**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020, with Mayor Stephen Gibson calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT**: Village Superintendent Bradley Kitchen, CD Coordinator DonL Parsons, Police Chief Brian Robinson, Officer Josh Cluley, and two high school students

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of January 13, 2020, were presented to Council. It was moved by Suber and seconded by Abrams 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.

**Ordinance No. 20-06, “AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTERFUND TRANSFER”** A motion was made by Suber and seconded by George to suspend the rules governing the reading of ordinances on three separate days at three separate meetings. Vote: all yes, motion carried. It was moved by Suber and seconded by George that Ordinance 20-06 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution No. 20-07, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HAMLER, OHIO FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES”**  A motion was made by Suber and seconded by McCance to suspend the rules governing the reading of ordinances on three separate days at three separate meetings. Vote: all yes, motion carried. It was moved by George and seconded by Abrams that Resolution 20-07 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution No. 20-08, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR DEMOLITION OF THE ‘LUMBER YARD’ IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PROPERTY SAFE”** A motion was made by Suber and seconded by McCance to suspend the rules governing the reading of ordinances on three separate days at three separate meetings. Vote: all yes, motion carried. It was moved by Suber and seconded by George that Resolution 20-08 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**STREETS & SEWER:** Superintendent Bradley Kitchen reported:

-Streets were swept for the first time this year.

-Continue to work on Pirate Park playground equipment.

-The Lumber Yard project is scheduled to start on February 10th or 11th. Many arrangements have been made with CSX, the asbestos company, the fencing company and contractors to get the project started.

-Per Council’s request, windows at the old church will be boarded up for safety reasons. It has been approved per Zoning. Shrubs around the building have been removed for easier access.

-The lab at the city building is extremely out of date and the EPA has suggested a total upgrade. Plans are being made to replace the cabinetry, countertops, sink, plumbing, lighting and electrical.

-The Hamler agreement for wastewater services is expected to begin in February.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Brian Robinson reported:

-Quotes were verbally given by Robinson for various items for the department. They include: LexiPool policy and procedures program, body camera system, and tasers. Council asked Robinson to put together a packet with all of the quotes and present at a Police Committee meeting.

-There is an opportunity for the department to obtain another K-9 through a GI bill. Officer Cluley is a veteran and would qualify for a K-9 dog and training. Council asked Robinson to obtain more information on this program.

-Councilman George inquired about scheduling officers on Saturdays and stressed that these are the days that officers should be on duty.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** DonL Parsons’ reported:

-Parsons reported on the COPS grant that would pay a portion of a full-time police officer’s salary and benefits. This is a four-year program with the grant paying 75% for 3 years and the village covering the remaining 25% along with a full fourth year of the position. Council agreed that looking into the K-9 GI bill would be more beneficial than pursuing the COPS grant.

-A letter of support for the Bowling Alley expansion was presented for council’s signatures.

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-The Deshler American Legion donated $1,000 to the Reservoir Park Pathway project, phase 3.

-The Chamber of Commerce is requesting the garage sale days be moved to May 15 and 16, 2020. Council had no objections.

-The cost is $7,100 for new Christmas lights. This includes a 28% discount.

-The U.S. Census Bureau requested a new boundary map for the village, which has been completed.

-A new zoning map was configured as well and will be available next week.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-There will be a Personnel Committee on February 10th at 6:00 p.m.

-There will be a Police Committee on February 24th at 6:00 p.m.

-McCance asked the police to look into a car that has been sitting on a village street with no plates.

A motion was made by Suber and seconded by Abrams to adjourn. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

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