**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, August 24, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 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**: Streets/Sewer Supt. Bradley Kitchen, CD Coordinator DonL Parsons, Solicitor Jim Rode, Zoning Inspector Jan Seemann and visitors: James Ray, Steve Escalante and Mark Ruskey

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of August 10, 2020, 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.

**Ordinance 20-40, “AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTERFUND TRANSFER”** A motion was made by Woods 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 Woods and seconded by Abrams that Ordinance 20-40 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**VISITORS:**

-Resident James Ray was present to request that a pond be installed on his property on Mulberry Street. Ray presented an aerial map showing the location of his home and the property adjacent to it that he will be purchasing. It was recommended that he complete a zoning permit application along with a sketch of his plans including measurements.

-Steve Escalante was present to inquire about holding a fishing derby at the Reservoir in September/October. Council had no objections to holding one, however the Health Department needs to be contacted to find out what their recommendations are at this time for such events. DonL will contact the Health Department and get back with Steve.

-Mark Ruskey was present and will be running for the Henry County Sheriff’s position.

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

-Report was emailed prior to the meeting. No questions were presented to Brad.

**ZONING:** Jan Seemann reported:

-Has been working on 20 zoning permits and posted 36 violations for mowing throughout the summer.

-A property on Walnut Street was recently cleaned up by Wave Church.

-The Zoning Board of Appeals is seeking a new member due to a vacancy.

-Requested that all village residents display a house number.

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

-Recently delivered CARES Act funding to Local businesses.

-The Pine Street Bridge Project is on schedule and the OPWC application is ready to submit.

-Still no word on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-The one and only bid received for the property located on Park Street was withdrawn.

-Mike Woods reported that a BPA employee who was recently injured on the job has requested to be reimbursed for medical mileage for his care and treatment. There is currently no policy on this matter. An amendment to the wage ordinance would be necessary. Jim Rode will prepare this for the next meeting.

-Jan reported that a group of citizens would like to plant flower pots for the downtown area next summer. New pots would need to be purchased.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Woods and seconded by McCance to enter into Executive Session for possible Discipline of a Public Employee. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

At 8:10 p.m. the regular meeting resumed. There was no action taken following Executive Session.

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

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