

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

Tom Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Adriane Ware, Amber Wasko, Kirk Inskipt, Michael Bish, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Member Tom McQuillan was unavoidably absent. Others in attendance were Kim Lauff, Dale Csonka, Phil Boggs, John Moss, Ron Catrain, Bobby Hall, Jason Fry, 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 who does the occupancy for the Borough. Dale asked how long it takes for occupancy. Tom Rockwell stated that he would have Marie call Harshman.

Kim Lauff stated that she was observing.

John Moss asked about his alley off Station Street. Kirk Inskipt stated that this will be addressed as soon as possible.

Matt Cochran stated that the father daughter dance that was held at the Grand Theater was very well received.

Matt Cochran stated that occupancy permits do need to be expedited if possible.

Jason Fry stated that his daughter was missing this weekend on Sunday, and that she was found quickly and safely.

Megan Ward stated that she was only observing,

Phil Boggs gave the Fire Report for February. Mr. Boggs asked again about increasing the wage for the part-time fire fighters. Tom Rockwell stated that Council will let him know.

MINUTES: The minutes of February 2, 2026, regular meeting of Council were presented for approval. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of February 2, 2026.

The minutes of February 4, special meeting of Council were presented for approval. Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to accept the special meeting minutes of February 4, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER: Mike Bish reported that there is not much to report this month. Mike Bish stated that over 400 shares for the missing girl were made on the fire department Facebook page.

MAYOR: David Cooper gave the Mayors Report for February.

STREETS: Kirk Inskipt stated that the street report was in the packets. Kirk Inskipt stated that the gutters fell over the salt garage from the heavy ice. Kirk Inskipt stated that the truck broke down and needed \$4,500 for repairs. The truck repair costs will be made from the liquid fuels account.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Amber Wasko gave the parks report for February. Amber Wasko stated that Harshman has asked that a few motions be passed regarding the Heritage Park projects.

Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to authorize the payment for the \$6,115 to McBracey Contracting for the stone veneer columns to be constructed on the stage. Mayor Cooper stated that this bill will come out of the \$25,000 American spirit grant.

Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to authorize the payment of \$6,300 to Merit Electrical for work for the restrooms in the park.

Amber Wasko stated that she met with the engineer at east end park and that the Borough is now able to purchase a larger pavilion than what was originally budgeted in the grant award. Ms. Wasko stated that the size of the pavilion is going to be 20x20. Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to authorize the Borough to purchase a pavilion from costars in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Amber Wasko stated that the easter egg is April 4, 2026.

Ron Catrain gave a report on baseball and softball for 2026. Mr. Catrain stated that two batting cages can be placed in the park for \$10,000.00. Mr. Catrain asked the Borough to consider giving them \$2,500 for drainage and \$5,000 infield mix. Mayor Cooper stated that he wants to speak with Terri the grant writer regarding using some grant money for the drainage. Discussion held regarding lighting in East End Park.

BUDGET & FINANCE: Motion by Adriane Ware, seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to approve the finance report for February. Motion by Adriane Ware seconded by Kirk Inskipt and carried unanimously to approve the profit and loss report for February.

Mrs. Ware reported the current income is \$445,572.77 and total expenses were \$623,022.49, with a current loss of \$-177,449.82.

Motion by Adriane Ware seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to approve the unpaid bills list for March 2026.

BILLS:

GENERAL FUND: CHECKS THROUGH TOTAL

LIQUID FUELS: CHECKS THROUGH TOTAL

GENERAL FUND EFT: TOTAL

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY: Motion by Jodi Robertson seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to approve the February Managers report.

Jodi Robertson stated that the cleaning lady resigned from cleaning the Borough building. This will be discussed in executive session.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/REVITILATION: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Amber Wasko seconded by Jodi Robertson and carried unanimously to keep Harshman CE Group as the Borough's alternative engineer for 2026.

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

Matt Cochran asked about whether having the code enforcement and the plan review office in the same is a conflict of interest. Tom Rockwell and Ashley stated that this is not a procedural conflict of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mike Bish seconded by Amber Wasko 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Motion by Mike Bish and carried.

Thomas Rockwell, Council President

Marie Maximovich, Borough Manager
Secretary-Treasurer