

Deshler Village Council

Monday, March 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 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, Jim Suber and Mike Woods

ALSO PRESENT: Village Superintendent Bradley Kitchen, Zoning Inspector Jan Seemann, BPA Member Bernie George, Solicitor Jim Rode, Henry County Commissioner Jeff Mires and five high school students

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of February 24, 2020, were presented to Council. It was moved by Woods and seconded by Suber 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.

February's Bank Reconciliation, Fund Reports, Cash Summary Reports, and a Payment Listing were presented for Council's review.

VISITOR:

Jeff Mires was recently appointed as a Henry County Commissioner replacing Tom VonDeylen. Jeff was in attendance to introduce himself and inquire about the Village's relationship with the Commissioners.

Ordinance No. 20-11, "AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTERFUND TRANSFER" A motion was made by Suber and seconded by Woods 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 20-11 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

Resolution No. 20-12, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH GOVPAY.NET FOR A MERCHANT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS TO THE VILLAGE" A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Woods 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 Abrams and seconded by George that Resolution 20-12 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

Resolution No. 20-13, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TREASURER TO SET UP A CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO ACCOUNT FOR MONIES FOR THE PINE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT" A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Woods 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 Abrams and seconded by George that Resolution 20-13 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

Resolution No. 20-14, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2020 FOR THE VILLAGE OF DESHLER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Woods 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 Abrams and seconded by George that Resolution 20-14 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 20-15, "AN ORDINANCE RE-APPOINTING A VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR" 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 George and seconded by Suber that Ordinance 20-15 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

BPA: Bernie George reported:

- The BPA would like to set up a special council meeting in April to discuss an RFP for the possible sale of property.
- The new line truck was received and will have some additional equipment added. The old truck will be sold on GovDeals.
- Dave Petersen was appointed as the new BPA member to replace Denny Bremer.

STREETS & SEWER: Superintendent Bradley Kitchen reported:

- The main lift station backup generator recently had a diagnostic fault during test runs. A technician was called in and the problem resolved.
- Assisted two residents and one factory with sewer line issues.

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- The improvements to the lab have begun.
- There have only been 39 hours of overtime for snow removal this season, which is very low.
- The John Deere power broom was broken and recently repaired. This is used to clean Main Street's sidewalks.
- The Pine Street Bridge selection committee met today with a possible consulting engineer. It is expected at the next council meeting to request a resolution for the Mayor to enter into a contract with the engineering company that is selected.
- The playground equipment at Pirate Park is complete.
- The SCIP/LTIP funding was approved for street paving this year.

ZONING: Jan Seemann reported:

- Currently working on a zoning issue on South Park Street and a housing code issue on West Maple.
- Noted that residents are unhappy with semi-trucks tearing up yards on Mulberry Street. A discussion was held on the issue and the opinion is that the police should start fining drivers for not obeying signage.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Gibson reviewed DonL Parsons report:

- The Assistance to Firefighters grant and the COPS grant were both recently submitted.
- It was recently announced that there will not be a Deshler Fair this year; however, the annual fireworks display will be held on July 11.
- The property owner of the old church was contacted and agreed to transfer the property to the Land Bank and allow demolition at the village's expense.
- Met with county officials regarding SCIP/LTIP funding for next year as well as for possible funding for the Pine Street project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There will be a Police Committee meeting on March 23 at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Woods to enter into Executive Session for Discipline of Personnel. Vote: all yes, motion carried

At 8:15 p.m. Council returned to regular session. No action was taken following the Executive Session.

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

Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor