**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, March 28, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, March 28, 2022, with Mayor Stephen Gibson presiding and calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Bob George, Teresa Lederer, Kolby Seemann, Clint Smith, and Karen Weber. Mike Woods was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT**: Fiscal Officer Lisa Sugg, Village Supt. Bradley Kitchen, CD Coordinator DonL Parsons, Zoning Inspector Richard McCance, Bernie George, Steven A. Diem, Dave Petersen, Brent Reese, Adam Ziegler, Nathan Beckford, Bob Weber and Todd Thompson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of March 14, 2022, were presented to Council. It was moved by Seemann and seconded by George 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 Seemann 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.

**SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE:**

A Parks and Pool Committee meeting was held prior to the Council meeting.

-A motion was made by Lederer and seconded by Weber to increase all swimming pool personnel wages by $.50 effective immediately. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

-A motion was made by Lederer and seconded by George to purchase two large shade umbrellas for the swimming pool at a cost of $6,000.00 each out of the Swimming Pool Capital Fund. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

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

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

-Clean-Up Day will be May 19th at the Swimming Pool Parking Lot from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Those needing assistance may call the Village Office to arrange for pick-up.

-The green Chevy truck was sold on GovDeals.com for a total of $7,300. Brad reported that the red pick-up has a hole in the transmission and asked for Council’s recommendation on purchasing something used to replace it. Councilman George recommended going up to $20,000 to purchase something used. Council had no objections.

-Kitchen recommended Jim Suber and Tim Jackson for the part-time mowing positions for the Village this summer. A motion was made by Weber and seconded by George that Jim Suber and Tim Jackson be hired as part-time mowers for the Village. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

-The grant application for a new mosquito sprayer was recently denied. The current sprayer is 25 years old and needs replaced. Brad presented a quote of $10,800 to purchase a new one. A motion was made by Lederer and seconded by George to purchase a new mosquito sprayer at the cost of $10,800. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

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

-A report was emailed to Council prior to the meeting.

-Parsons recommended that the Village apply for the Community Development Allocation Grant for improvements to the tennis courts at the Swimming Pool Park. The application is due April 30. Council would like to pursue this option.

**BPA:** Member Bernie George reported:

-Inquired about the Pine Street Bridge water pipe change order. Kitchen reported that this change order has been approved.

-Kirk Behrman is currently working on this year’s gas project.

-The new brush chipper is in; however, parts are still backordered.

-The Board will be increasing water rates. The minimum amount will increase by $5.00 per month and then by 3% each year over a period of 9 years. Surveys of water rates in the area indicate that Deshler is still below the area average. The past few years the Water Fund has seen a deficit and this will help to alleviate that. The new rates will go into effect on the July 1st billing.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Zoning Inspector Richard McCance reported he is currently working on permits for garages and a fence.

-Lederer reported that the Chamber of Commerce was recently approached by the Lions Club asking them to take over the birthday calendar project. The Chamber is not interested in this project.

-Seemann reported that the Fire District will be renovating the existing building at their new property and be requesting ARPA funding from the county and local entities for the project.

-George distributed the South Joint Ambulance District annual report. The District will have a renewal levy on the ballot this fall.

**STORM WATER DRAINAGE ISSUE:**

-A group of residents addressed Council with concerns about standing water in their neighborhood after rain events. The GIS map was viewed on the big screen to show the placement of current lines and easements. Kitchen stated that all of the lines have been run to try to find any issues and nothing was found. After lengthy discussion Kitchen stated he will run everything again. Petersen suggested checking a manhole across from his property that runs parallel with one of the lines. Kitchen will check that out tomorrow. Councilman Smith stated that Kitchen is seeking Council’s support to move forward with further improvements to the storm sewer system from what has been common practice in the past. Council agreed that storm sewer issues should be explored further than what past policy has indicated.

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

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