MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF MCDONALD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Tom Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Thomas McQuillan, Kirk Inskipt, Michael Bish, and Tom Rockwell. Others in attendance were Kim Lauff, Sharon Cerciello, Brenda & Mike Ancas, Celestine Braxton, Lori Miller, Nathaniel Wright, and Mike Metzger from Strawser, Brian Engstrom from Forta and Borough Manager Darla Protch.

Everyone joined the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to Public Comments the representatives from Strawser and Forta presented their product to be considered for helping keep our roads intact. This product is PennDot approved and a green product.

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

- Sharon was present to see if we had received communication from the County Redevelopment Authority regarding her alley. Tom reported they are working with the County to move this project along.
- Mike Ancas reported that a rough cut of the film should be done by the end of the week.

MINUTES: The minutes of August 3, 2026, regular meeting of Council were presented for approval. Motion by Tom McQuillan seconded by Mike Bish and carried unanimously to accept the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER: Chief Motte read his report for August. Mike Bish reported that the police truck, F-150, could cost up to $9,200. He is working with Ford to see if they can help with the costs. Tim also gave a presentation regarding Ice287G program that he is pushing for the Council to accept. This was tabled.

MAYOR:

STREETS: The August Street Report is in the packet.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Discussion was tabled regarding park rentals and Park Committee taking this over to avoid confusion. The Finance Committee was asked to work with the Borough Manager on how to pay the access bills from the Heritage Park Grant that money up to $157,000 was used for bills and payroll from October 2024 through February 2026 over and above the $60,000 that was accounted for. The Borough Manager suggested using some of the money in the new Range Account. No decision was made. Council approved placing turf at the East End Park to be installed by Art Tortorice. Motion was made by Mike Bish, seconded by Kirk Inskipt, and unanimously approved by Council.

BUDGET & FINANCE: The finance report was presented and approved by a motion from Kirk Inskipt, second by Mike Bish and carried unanimously by the Council. The August Budget Comparison was presented to council and a motion by Kirk Inskipt, seconded by Tom McQuillan, and carries unanimously to accept the report. Council was informed that we need to transfer $36,800 from the General Fund to the Liquid Fuel Fund. This was discovered by the auditor for Liquid Fuels

and represents the amount paid from Liquid Fuel without a PennDot Project Number and no advertisement for bids on this project. This occurred in 2025.

BILLS: Kirk Inskipt made a motion to approve payment of the bills for the month of September, second by Mike Bish and unanimously by the Council. Manager stated all August bills have been paid except for those related to park grants.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY: Motion by Kirk Inskipt, seconded by Mike Bich and carried unanimously to approve the August Manager's report. The Borough Manager presented a letter from Comcast outlining new contacts for emergencies – copies were given to the Police and Fire Department. An amendment to the Grant contract through Allegheny Redevelopment Authority was presented to Council. Council approved the resignation letter from Ed Walker for the McDonald Sewage Authority effective August 19,2028. A motion to approve this letter was made by Mike Bish, seconded by Tom McQuillan, and passed unanimously by Council. The Borough Manager presented a quote from Cintas to replace the rugs in the Borough Building every 2 weeks. Cost $112 every 2 weeks. We currently pay Cintas $151.49 every 2 weeks. Mike Bish believes we could replace the rugs with a cost estimate of $550. They will be vacuumed by our cleaning person and when they wear out to replace them. No motion was made. The approval of a Grant Review Checklist was tabled. The 2026 PSAB Salary Survey was presented to the Council to see how wages compare to the Borough. The ADP timekeeping at a cost of an additional $60.39 every 2 weeks was not approved. The Borough Manager has the report from the Pittsburgh Regional Transit in her office. The MARA minutes from August 13, 2026, were available for the council. The monthly report on Net Assets from the Municipal Retirement Trust was given to Council. Council then turned to a discussion on the borough phones and internet. Comcast presented a quote to save funds but still cost $1,665.45 down from $1,767.40. The Borough Manager received a quote from Full-Service Network for $895.81 monthly, a savings of $721.40 monthly or $8,659.20. A motion was made by Mike Bish, seconded by Kirk, and unanimously passed by Council. The park will stay with Comcast as Full-Service Network does not provide a lower bandwidth. Tom McQuillan made a motion to approve the Pension MMOs for the two pension plans, seconded by Kirk Inskipt and the Council approved unanimously. The discussion regarding ICE and the updated personnel manual were tabled. Mike Bish made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-26 opting out of the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant and Home Program for 2027 through 2029. Discussion was held concerning an encroachment agreement that is needed for placing a mobile batting cage over a sewer line in East End Park.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/REVITILATION: Tom McQuillan said we have new businesses in town. He also spoke with BoxFlip.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Cooper discussed Police Promotions. This was tabled. We will hold 2 Budget Meetings; Darla will email all Council with potential dates. NOTE: October 12th and October 19th have been set up for budget meetings at 6 pm. September 30th is the deadline for all departments to turn in their "wish lists". Port-a-Jons were approved to be removed by September 30th. It was brought to the attention of Council that there is a problem with the front door not closing all the way and the railings are rusting out. Tom Rockwell said he would speak with Phil. NOTE: The Borough Manager was informed8 recently that there are problems with the bathroom in the Police Office; sink is not working, etc.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Motion by Tom McQuillan, second by Kirk Inskipt 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