavoidably absent. Others in attendance were Maura Boggs, Philip Boggs, Debroah Inskipt, Mayor David Cooper, Solicitor Ashley Pulchalski and Borough Manager Marie Maximovich.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Rockwell stated that he passed out a mission statement on behalf of McDonald Borough Council explaining why Council had to raise taxes in 2026.

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

Deborah Inskipt stated that she does not want to see a tax increase but understands why.

Ashley spoke to the visitors regarding the situation regarding the proposed tax increase that the Borough is facing.

Phil Boggs asked a few questions regarding the proposed budget for 2026. Council will review this information.

Phil Boggs stated that lowering taxes in the future is not a great idea and that he recommends keeping the taxes set to be able to fix roads and infrastructure in the Borough.

Maura Boggs stated that her only caution in a balanced budget is that it looks like money is being hidden within the budget. As a taxpayer seeing a five-mil tax increase, how could the budget be balanced to the penny. Adriane Ware explained that the expense for the Tax anticipation loan is on the budget as an expense item.

Maura asked about the police regionalization. It is still going but on the back burner currently. Money cannot be spent at this time.

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to adopt the 2026 amended Budget with the current edit to increase the fire tax.

Tom Rockwell stated that Ordinance Number 773 needs to be officially adopted. Motion by Kirk Inskipt seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance Number 773 setting the 2026 tax millage at 8.39 mills.

Motion by Adriane Ware seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to approve the profit and loss statement when it is prepared.

Motion by Jodi Roberson seconded by Kirk Inskipt and carried unanimously to authorize Tom Rockwell and Marie Maximovich to sign all current and new loan documents that are being prepared by dollar bank as soon as they are available.

The special meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Motion by Mike Bish and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer