**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, March 8 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 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, Police Chief Brian Robinson, and CD Coordinator DonL Parsons

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of February 22, 2021, 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 Woods 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.

**SECOND READING: Ordinance 21-10, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SEWER DEBT SERVICE FEE AND AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ESTABLISH A DEBT SERVICE FUND”**

**Resolution 21-14**, “**A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT AND ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE UPDATES AND REPAIRS TO THE RESERVOIR PARKING LOT”** The award will be made to Ward Construction of Leipsic. 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 George that Resolution 21-14 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 21-15, “AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTERFUND TRANSFER”** 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 George that Ordinance 21-15 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.

-There was a problem at the Diem lift station that was able to be fixed by staff.

-Currently cleaning up debris at the pool parking lot left from the snow that was hauled there.

-Suber requested that dead tree limbs at the reservoir be inspected and removed.

-The Finance Committee met prior to Council regarding the Streets & Sewer truck situation. One of the truck boxes is in bad shape and either needs replaced or a new vehicle may need to be purchased. It was recommended by McCance that a larger truck be sought. A motion was made by Woods and seconded by George to obtain a quote for a new vehicle for that department. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Coordinator DonL Parsons reported:

-DonL was contacted by Steve Escalante asking to hold a Family Fishing Day this summer. Council had no objections.

-NatureWorks has grant funding available that DonL would like to apply for to build a shelter house at Pirate Park. Council had no objections.

-There is currently an article in the Defiance Crescent regarding the upgrades to Deshler’s Parks.

-Suber inquired about a plan that was created several years ago for a bridge over Brush Creek at the Reservoir. It is a possible idea for future grant funding.

**POLICE:** Chief Brian Robinson reported:

-A Police Committee meeting was held prior to Council where it was decided that Chief Robinson should get a firm quote on a Chevy Tahoe police cruiser. It was suggested that any lights/accessories from one of the vehicles no longer used should try to be transferred to a new vehicle.

-Three officers will be available on March 21 for the X & A 5K Race.

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**SALE OF ELECTRICAL HIGH-LINE:**

-$50,000 from the sale of the electrical line needs to be transferred to Village funds, as it is the proceeds of the one-time rental of ground. This was discussed at the Finance Committee held prior to the Council meeting. Council agreed that a new Capital Projects Fund should be created to reserve this money for future use. A motion was made by Woods and seconded by Suber that the fiscal officer create a new Capital Projects Fund for Infrastructure, Restoration or Demolition in the Village of Deshler. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Mike Woods reported that the BPA continues to change out electric meters. There has also been concern from residents regarding the increase in natural gas prices.

-Woods reported that citizens have inquired about non-employees riding as passengers in village police vehicles. Mayor Gibson emphasized that this is against village policy and should stop immediately.

-Woods reported that a resident approached him regarding stray cats in the Village. Woods contacted the Henry County Dog Warden, that stated they cannot do anything with cats. The Humane Society stated they will take a stray cat if it is brought in. Residents are discouraged to feed feral cats to keep the problem at bay.

-Lederer reported that the Deshler Community Garage Sales will be held on June 18 and 19.

-Village Clean-Up Day will still be held during the month of May. This year it will be on Thurs., May 13.

-Kitchen stated that he anticipates opening the Swimming Pool on Saturday, June 5. Lisa reported that information has been distributed to the high school regarding lifeguard training.

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

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