**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 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 resident Cletus Schaub

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of April 26, 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 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.

Resident Cletus Schaub was present to address council regarding housing code violations that he recently received from Zoning Inspector Jan Seemann. He stated that he has been making an effort to clean up his property and that his garbage is picked up every week. He would like the village to, “leave him alone” and will file civil complaints in court if the village continues to file complaints against him. The Mayor said that we will give him time to get things cleaned up and that the complaints will stop if the property is cleaned up. Lederer told Schaub that Mrs. Seemann is doing her job.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding zoning in the village. The topic of open burning was discussed along with the topic of allowing farm animals to be owned. Open burning is illegal in the county except when used to cook. There has been a complaint that a resident in town owns a hog. Lederer would like to see an ordinance that does not allow livestock with an exception given to 4-H animals. Kitchen reminded council that the village limits extend out to County Road C, where it is very rural. The Mayor suggested we re-visit the current ordinance regarding farm animals in the village. The Solicitor will need to be involved in the process of amending or creating a new ordinance.

**Ordinance 21-24, “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 George and seconded by Abrams that Ordinance 21-24 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 21-25, “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE HENRY COUNTY AUDITOR’S CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUES”** Sugg noted that this is for Swimming Pool Capital Improvements. 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 Abrams and seconded by Suber that Resolution 21-25 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 21-26, “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE HENRY COUNTY AUDITOR’S CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUES”** Sugg noted that this is for Memorial Field and Parks and Recreation. 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 Suber that Resolution 21-26 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 21-27, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF HAMLER FOR POLICE PROTECTION AS AUTHORIZED BY ORC 737.04”**

A long discussion was held regarding police coverage. Hamler Village Mayor Jeff Brubaker expressed his concern in an email that Hamler was not receiving communication or schedules from Chief Robinson. Mayor Gibson explained what coverage is currently in place and asked Robinson to relay this information to Hamler. Mayor Gibson stated that we could pass the ordinance and then let Hamler decide on whether to continue the contract. Several Council members feel that our police department should patrol exclusively in Deshler.

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A motion was made by McCance 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 21-27 is passed as read. Vote: Lederer-NO; McCance-YES; Suber-YES; George-NO; Abrams-YES; Woods-NO. Council Vote resulted in a tie. Mayor Gibson’s deciding vote: NO. **Ordinance 21-27 failed to pass**.

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

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

-The Wastewater Service Contract with the Village of Hamler has ended due to Hamler’s operator receiving his Operator of Record status. Everyone is pleased with the services provided.

-A final estimate for the Reservoir Walk Bridge has been received in the amount of $104,000. A grant would be applied for that would allow for 50% of the cost. Kitchen stated that we may or may not receive the grant and even if it is awarded, it can be refused. A motion was made by Suber and seconded by Woods that the village apply for funding for a walk bridge project at the Reservoir Park. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

-The first ball games were held at Memorial Field over the weekend and everything went well. The concession stand is being repaired and re-painted.

-It was asked if the alley issue on West Main Street was handled. Kitchen stated he relayed the information from the last council meeting to Chief Robinson.

**SWIMMING POOL:**

-Abrams stated that the Swimming Pool Committee met prior to council and reviewed applications for employees. Abrams made a motion that all of the applicants who applied for lifeguards and managers , as well as the swim lessons instructor be approved for hiring. George seconded the motion. Vote: all yes, motion carried. It was noted that applications are not closed, and anyone who obtains their lifeguard certification should apply throughout the swimming pool season. Lifeguards hired include: Elizabeth Latta; Madeline Latta; Lauren Rohrs; Trista Fintel; Chase Gillson; Colton Stewart and Grady Schaublin. Manager: Richelle Piercefield; Assistant Manager: Riley Bower and Elizabeth Latta; Swim Lessons Instructor: Sherrie Harris

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Woods reported that the Utility Office is now open to the public.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:56 p.m. a motion was made by Suber and seconded by George to enter into Executive Session for Potential Litigation. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 8:20 p.m. There was no action taken.

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

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