**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, November 8, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, November 8, 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, Jim Suber and Mike Woods. Richard McCance was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT**: Fiscal Officer Lisa Sugg, Village Supt. Bradley Kitchen, Solicitor Jim Rode, CD Coordinator DonL Parsons, Kolby Seemann, Samantha Sherman, Diane Hoops, Dave Seemann and Family

**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Gibson presented Dave Seemann with a token of recognition for his late wife Jan Seemann’s years of service and dedication to the Village of Deshler. Many other family members were also in attendance. Jan served as the village’s zoning inspector for 14 years and was an integral part of implementing zoning in the village.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of October 25, 2021, were presented to Council. It was moved by Suber and seconded by Woods 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 Lederer 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 21-55, “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 Abrams and seconded by George that Ordinance 21-55 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 21-56, “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 George and seconded by Abrams that Ordinance 21-56 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.

-Leaf pick-up will begin Thursday, Nov. 11 and will be on Mondays and Thursdays until the end of the season.

-Jim inquired about a storm sewer drain and Brad said he is waiting for the cement company to complete other jobs in order to finish that area.

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

-A rendering of the library’s proposed addition along with a map of the Reservoir’s footbridge project was presented to Council. The library will be resubmitting a grant application for their project. The grant application for the footbridge was mailed today.

-Residents are still highly encouraged to complete the wage survey. It is likely that door-to-door surveys will need to be completed.

**BPA:**

-Mike Woods reported that the BPA has had theft again with residents bypassing the meter.

-The BPA asked Mike to present a proposal to Council to hire out the remaining clean-up at the old lumberyard site. The BPA obtained a quote from Panning’s for $14,000 to dispose of the remainder of the debris and clear the area to a grass lot. The BPA is willing to pay for half of this cost. Mike stated that Brad is close to being finished with the project and could have it completed in February for $7,000. Brad reminded Council that this property is not owned by the Village and that it is being treated as a nuisance abatement to make the area safe. Solicitor Rode reiterated those facts. After a short discussion, the Mayor thanked the BPA for the offer, but decided to let our staff keep working on the property at this time.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-The Finance Committee met prior to council and discussed the 2022 budget. Mike Woods made a motion that village employees receive a 3% pay increase effective January 1, 2022. Bob George seconded this motion. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

-Samantha Sherman was in attendance to give an update on decorating the Village Park for Christmas. She stated that $4,000 has been raised to purchase décor. The Fire Department will provide Santa at the lighting ceremony on November 28. There will be chili and hot dogs served. She inquired about the late leaf fall and the set-up process. Brad stated to go ahead and set up and they will work around it.

-Teresa reported that the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner was held on November 4.

-Hydrant flushing is currently taking place in the village.

-Woods has contacted the police department to address a noise coming from one of the cruisers.

-Bob reported that the South Joint Ambulance District will be purchasing a new chassis for an EMS unit saving the District approximately $60,000.

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

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