MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2026

Tom Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Thomas McQuillan, Adriane Ware, Kirk Inskipt, Jodi Robertson, and Tom Rockwell. Others in attendance were Kim Lauff, Dale Csonka, Maura Boggs, Sharon Cerciello, Brenda & Mike Ancas, Matt Cochran, Celestine Braxton, Megan Ward, Debbie Baldigowski, Solicitor Ashely Puchalski and Borough Manager Darla Protch.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Kim stated that a project is needed for MS4. We have posted the MS4 poster on website and bulletin board, MSA will work on a project at their next meeting.
- Sharon was here to discuss her Muscular Dystrophy Annual Walk with 100+ attending. Since this is an annual event like the Pow Wow she would like an exception for payment. Council did not decide on this.
- Debbie was here concerning the gravel on Fourth Street – she was informed a wedge curb will be put in.
- Also, there was a discussion involving Laurel Street and possible mine – PA Water Co. to be out on Wednesday.

MINUTES: The minutes of July 6, 2026, regular meeting of Council were presented for approval. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Amber Wasko and carried unanimously to accept the minutes with the correction that Jodi Robertson was not present.

At this time the Council went into an Executive Session for Personnel Discussion. After the Executive Session, Kirk made a motion to amend the agenda, 2nd by Mike, to add a motion to hire Joseph Stevens at $17/hr., motion unanimously approved.

Tom M. made a motion to hire Joseph Stevens effect August 5, 2026, second by Krik, motion unanimously approved. Tom Rockwell asked for any public comment on this item, there was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER: Chief Motte read his report for July. The Chief is requesting approval for the following:

- PCCD Regional Police Assistance Program Grant application with Mt. Pleasant Township. There is no matching funds needed. This grant will be split with Mt. Pleasant Township. A motion was made by Mike to apply, second by Jodi, motion unanimously approved.
- MPD policy on social media. Mike made a motion to adopt Resolution #06-26 adopting Borough Social Media Management Policy, second by Kirk, motion unanimously approved.
- The Chief is asking for body cameras and car cameras.
- The Chief wants approval to enter into a MOU for the Ice 287g Task Force Model Program. The Solicitor explained to Council that this has a huge liability concern. No decision was made.

MAYOR: David Cooper gave the Mayors Report for July.

STREETS: The July Street Report is in the packet.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Discussion was tabled regarding park rentals and Park Committee taking this over to avoid confusion. Discussion was held on the bill from General Recreation for $81,642. Darla was asked to investigate all the grants and determine where we can pay this from. Council set the date for Halloween – October 31. Council was informed that Light Up Night will be held on November 25.

BUDGET & FINANCE: The finance report was presented and approved by a motion from Adriane Ware, second by Tom M. and carried unanimously by the Council. Adriane also presented the July 2026 Budget Comparison and made a motion to approve, second by Mike and carried unanimously by the Council.

BILLS: Adriane Ware made a motion to approve payment of the bills for the month of August, second by Tom McQuillan and unanimously by the Council. Manager stated all July bills have been paid except for those related to park grants.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY: Motion by Jodi, seconded by Mike and carried unanimously to approve the July Managers report. Jodi made a motion to approve the payment of $1,618.65 to our pension plan for George Back for 2024 and 2025, he was never enrolled into the plan, second by Adriane, motion carried unanimously by Council. Darla had the following included in Council Packets – 2026 Special Ad Hoc COLA monthly benefit increase and the 2026 McDonald Sewage Authority audit for 2024 and 2025 which are available in the borough office. A motion was made by Jodi, second by Adriane, to approve the agreement with EZ-Net Pat to accept credit cards. The customer pays all fees with no cost to the Borough. If a credit card is not valid, the system will not accept it. This motion carried unanimously by the Council. A motion was made by Jodi, second by Mike, to approve the transfer of payroll from Paychex to ADP with savings of approximately $2,600 per year. This motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/REVITILATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Tom McQuillan questioned if Jay's Pizza had a business license – they do. Tom also reported new businesses – Landmark Grill and Dog Grooming. Tom reported the Lion's Club sign is up. Tom and Kirk were permitted to talk to representatives to seal roads.
Megan Ward also informed Council that Roosevelt Avenue has problems. There is also a problem in the alley behind Fourth Street needs drains daylighted, as it is running through yards or into old sanitary sewer.
Celeste stated that John Moss says the alley between North and Station Streets is very bad. Kirk said he will send the street department to cold patch.
Mike Ancas informed Council that the photography is complete and a rough cut of the film should be available at the end of September.

Maura Boggs said the weeds need cut between the building that houses the old McDonald Pharmacy to the Trail Station. Some of this is the responsibility of the County.
Sharon informed the council that sidewalks are overgrown, people are hoarding items on the porch and the town looks messy. She also said the sanitary sewer at Washington and Fourth Street is totally covered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Execute session was held for Legal Advice

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan, second by Mike Bish and carried unanimously by the Council.

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Thomas Rockwell, Council President

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Darla Protch, Interim Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer