

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 19, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, December 19, 2016 at the Village office at 232 W. Main St. Mayor, Terence Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Jo High
Greg Borchers
Larry Platfoot
Cindy Goubeaux
John Grogean
Ron Simon

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Justin Spillers, Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering, Gary Bensman, and Sheriff John Lenhart.

- The minutes of the November 9, 2016 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Borchers, and seconded by High to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Platfoot and seconded by Goubeaux to approve the bills as presented. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Grogean and seconded by Simon to approve the November financial reports. All yeas, motion passed.

Voisard explained that it is necessary to approve temporary appropriations for 2017 to allow for the payment of bills until permanent appropriations are approved at the January Council meeting.

Grogean moved and Simon seconded the motion to approve temporary appropriations for 2017 as follows:

General Fund	\$25,000
Street Fund	8,000
Street Light Fund	5,000
Capital Improvement Fund	5,000
Sewer Fund	8,000
Water Fund	8,000

All yeas, motion passed.

Voisard reviewed the five year capital plan. Projects for 2017 include the following:

Lift Station Upgrade	\$ 10,000
Well Field Development	100,000
Resurfacing of Liberty Street	120,000
New Playground	286,500
Gazebo Project	70,000
Bridge Construction Project	414,446
Installation of Utilities to the other side of the creek (bridge project)	50,000
New subdivision-Village costs	unknown
Water tower cathodic repair	20,000

Possible grants and donated amounts for the above projects total \$568,000.00.

Equipment replacement includes Exmark mower, Pickup truck, and Maintenance trailer.

Gary Bensman addressed Council about his experience with the development of the Fort Loramie Industrial Park. He went over some of the things that had worked well in their project, and other things to avoid. He also suggested tax incentives that had worked well in their project.

Shappie said that he has been contacted by a person who is interested in constructing a 12,000 square foot spec building with dock in the current industrial park. This person has also spoken to Versailles about locating there. After considerable discussion, council agreed to provide the land at no cost with the stipulation that the building must be in place by December 31, 2018, or the land will revert back to the Village. The Village also agreed to share in the cost of the water and sewer lines. Justin Spillers will draw up a contract.

Shappie said that L. and J Cable would like to have an option to purchase the property that is adjacent to their current building. Council asked Justin Spillers to draw up a contract for a 2 year option. At the end of that contract, it could be renewed if necessary.

Police

Sheriff Lenhart went over the police activity report for the previous month. Activity was routine for the month. Sheriff Lenhart said that there will be no change in the cost of service for 2017.

OPWC Projects

Shappie reported that he has had word that the OPWC application for the bridge project has passed the District Level, so it is very likely that the grant will be approved.

Property Sale and Acquisition

Shappie reported that the Village has moved out of the former Village Maintenance Building that was sold to O'Francis Properties. The Purchase of the former Kirk Building took place in early December, and they are in the process of organization in that building.

Farm Ground Lease

Shappie said that Bob Goubeaux had contacted him regarding the lease agreement on the farm ground. The current contract stipulated payments to be made on January 1, June 1, and October 1. He asked that those dates be moved to January 30, June 30, and October 30. Council had no objection.

Subdivision

Shappie reported that a verbal agreement has been reached between Dan Paulus and Bob Philipot for the purchase of land for a new subdivision. Paulus is still reviewing the cost of lots, but Shappie said it is likely that the subdivision will move forward next summer, with 13 lots in Phase I. Council agreed to cover the cost of fire hydrants, top layer of asphalt, and decorative street lights, comparable to those in the rest of the Village. If more expensive lighting is installed by the developer, the developer would have to pay the difference, and Council would have to approve the alternate lighting. Council also agreed to cover the additional cost of 12" sewer lines vs. 8". The upgrade is required due to lack of slope on the property.

Shappie said that he has also met with another developer who may move forward with 6 to 8 lots in a different location.

Annexation

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Grogan and seconded by Simon. All yea, motion passed.

Platfoot moved and Borchers seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 16-16 Annexing 1.76 Acres in Loramie Township to the Village of Russia. (Craig Borchers property)**. All yea, motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Shappie said he had received pricing from Roe Transportation about the cost of collection of yard waste, leaves and branches. They would charge \$150 per box, with a minimum of 26 pickups per year. He said that would not be practical for us, as we wouldn't require pickups in the winter. He said Village residents would not then have access to leaf mulch. He said that if Roe handled grinding of branches, the Village would have to repurchase the wood mulch. Council decided to continue with hiring Go Green to grind the branches. Shappie said he feels that the Village should begin to charge Village residents for the mulch.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Platfoot and seconded by Borchers. All yea, motion passed.

High moved and Grogean seconded the motion approving **Ordinance 16-15 Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the Village of Russia, Ohio and the Board of Directors of the North Central Ohio Solid Waste Management District, and Consenting to the District's Agreement with Republic Services for the Provision of Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Services.** All yea, motion passed.

Shappie said that new pricing will be effective February 1, 2017, and he should have a contract to approve at the January meeting.

High said that she is working on changes to the website, but since she is not familiar with Word Press, it will take awhile.

Shappie said that the Village will switch from postcard billing to paper billing for water and sewer in January, 2017. Shappie said he had a request to put a No Outlet sign on First Street, and a Children Playing sign on Elizabeth St. Council had no objection.

Grogean asked about the progress made on removal of debris from the Elevator property. Shappie said that the owner is beyond the 30 period when fines would be imposed. He asked council if they want him to send an invoice to the owner for the fines. Council directed him to do so. As of December 20, 2016, fines total \$3,700.

Board Appointments

Shappie reviewed the current board appointments.

Planning Commission Board Members (6 year term)

Jamie Herron Expires 2021

Jeff Monnin Expires 2020

Craig Fiessinger Expires 2017

Kevin Borchers Expires 2017

Terry Daugherty Expires 2017

Zoning Appeals Board Members (6 year term)

Dale Nichols, Chairman Expires 2021

Bruce Borchers Expires 2020

Virgil Fullenkamp Expires 2021

August Cordonnier, Jr. Expires 2020

Mark Monnin Expires 2017

Park Board Members (5 years)

Jordan Grogean-(Advisory) Expires 2018

Andy Hoehne-(Advisory) Expires 2020

Aaron Deloye Expires 2019

John Magoto Expires 2021

Adam York Expires 2019

Tony Bergman Expires 2017

Adam Barga Expires 2017

CRA Housing Council (3 years)

Terry Daugherty Expires 2019

Jean Borchers Expires 2019

Ron Simon Expires 2019

Kevin Dapore Expires 2019

Jamie Herron Expires 2019

Paul Poepelman Expires 2019

Cindy Goubeaux Expires 2019

Russia Citizen Peer Review Board (2 years)

Greg Borchers Expires 2017

John Grogean Expires 2018

Larry Platfoot Expires 2017

Ron Simon Expires 2018

Mary Jo High Expires 2018

Goubeaux moved and Simon seconded the motion that Council enter executive session to set 2017 salaries. All yea, motion passed.

Grogean moved and High seconded the motion that Council leave executive session. All yea, motion passed.

Grogean moved and Platfoot seconded the motion to set salaries as follows:

Barney Francis \$15.76 per hour (3% increase)

Fiscal Officer \$7,500 annually

Bob Simon \$12.50 per hour as submitted

Mark Shappie \$55,697 for 2017 with 3% increase for 2018 and 3% increase for 2019

All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux moved and High seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Ron Simon _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____