

Deshler Village Council

Monday, April 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Deshler Village Council met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026, with Mayor Michael Woods presiding and calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob George, Teresa Lederer, Kolby Seemann, Clint Smith, Randy Petersen and Todd Petersen.

ALSO PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Sarah Suber, Village Supt. Bradley Kitchen, Asst. Supt. Steven Diem, Community Development Coordinator DonL Parsons, Zoning Inspector Mariann Reiter, Police Chief Rebecca Cassuabon, Doug Prigge, Tracy Hamm, and Ron Rosebrook.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of March 23, 2026, were presented to Council. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Lederer to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Bills were presented to Council. It was moved by George and seconded by Seemann 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 26-19, “AN ORDINANCE LEVYING VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERMISSIVE TAX”** A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Seemann that Ordinance 26-19 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

Resolution 26-22, “A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT FOR PAVEMENT RESURFACING” 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 T. Petersen and seconded by Lederer that Resolution 26-22 is passed as read. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

First Reading – **Ordinance 26-23, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS AGE EIGHTEEN (18) OR OLDER**

Police:

A motion was made by R. Petersen and seconded by George to hire Dave Mechel as a part time police officer; starting April 14, 2026 at \$19.50/hr. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

Village Property:

Doug Prigge, real estate agent, addressed Council regarding 424 E Main St. This property is currently for sale and upon checking the deed it was discovered that part of the property had been deeded to the Village of Deshler in 1899. A motion was made by George and seconded by Smith that the Village of Deshler deed this portion of the property back to the owners of this property. 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 3.00% higher than the last policy. A motion was made by Lederer and seconded by R. Petersen to approve the health insurance policy with Paramount effective May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

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

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

Community Development: DonL Parsons reported:

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

BPA: Teresa Lederer Reported:

-Next meeting is Wednesday April 22, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

Cemetery: Todd Petersen reported:

-The new mower has been received.

-Working on cleaning up damages from the most recent storm.

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Other Business:

- A resident expressed concerns about water and drainage after the most recent rain event and had contacted Henry County Soil and Water about getting a petition to see about getting Brush Creek cleaned. Bob George is going to call and get details on this process.
- Tracy Hamm from Big Daddy Sausage food truck addressed Council asking about possibly having food truck events in the park this summer. A Parks Committee Meeting is scheduled at 6:00 prior to the next Council Meeting on April 27, 2026.
- Teresa Lederer reported the Chamber received 10 new Veteran Banner applications.
- Bob George reported the EMS is looking at updating the ambulance fleet.
- The Council Meeting on May 25, 2026 has been moved to May 26, 2026 due to the holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:39 p. m. a motion was made by Seemann and seconded by Smith to enter into Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Vote: all yes, motion carried

Executive session ended at 8:04 p.m. A motion was made by R. Petersen and seconded by T. Petersen to give Sgt Dylan Woods \$1.00/hr raise effective 4/13/2026. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor