**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, August 9, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, August 9, 2021, with Mayor Stephen Gibson presiding and calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Pam Abrams, Bob George, Teresa Lederer, Richard McCance, and Mike Woods. Jim Suber was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT**: Fiscal Officer Lisa Sugg, Streets/Sewer Supt. Bradley Kitchen, Police Chief Brian Robinson, Solicitor Jim Rode, Jarrette Lutts, Diane Hoops, Kolby Seemann, Samantha Sherman, and Cathy Roscher

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of July 26, 2021, were presented to Council. It was moved by Woods 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 Woods and seconded by Abrams 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.

**Resolution 21-41, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR REPAIRS TO THE SOUTH PINE STREET BRIDGE”** A motion was made by George 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. A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by George that Resolution 21-41 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 21-42, “AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTERFUND TRANSFER”** 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. A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Lederer that Ordinance 21-42 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 21-43, “AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTRAFUND TRANSFER”** A motion was made by Abrams 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. A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Lederer that Ordinance 21-43 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**POLICE:** Chief Brian Robinson reported:

-Chief Robinson introduced Jarrette Lutts as the only applicant for the School Resource Officer position, who was interviewed during the Police Committee meeting. A motion was made by McCance and seconded by Woods to hire Lutts as a full-time Deshler Police Officer who will serve as the School Resource Officer for Patrick Henry Schools. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

-Several Deshler residents were in attendance to show their support for a new K-9 for the department. Brian presented the costs to the Police Committee and explained that the savings account will pay for the majority of the dog and training. The quote for the new K-9 and training totals $12,000. A motion was made by McCance and seconded by Abrams to purchase a new K-9 (which includes training) for the department at a cost of $12,000.00. Vote: Lederer-YES; McCance-YES; George-No; Abrams-YES; Woods-NO. Motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

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

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

-The handicap parking has been established at Memorial Field as requested. It is a nice addition to the park.

-There is currently no one to organize the soccer program for the fall. If anyone is interested, please contact the village office.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Visitor Cathy Roscher asked if utility rates are continuously rising. Lederer explained that gas and electric rates fluctuate because it is purchased by a third party. It was suggested that Mrs. Roscher contact the utilities office to set up a budget plan.

-Samantha Sherman and Kolby Seemann were present and explained that a group of residents would like to volunteer to decorate the Village Park again at Christmastime. They plan to request monetary and decoration donations to get started. A tree lighting event and a Santa event are being planned. Council had no objections.

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-Saturday, August 14 is the last day for the swimming pool.

-The Glow Run will be held at Reservoir Park on Friday, August 13.

-The Farmer’s Market will be held this Saturday, August 14 at Sager’s on Main Street from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

-New Police Officer Jarrette Lutts was officially sworn in by Mayor Gibson.

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

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