**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, September 13, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 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, Jim Suber and Mike Woods

**ALSO PRESENT**: Fiscal Officer Lisa Sugg, Streets/Sewer Supt. Bradley Kitchen, Solicitor Jim Rode, CD Coordinator DonL Parsons, Denny Panning, Sharon Smith, and Greg Smith

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of August 23, 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 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.

**Ordinance 21-45, “AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTRAFUND TRANSFER”** A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Lederer 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 21-45 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 21-46, “A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE OHIO LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND”** A motion was made by George 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 21-46 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 21-47, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO CREATE A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT DOLLARS”** A motion was made by Suber 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 George and seconded by Abrams that Resolution 21-47 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 21-48, “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 Woods that Ordinance 21-48 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 21-49, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-41 TO REMOVE A STATEMENT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY PRINTED ERRONEOUSLY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”** 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 George and seconded by Abrams that Ordinance 21-49 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**VISITORS:**

Sharon Smith and Greg Smith were present to voice a complaint against the Police Department. Greg questioned why the Sheriff’s Department responded to four calls in Deshler over the weekend. He also stated that several attempts were made to contact the Police Chief, with no response. The Mayor said that Deshler PD is not a 24/7 department and the county sheriff covers when Deshler is not in service. Sharon stated that there is no confidence in Deshler’s Police Department and would like to see something done. The Mayor will set up a meeting with Chief Robinson and Smiths to discuss issues further.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Pam Abrams reported that interviews were held for the Zoning Inspector position and the Personnel Committee recommends Kris Kryder for the job. A motion was made by McCance and seconded by Suber that Kris Kryder be hired for the Zoning Inspector position effective immediately, with a starting pay of $500.00 per month and a 6-month probationary period. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

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

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

-Bridges in the village were inspected last week.

-A quote of $1,620 was received from DGL Consulting Engineers to inspect the ground level black storage tower behind the small reservoir. Much discussion was held on the issue on whether to perform the inspection, tear it down, or find someone else to offer advice on the structure. Council did not come to a conclusion and the topic is tabled at this time.

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

-Recently contacted the new owners of the nursing home and found out that it will be an adult care facility focusing on the homeless and homeless veterans. They also own and operate two other facilities in Northwest Ohio.

-Wage survey postcards were recently mailed to residents. DonL encourages everyone to complete the survey online and to keep trying if the website doesn’t initially work. There will be a letter mailed with a paper survey option to anyone who doesn’t complete it online.

-There were no questions regarding DonL’s report previously distributed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Lisa Sugg reported that the Village’s health insurance contract ends September 30, however, Paramount is extending the current contract for three months, with no increase in prices or changes in benefits. A motion was made by Suber and seconded by Pam to accept the extension of the contract with Paramount Health Insurance until December 31, 2021. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

-A Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss American Rescue Plan money and get a first look at the 2022 budget.

-McCance reported that the Fire District has closed on the purchase of Pat Imm’s property.

-Woods has witnessed several golf cart drivers holding infants as they are driving and reminds residents that small children must be in a car seat.

-Lederer suggested that the caboose be moved to the empty church lot. DonL explained that the property belongs to the Henry County Land Bank.

-Lederer also voiced a concern about the new K-9 being at the school before being certified.

-Mayor Gibson reported that K-9 Bane is doing well at his training.

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

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