**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 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 Police Chief Brian Robinson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of March 22, 2021, were presented to Council. Lisa Sugg noted that there was a correction as to who made the adjournment motions. With those changes, it was moved by George and seconded by Woods to approve the minutes. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**: Bills were presented to Council. It was moved by Abrams 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.

**Ordinance 21-18, “AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTERFUND TRANSFER”** 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. A motion was made by Suber and seconded by George that Ordinance 21-18 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 21-19, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM”** Sugg noted that this was for a grant for a shelter house a Pirate Park. 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 George and seconded by Abrams that Resolution 21-19 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 21-20, “A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS TO BE INSUFFICIENT AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A LEVY IN EXCESS OF SUCH RATE”**

Sugg noted that this is to begin the process of placing the renewal levy for Memorial Field and other Parks & Rec purposes on the November ballot. 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 George and seconded by Abrams that Resolution 21-20 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 21-21, “A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS TO BE INSUFFICIENT AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A LEVY IN EXCESS OF SUCH RATE”**

Sugg noted that this is to begin the process of placing the renewal levy for Swimming Pool Capital Improvements on the November ballot. 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 McCance that Resolution 21-21 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.

-Ward’s Paving was here last week to review the potential road projects for this year. We are currently awaiting the estimates.

-The tree trimmers started work at the Reservoir today. They estimated it would take 3 days to complete.

-Received updated pricing for the Reservoir walk bridge. Kitchen asked Council if they wanted to proceed with seeking grant opportunities for such a project. A motion was made by Suber and seconded by George to proceed with a Reservoir walk bridge project. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

-Kitchen provided two quotes for new lawn mowers, which had been previously discussed with Council. A motion was made by Suber and seconded by McCance to purchase the John Deere mower from Findlay Implement (Northwest Tractor in Ottawa) at a price of $13,752.42. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

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**POLICE:** Chief Brian Robinson reported:

-The new radar sign has arrived and three more brackets were purchased for it, so it could be easily moved to different locations.

-George asked about the recent vandalism on Main Street and why the Sheriff provided assistance instead of our department. Robinson stated that the Sheriff had been pursuing the suspect previously.

-Woods stated that he wanted to clear up some rumors that he is trying to “get the chief of police fired.” That is not his intention. He wants to bring forth concerns that residents bring to him.

-Woods asked how many citations were written in the month of March. Robinson did not have a firm number.

-George requested that Robinson check in with the Clerk during the day to inform her of his whereabouts for citizens who may come in and ask for police assistance.

-Woods asked about Robinson having lunch at the school with his child during the day. Robinson stated he is there for the entire lunch period and he himself is not eating.

-It was asked why there aren’t more part-time officers on the schedule. Robinson stated that Fitzgerald will be able to work more hours once the school year is over. Woods is still on the rotation, but his schedule is unknown at the beginning of the month when the schedule is created. Mayor Gibson asked that Robinson share the revised schedule throughout the month with Council.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-A motion was made by McCance and seconded by Abrams to extend the deadline for village income taxes to May 17, 2021, to coincide with the state and federal deadlines. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

-Teresa inquired about the caboose at the Pool Park, stating it was wide open when she attended an event there. Kitchen said he would attend to the matter.

-George reported that the South Joint Ambulance Board recently met and reviewed the 5-year budget forecast. Things are looking good and they would like to purchase a new vehicle.

-Woods reported that the BPA’s policy for the utility office is that it will remain closed when Henry County is in the red zone for COVID-19. Also, the new building project is on hold for the time being due to the increase in building supplies.

-Abrams reported on recent swimming pool budget numbers. There is a significant loss of income and decrease in the number of passes sold between 2013 and 2019. Discussion was held and Council believes that the swimming pool is a service to the community that they will continue to provide, even though it is a loss of income annually. All of the Village’s parks are not revenue makers, but are a great asset to the village.

-Lifeguards and swimming pool managers are currently being sought for the summer season.

-George commented on the significant progress being made at the old lumber yard site.

-McCance inquired about mosquito spraying, stating he’s already seen some. Kitchen said that spraying may begin earlier this year.

-The Henry County Humane Society contacted the Village and wanted to clarify that they do not take feral or any type of stray or live-trapped cats. Pet cats are accepted by appointment only.

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

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