

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

June 14, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, June 14, 2017 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: Cindy Goubeaux
Mary Jo High
Greg Borchers
Ron Simon
Absent: John Grogean
Larry Platfoot

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

- The minutes of the May 10, 2017 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by High, and seconded by Simon to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Borchers to approve the bills as presented. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Simon and seconded by Borchers to approve the May financial reports. All yea, motion passed.

Police

Council reviewed the police report for the month of April. The Sheriff reported that there were a number of stop sign warnings and citations issued during April. Mayor Daugherty said that he has had reports that cars are speeding on Versailles Road when Francis Manufacturing employees leave for lunch, and at the end of the day. Sheriff Lenhart said he will have deputies monitor this.

Financials

Voisard said that it is necessary to modify 2017 appropriations to allow for the transfer of \$250,000 from the Enterprise Improvement fund to the Water Fund, which was approved at the May, 2017 Council meeting. The original appropriations allowed for \$200,000 to be transferred, but due to additional expenses for the Bridge Project, an additional \$50,000 is being transferred.

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

Simon moved and Borchers seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 17-07 Amending 2017 Appropriations.**

All yea, motion passed.

Russia Inn and Tavern LLC

Todd Francis was present at the meeting to discuss the PIRG (Property Investment Reimbursement Grant Program) Agreement application he had filed requesting a \$25,000 grant for renovating and reopening the Russia Inn. He said that he felt he had the necessary funds to renovate the building to Code, but most of the funds would be used on the interior of the building and a new roof. He said he would like to improve the outside appearance with new siding, and install a fence around the dumpster, and this grant would allow him to make outside improvements. He said that he plans to reopen between Labor Day and October 1, 2017. It would be open for breakfast and lunch, and in the evenings from Thursday through Sunday.

High moved, and Simon seconded the motion that the Village will award a \$15,000 PIRG Grant for to Russia Inn and Tavern LLC upon the opening of the business, with the stipulation that they remain in business for a minimum of three years, or the grant must be refunded. All yea, motion passed.

Todd Francis also applied for a 10 year Community Reinvestment Act Agreement. This Agreement allows real estate tax abatement for up to 10 years. The agreement cannot be awarded until 14 days have elapsed after notices are sent to other taxing entities. Notices were sent on June 14, 2017. Council agreed to meet on June 28, 2017 at 11:45 to approve the agreement.

Bridge Project/New Industrial Park

Shappie reported that Brad Francis will no longer be building in the new industrial park. Therefore, part of the project that was included in the bid would no longer be necessary at this time. Council discussed whether to go ahead with the installation of additional roadway, sewer and water lines. They decided that only the bridge portion of the project should be completed at this time. The lowest of the 6 bids received, was from Sturm Construction, Inc. Sidney, Ohio. The bid for the bridge portion of the project was \$316,692.00. The total bid including additional roadway, sewer and water installation was \$485,000.00. Matt Hoying said that in his opinion, Sturm should be asked if he still wanted the project, since the scope has been reduced. If they agree, Council should award the contract to them. If they decide they no longer want it, he feels it should be rebid. Council agreed that this would be the fair way to handle it.

Borchers moved, and Simon seconded the motion to award the Bridge Project contract to Sturm Construction, Inc. pending OPWC approval. All ye, motion passed.

Paulus Subdivision

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Goubeaux, and seconded by Simon. All ye, motion passed. High moved and Borchers seconded the motion to approve **ORDINANCE 17-08 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF RUSSIA TO ENTER INTO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH LORAMIE TOWNSHIP AND DANIEL AND BONNIE PAULUS AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.** All ye, motion passed

Goubeaux moved, and Simon seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION 17-06-14: A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE SERVICES WHICH THE VILLAGE OF RUSSIA, OHIO WILL PROVIDE TO CERTAIN TERRITORY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** All ye, motion passed.

Liberty Street

Matt Hoying said that the estimated cost of repaving of Liberty street is approximately \$117,454.00. Council agreed that the project should be advertised, with bid opening to be on July 12, 2017, and the contract to be awarded at the July meeting.

2018 OPWC Application

Matt Hoying said Council should be thinking about the OPWC Grant application for 2018. Daugherty said that since the Paulus subdivision will be completed in 2018, he felt Liberty street should be widened, with curbs and gutters extended to the Countryside intersection. Council agreed that this should be the 2018 project. Hoying said he would bring information on the project to the July Council meeting.

Well Development

Shappie reported that the plans for the new well field are progressing, and have been sent to the EPA. The EPA will review the application, and arrange for an onsite inspection. After approval, the project can proceed.

Playground

Shappie reported that he received word this week that the grant has been sent to the national level, so it is very likely that the \$143,260.00 will be awarded on September 22, 2017. Installation will proceed at that time.

Industrial Drive

Shappie said that the extension of Industrial Drive will start tomorrow. He said that the ground that is removed for the street extension will be applied to the Ed Luthman building pad, which needs to be raised about 10 inches. Luthman then plans to begin construction in about one week. He also said that he is still waiting for the permit to install the water line.

Medical Marijuana

A motion to suspend the rules was made by High and seconded by Borchers. All ye, motion passed. Simon moved and High seconded the motion to approve **ORDINANCE 17-09 TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS, AND RETAIL DISPENSARIES, LICENSED UNDER OHIO LAW, FROM LOCATING AND/OR DOING BUSINESS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSIA, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.** All ye, motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Shappie reported that Barney Francis passed the Water Operator test, and that his contract stipulated that upon passing the test, he would receive a \$1.00 per hour raise in salary. Borchers moved, and High seconded the motion to set the salary of Barney Francis at \$16.76 per hour, effective 5/16/17. All yea, motion passed.

Shappie said that the Village received the EPA inspection report for the Waste Water Plant, and will soon get the new permit. He said the new permit will require phosphorus removal.

Shappie said that the Park Board reroofed the main shelter house in the park. They also plan to install 4 pickle ball courts on the tennis courts.

Shappie said that he has again talked to NK Telco about providing free internet, phone, and cable service in exchange for allowing the construction of a building near the water tower. They said they could provide internet and cable, but could not provide phone service because of State regulations. He said that he will be signing the agreement this week, and hopefully in the future NK Telco will begin offering cable service to Village residents.

Shappie said that the use of Golf Carts in the park has become a problem. He said there are as many as 20 golf carts in the park at one time, often driven by unlicensed individuals. He also said they are driving off the walking paths, over the hill, and sometimes driving with excessive speed. Both he and Daugherty said there should be rules established, and signs posted. It was the general consensus of Council that there should be

- No driving in the detention pond, on the hill, or off the paved walking paths except for viewing ball games
- Must be licensed driver
- Cart must be BMV compliant
- Speed limit should be 5 mph
- Only handicapped driver or passenger should be allowed in the park. Other drivers should park in the parking lots and walk to other areas of the park

It was decided that these rules would be formalized after this summer season, and residents would be notified.

Shappie said that the new truck has been received, and the Village will be selling the Canyon pick up.

Simon reported that they have decided not to make the Gazebo a part of the Schwartz property project. He said they plan to have the area designed as a Veterans Memorial.

Simon moved and High seconded the motion that Council enter executive session to discuss property acquisition. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux moved and Borchers seconded the motion that Council leave executive session. All yea, motion passed. No action was taken.

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

Council President, Ron Simon _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____