**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2021, with Mayor Stephen Gibson calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Pam Abrams, Bob George, Teresa Lederer, Richard McCance, Jim Suber and Mike Woods.

**ALSO PRESENT**: Streets/Sewer Supt. Bradley Kitchen and Visitor Scott Smith

**ELECTION OF PRESEDINT PRO-TEMPORE:**

Mike Woods nominated Jim Suber to serve as President Pro-Tempore for 2021. Abrams seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Vote: All yes, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of December 28, 2020, were presented to Council. It was moved by Suber and seconded by Woods to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**: Bills were presented to Council. It was moved by George and seconded by Abrams to pay the bills and to draw warrants on the proper funds. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

Fund Reports, Cash Summary Reports, and a Payment Listing were presented for Council’s review.

Also presented were 2020 Final Appropriation and Revenue reports.

**VISITOR:**

Scott Smith addressed Council with concerns regarding the straw from a local business being strewn over areas of the Village. Brad Kitchen reported that he has spoken with the business about the matter and they have taken several steps to remedy the situation which are: blowing off the semis to rid them of loose straw; ordered tarps to place over straw loads; and purchased a street sweeper for any clean-up. Smith also addressed the subject of utilizing mechanics/tow operators in the village. He has received complaints that other businesses in town are not receiving the Village’s work. The Mayor explained that when an emergency call comes to the Sheriff’s office, a rotation of area tow operators is utilized.

**Resolution 21-01, “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMMITTEES OF THE DESHLER VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2021”** A motion was made by Woods and seconded by Suber to suspend the rules governing the reading of ordinances on three separate days at three separate meetings. Vote: all yes, motion carried. A motion was made by Suber and seconded by George that Resolution 21-01 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 21-02, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION”** A motion was made by Suber and seconded by Lederer to suspend the rules governing the reading of ordinances on three separate days at three separate meetings. Vote: all yes, motion carried. A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Woods that Resolution 21-02 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 21-03, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF BARTLOW TOWNSHIP FOR POLICE PROTECTION AS AUTHORIZED BY ORC 505.43”** A motion was made by Suber and seconded by Abrams to suspend the rules governing the reading of ordinances on three separate days at three separate meetings. Vote: all yes, motion carried. A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Suber that Ordinance 21-03 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 21-04, “AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTERFUND TRANSFER”** A motion was made by George and seconded by Abrams to suspend the rules governing the reading of ordinances on three separate days at three separate meetings. Vote: all yes, motion carried. A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Suber that Ordinance 21-04 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**STREETS, SEWER AND PARKS:** Supt. Bradley Kitchen reported:

-The work report was emailed to Council prior to the meeting.

-Currently working on a 10-year plan for the Sewer and Storm Sewer Departments. Requested the Finance Committee to meet prior to the next meeting.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** The Mayor reviewed DonL’s report:

-We are projected to be the recipient of the State Capital Funding Program to receive $21,000 for sidewalks at Pirate Park.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Fiscal Officer Lisa Sugg reported that $37,014 was received from the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation in dividends.

-Sugg also reported that the Village may be joining Henry County’s computer networking system, which consists of computer back-ups, off-site storage, and access to affordable IT support.

-The Mayor and Mike Woods both reported there is limited space for traffic on a part of West Maple Street due to vehicles being parked on both sides of the street.

-George reported that the EMS District received $75,000 in sub-granted CARES Act Funding and was able to purchase beneficial equipment for the District.

-Woods reported that the sale of the electrical transmission line is complete and payment has been received.

-Woods also mentioned that residents have complained about not receiving utility bills in a timely manner, but this is a USPS issue. Bills are sent at the same time every month.

-The Mayor will meet with Chief Robinson regarding several issues including: schedules, Council’s request for a monthly report of activity, the tire issue on the Durango, possibly selling the Durango, and checking on the straw issue in the Village.

-A Finance Committee meeting will be held on January 25, at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Suber and seconded by Woods to adjourn. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

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