

# VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

November 9, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, November 9, 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

Absent: Ron Simon

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Justin Spillers, Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering, Seth Myer of Roe Transportation and Biorestor, and Sheriff John Lenhart.

- The minutes of the October 12, 2016 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Borchers, and seconded by High to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Platfoot and seconded by Goubeaux to approve the bills as presented. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Grogean and seconded by Borchers to approve the October financial reports. All yea, motion passed.

Seth Meyer, representing Biorestor spoke to Council about an Asphalt Preservation Product that can be applied to new or older asphalt to extend the life of the pavement by several years. It is a clear, biodegradable product. Shappie will check on pricing to see if council would be interested.

Meyer also said that Roe Transportation has a Class IV Compost Recycling facility, which offers the service to Villages of providing a 30 or 40 yard container for yard waste, leaves and branches. They pick up the container when full, chip the branches, and offer bulk mulch pricing back to the Village. Shappie said that he would prefer to keep the yard waste and leaves to allow village residents access to free leaf mulch, but will check pricing on wood chipping to see if it would be practical.

### Police

Sheriff Lenhart went over the police activity report for the previous month. Activity was routine for the month.

### OPWC Projects

Shappie reported that the West Main Street Phase II project has been completed.

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

Platfoot moved, and Grogean seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. **16-13 Levying special assessments to pay a portion of the cost of the improvements made to West Main Street in Accordance with Resolution 16-5-11, and declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yea, motion passed.

### Park

Shappie said that the Grant Application with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program will be submitted next week. He said that Miracle had requested a purchase order in order to guarantee the price. Since the funds will not be appropriated until next year, that is not possible. Shappie said they had agreed to guarantee the price until February, 2017, but grant awards are not made until April. Mayor Daugherty said he will contact them to see if the price can be guaranteed until April.

### Property Sale and Acquisition

Shappie reported that the closing on the sale of the Village building to O'Francis Properties should take place next week. He spoke to Todd Weigant, realtor for the Kirk Building, and he said they should be able to close on the

purchase of the Kirk Building within the next 10 days. The Village will have 30 days to move out of the current building.

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

Platfoot moved, and High seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 16-12 Amending the 2016 Appropriations and declaring the same to be an emergency**. The Capital Projects Fund was increased by \$230,000. All yea, motion passed.

### **Farm Ground Lease**

Shappie said that bids for farm ground lease were received as follows:

Jason Drees	50 acres	\$247 per acre
	23 acres	\$247 per acre
Bob Goubeaux	50 acres	\$306 per acre
	23 acres	\$296 per acre
Steve Bohman	50 acres	\$227 per acre
	23 acres	\$267 per acre
Jeff Monnin	50 acres	\$125 per acre
	23 acres	\$125 per acre
Mike York	50 acres	\$150 per acre
	23 acres	\$125 per acre
Dave Ruhenkamp	50 acres	\$230 per acre
	23 acres	\$230 per acre

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

Grogean moved and High seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 16-14 Authorizing the Village to enter into a lease agreement with Bob Goubeaux involving the rental of 23.5 acres of farm ground, and to enter into a lease agreement with Bob Goubeaux involving the rental of 50 acres of farm ground, and declaring the same to be an emergency**. All yea, motion passed.

### **Miscellaneous**

Greg Borchers said he placed the order for the Village office sign on October 13, and it should be finished soon.

Shappie said that the 2002 New Holland Tractor and Boom mower has been received. It was purchased from McLean Township jointly with Loramie Township. The Village share of the cost is \$9,250.

Grogean asked about the progress of the removal of debris from the elevator property. Shappie said a registered letter had been sent to the owner giving a deadline of 30 days, with a fine of \$100 a day if the deadline is not met. The deadline is November 14. Shappie said he has heard that an offer has been made to purchase the property.

Shappie said that he has been contacted by two companies expressing interest in locating in Russia. He said he feels council members should meet with the companies to show interest. Mayor Daugherty said he will try to arrange a meeting.

High suggested that the Village website should be upgraded. The Village currently uses a free website, which is limited. She agreed to check on pricing for other options.

Goubeaux moved and High seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Ron Simon \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard \_\_\_\_\_