**Deshler Village Council**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, with Mayor Michael Woods presiding and calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Bob George, Teresa Lederer, Kolby Seemann, and Todd Petersen; Clint Smith arriving at 7:30 pm. One seat vacant due to resignation.

**ALSO PRESENT**: Fiscal Officer Sarah Suber, Village Supt. Bradley Kitchen, CD Coordinator DonL Parsons, Solicitor Jim Rode, Zoning Inspector Mariann Reiter, and six students.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of March 24, 2025, were presented to Council. It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Seemann to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**: Bills were presented to Council. It was moved by Seemann 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.

**Third Reading, Ordinance 25-20, “AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SEWER SERVICES OUTSIDE AND INSIDE THE VILLAGE OF DESHLER”** A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Seemann 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 Petersen and seconded by Lederer that Ordinance 25-20 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 25-21, “AN ORDINANCE FOR INTERFUND TRANSFER”** A motion was made by George and seconded by Smith 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 Seemann and seconded by Petersen that Ordinance 25-21 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 25-22, “A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DESPOSITORY FOR THE ACTIVE AND INACTIVE FUNDS OF THE VILLAGE OF DESHLER”** A motion was made by Petersen 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; Seemann abstaining. A motion was made by George and seconded by Petersen that Resolution 25-22 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried; Seemann abstaining.

**Resolution 25-23, “A RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR LEASE OF FARM GROUND”** A motion was made by Smith 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 Seemann and seconded by George that Resolution 25-23 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance 25-24, “AN ORDINANCE FOR INTERFUND TRANSFER”** A motion was made by Lederer and seconded by Smith 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 Seemann that Ordinance 25-24 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**HEALTH INSURANCE:**

The Health Insurance proposal for Village employees was presented to Council. This new policy remains with Paramount and has similar benefits. The overall premium is 18.26% higher than the last policy. A motion was made by Lederer and seconded by George to approve the health insurance policy with Paramount effective May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

**POLICE:** Chief Rebecca Cassaubon reported:

-The new cruiser will be delivered this Thursday April 17, 2025.

-Officers will be attending a SART training on April 24, 2025.  
-Two officers will be attending a CTI training on April 30, 2025.  
-A motion was made by George and seconded by Lederer to approve purchasing the new police cruiser in the amount of $63,991.00. 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.

-Lifeguard training discussed will be put on hold until next year.

-The new evidence lockers for the Police Department have been installed in the basement.

**Zoning**: Mariann Reiter reported:

-Report was emailed to Council prior to the meeting.

-One new housing code complaint has been received.

**Community Development:** Coordinator DonL Parsons reported:

-A report was emailed to Council prior to the meeting.

-Met with ODOT, Maumee Valley and Proudfoot to discuss roads project for 2026.

-America 250 awarded a $5,000 grant to the library for a summer reading program, veteran stories and presidential visits to Deshler.

**BPA: Teresa Lederer** reported:  
-The next meeting April 23 will be at 9:30 am.  
-Assisted with mutual aid in Montpelier for storm damage.  
-Faith Feehan was selected to receive the AMP scholarship.

**CEMETERY: Todd Petersen reported:**

-More lots have been sold

-The new mower is now in use.

-Will be meeting with families regarding trees that have been planted that may need to be removed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**:   
-Teresa Lederer reported there were 34 new applications for veteran’s banners.  
-Bob George reported the EMS is in the process of hiring a new full-time paramedic.  
-Personnel Committee met prior to regular Council to interview for the vacation Council seat. Two candidates were interviewed. Thank you to both candidates for their time and showing interest in the town. The recommendation was made for Randy Petersen to fill the vacant Council seat; a motion was made by George and seconded by Lederer to approve this recommendation. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

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

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