**Deshler Village Council**

**Monday, December 23, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, December 23, 2019, with Mayor Stephen Gibson calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT**: Village Superintendent Bradley Kitchen, Ken Griffith from the Village of Hamler, and Alex Ruhter, Chamber of Commerce

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of December 9, 2019, 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 George 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.

**Final Reading: Ordinance 19-44, “AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING ADDITIONAL PAY FOR THE VILLAGE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS & SEWER”** 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. It was moved by Suber and seconded by Abrams that Ordinance 19-44 is passed as read and will take effect immediately. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 19-47, “AN ORDINANCE FOR AN INTRAFUND TRANSFER”** 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. It was moved by Suber and seconded by Abrams that Ordinance 19-47 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 19-48, “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. It was moved by George and seconded by Abrams that Ordinance 19-48 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution No. 19-17, “TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR 2020 FOR THE VILLAGE OF DESHLER, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”** 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. It was moved by George and seconded by Abrams that Resolution 19-17 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution No. 19-18, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM”** 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. It was moved by George and seconded by Abrams that Resolution 19-18 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**VISITORS:**

-Ken Griffith was present to introduce himself as the new wastewater superintendent for the Village of Hamler. Mr. Griffith does not yet have his wastewater operator license. In the interim, he and the Village of Hamler are requesting Brad Kitchen’s assistance with the EPA reporting and mentoring to Griffith. A fee would be charged to the Village of Hamler for these services. The Solicitor is currently working with Brad on the details of a contract. Council had no objections.

-Alex Ruhter was in attendance representing the Deshler Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber would like to have a “PH” logo painted on a street intersection in the village. The Chamber would cover all of the cost, upkeep and maintenance. The Mayor explained that the street it is intended for is a State Route and would need to be approved by ODOT first. Mayor Gibson encouraged Ruhter to approach ODOT with the request and then report back to the village.

**STREETS & SEWER:** Superintendent Bradley Kitchen reported:

-Leaf pick-up is complete for this season. The cost was $150 higher than last year.

-The Ohio Dept. of Agriculture was here to inspect our mosquito spraying policies. Two minor issues will be corrected on the weekly reporting.

-Completed seasonal inspection and cleaning of the main lift station building and the sample station building at the lagoons.

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-A federal EPA questionnaire was recently completed regarding nutrient removal relating to our final discharge. Most months our results are below detectable limits.

-Improvements have been made to the City Building including: outside LED lighting, timer for the Christmas wreath, sink fixtures in the men’s restroom and a new address plaque.

-There were 9 more shelter house rentals in 2019 than the prior year with a revenue of over $3,200.

-Mike Woods reported that a light at the reservoir was broken.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Mayor Gibson reviewed DonL Parsons’ report.

-An application was submitted for the State Capital Project Program for SFY 2021-22. A request was made to fund a sidewalk project at Pirate Park.

-$2,800 has been donated by the Thatcher family, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Corn City State Bank for the purchase of more Christmas decorations.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Mayor Gibson distributed a new committee list, which combines several of our committees together.

-There will be a Police Committee meeting on January 13 at 6:00 p.m. and a Sewer Committee at 6:30 p.m. The 2019 Committee list will remain in effect for the January 13, 2020 meeting.

-Dick McCance reported that the former owner of the old Lumber Company was at the property this past weekend and he held a brief conversation with him regarding the building.

-McCance requested that all matters being discussed by council members be brought before council in open session.

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

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