

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 12, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, October 12, 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, Wes Goubeaux, and Deputy Steve Shoffner.

- The minutes of the September 14, 2016 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by High, and seconded by Borchers to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Grogean to approve the bills as presented. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Platfoot and seconded by Simon to approve the September financial reports. All yea, motion passed.

Police

Deputy Shoffner went over the police activity report for the previous month. Activity was routine for the month.

OPWC Projects

Wes Goubeaux of Choice One Engineering said that the OPWC grant application for the Bridge Project was submitted last week. We should know if it is approved sometime in November.

He said the Main Street Project is progressing nicely. They should pour curbs and gutters next week, and lay asphalt the following week. Mayor Daugherty said that the work Village employees did at the corner of St. Remy and Main was a nice improvement.

Park

High and Goubeaux went over then plans for the new playground. The Committee has decided to go with Miracle Midwest of Holly, Michigan. The total cost with site work is expected to be about \$260,000. Shappie said that he is in the process of applying for a grant. In order to do so, the Village must join NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance). Platfoot moved and Goubeaux seconded the motion that the Village become a member of NJPA. All yea, motion passed.

High moved and Borchers seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 16-10-12** authorize the filing of an application for a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for public recreation purposes, through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program. All yea, motion passed. The grant is for 50% matching funds, and notification should be received in March or April, 2017.

Streets.

It was decided at the September Council meeting that conduit would be installed on West Main Street during the Street project in preparation for eventual installation of decorative street lights. Shappie said he has since gotten prices for the poles and fixtures, at a total cost of about \$2,100 per light. The total cost of installing 10 decorative lights would be about \$35,000. It was decided that the conduit would be installed on the South side of the Street at this time in preparation for decorative lighting at a later date.

Zoning

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

Borchers moved and High seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 16-9** Amending the official zoning map of the Village of Russia pertaining to the property owned by Craig M. and Mary Borchers. All yea, motion passed.

CIC

Justin Spillers said that the Village needs another member of the Board of Directors of the CIC. Daugherty moved, and Simon seconded the appointment of Greg Borchers. All yea, motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Shappie said that Fall hydrant flushing will be done this month.

Greg Borchers had drawings from PSG, Sidney, OH of the proposed Village Office sign. Council chose an aluminum 4x6 sign with block lettering. The approximate cost is \$1,275.00.

Shappie reported that the house at 113 E. Main has now been taken down. Village employees are in the process of hauling in dirt to level the property.

Shappie said that he attended the McClain Township Trustee meeting, and agreed to purchase the tractor and boom mower in conjunction with Loramie Township as discussed at the last meeting. (2002 New Holland 100 horsepower). The Village share of the purchase is \$9,250. Maintenance will be shared equally the first year, and reevaluated thereafter according to use.

Shappie said the Village is out of sign posts. He feels that all new signs should be installed on Main Street during the street project. The best pricing would be to purchase through Shelby County. Prices are as follows:

3 lb post	50 @ \$16.79	Total	\$839.50
2 lb post	50 @ \$11.68	Total	\$584.00
No parking signs	25 @ \$ 9.38	Total	\$234.50
School Crossing	2 @ \$52.19	Total	\$104.38
School When Flashing	2 @ \$66.80	Total	\$133.60
Speed Limit	\$13.50		
Sign Accessories	\$ 4.14 Ea.		

Council Authorized Shappie to purchase the needed signs.

Shappie reported that road salt is \$72 per ton this year, and will be ordering soon.

Shappie reported that he and several council members attended an Economic Development meeting at the Gathering Place to discuss Downtown development. He said it was a good meeting, but that the consensus of the group was that population growth is necessary. Council decided that Simon and Grogean would meet with the developer of the proposed subdivision to see if progress is being made. If not, they feel that other options should be pursued. Shappie also showed Council a letter from Jon Heffner suggesting that the Village purchase the Gathering place to be utilized as a coffee shop and Senior Center. The building is being offered for \$225,000, or \$275,000 with all contents. Although Council saw merit in owning the building, they did not feel that the use as a coffee shop would be something the Village could do, or that funds were available at this time.

Shappie said that the library landscaping will be removed later this week. Grogean said that he has an opportunity to purchase 50 boxwood plants for \$12.50 each, which is about half the normal price. Council agreed to the purchase. They will be used at the Village signs, and at the library.

Shappie said that the farm ground has been advertised for rent locally.

Grogean asked when the debris from the elevator will be removed. Grain bins were torn down in mid July, and have not yet been removed. Shappie said he would send another 30 day notice to the owner.

Grogean asked when Russia Versailles Rd. East of town would be repaved. Since this is maintained equally by the Village and the County, the project needs to be coordinated. Shappie said that he has talked to the County Engineer about it, and it is scheduled for 2022. He said he will talk to him again to see if it can be moved up.

Trick or Treat was set for Thursday, October 27th from 6p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Platfoot said that he has heard complaints from residents about several dogs on Liberty Street that people feel pose a danger. Shappie said he had checked with the County dog warden, and unless the dogs are vicious, or leave the property, nothing can be done.

Simon moved, and Goubeaux seconded the motion to enter into executive session to discuss property acquisition. All yea, motion passed.

Grogean moved, and Platfoot seconded the motion to leave executive session. All yea, motion passed.

Property Sale and Acquisition

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

Borchers moved, and Simon seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 16-10** Authorizing the Village to enter into a real estate purchase contract, authorizing the mayor of the Village to close the transaction contemplated by the contract, and declaring the same to be an emergency. All yea, motion passed.

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

Borchers moved, and Simon seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 16-11** designating certain public lands as being not required for municipal purposes, authorizing the village to enter into a real estate purchase agreement with O'Francis Properties, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, to sell such public lands, authorizing the Russia Community Improvement Corporation to sell such public lands as an agent for the Village pursuant to O.R.C. 1724.10, and declaring the same to be an emergency. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux moved and Grogean 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 _____