

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 13, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, September 13, 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
Ron Simon
Greg Borchers
John Grogean
Larry Platfoot
Mary Jo High-attended via teleconference

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Adam Barga, sheriff's deputy, George and Jeff Stuck, Justin Spillers, and Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering.

- The minutes of the August 9, 2017 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Borchers, and seconded by Simon to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Grogean and seconded by Platfoot to approve the bills as presented. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Grogean and seconded by Platfoot to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yeas, motion passed.

Police

Council reviewed the police report for the previous month. The deputy reported that there the activity for the month was routine, with the exception of a citation for possible overdose. Shappie said he has had 2 complaints of speeding on Saint Remy St. between Park St. and Countryside. The deputy said they would monitor the area, and if necessary issue citations.

Bridge Project/New Industrial Park/Liberty Street Repaving/Well Field

Matt Hoying said that the OPWC Bridge Project is progressing, and the first disbursement request has been approved for \$66,117.18. He said that Barrett paving plans to begin the Liberty Street repaving project on September 28, or shortly thereafter. He said the well field plans are completed and ready to advertise for bids. He said the engineer's estimate for Well #3 is \$120,000, and Well #4 is \$100,000. He said he will bid Well #4 as an alternate so council can make a decision after bids are received.

Platfoot moved, and Borchers seconded the motion to advertise for bids. All yeas, motion passed.

2018 OPWC Grant/Liberty Street Reconstruction

Matt Hoying said that he feels that OPWC funding in our district may be tight this year, and it would be a good idea to talk to Bob Guey. Shappie said he had already talked to him and Guey said he felt a complete reconstruction of Liberty Street would not be funded by OPWC for 2018. He said he felt that the Village would score better and have a better chance of funding through the Local Government Fund, which has money set aside for smaller entities.

Hoying said the application is still filed with OPWC, but it would be passed on to the Local Government Fund for consideration. Council decided to apply for full reconstruction, with 10% Village share, and a \$90,000 loan.

Goubeaux moved, and Borchers seconded the motion to pass **RESOLUTION 17-9-13 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TERRY DAUGHERTY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.** All yeas, motion passed.

Playground

Shappie said that although he has been told it is 99.9% certain that the playground grant will be received; the actual contract will not be received until mid October. The Playground Committee does not want to proceed with the project until the contract is received. They have met with Miracle Midwest, and they are several weeks behind in production, so it would be late in the fall if they were not contracted until mid October. The Committee decided to delay the project until April, 2018. The price will be guaranteed if they have a purchase order by December 31.

Industrial Drive

Justin Spillers said that he is preparing documents for the transfer of the property at 113 Industrial Drive to Ed Luthman.

Miscellaneous

George and Jeff Stuck of 218 and 222 Elizabeth St. informed council that they have had incidents at their homes involving knocking on doors and ringing doorbells at 2 a.m. They also had an apparent attempted break in. They said they just wanted Council to know that they were installing surveillance cameras. Mayor Daugherty said that this was a matter that should be reported to the Sheriff's Department. They said they had already reported it, but wanted Council to be aware that they were installing the cameras.

Adam Barga reported that the Baseball field project fundraiser is underway, and that they have received several larger donations that are pledged over a 4-year period. He said the Park Board wants to do Phase I of the project this fall, so it can be ready for the 2018 baseball season. He asked if Council would be willing to advance funds with the agreement that the Village would be repaid when the pledges are received. Council did not object, but asked him to give an update of the cost of phase I, and the donations received at the next meeting.

Shappie said he has had discussions with the Shelby County about entering into a maintenance agreement for Russia-Versailles Rd. East of the Village. Currently, there are sections of the road where one side is maintained by the Village, and the other is maintained by the County. The Village currently wants to repave the road, but the County does not have it scheduled for repaving for several years. Shappie reviewed a plan that would make the Village responsible for the section from the Village limits to Kelch Rd., and the County responsible from Kelch Rd. to the East. This would allow the Village to pave the road from the Village limits to Kelch Rd. without following the County's schedule. Daugherty asked that the matter be tabled until the October meeting.

Shappie said that he wanted to do smoke testing in the Village to determine problems with the sanitary sewer system. Matt Hoying said he would see if their unit was available. If so, it would be done later this month.

Shappie said that he has had a request for the installation of a stop sign on Saint Remy St. at Oakwood, due to people driving fast on St. Remy. Daugherty said he feels there are already too many stop signs on St. Remy, and that stop signs are not a good way to control speed. He said if residents see people exceeding the speed limit, they should report it, and citations will be issued. He said he felt that the stop sign at Voisard Street should be removed. Council did not feel a stop sign should be added at this time.

Shappie said that Brad Heaton will be farming the 30 acre well field. This can only be used for hay, with no fertilizer or other chemicals. He will be renting it for \$20 per acre.

Shappie said that Heuing Mulch will be applying for a variance to expand their parking lot. They want to extend it North to the railroad track (180' wide), with a gravel surface. They feel that they provide a valuable service to the community, providing camper storage at a reasonable price. Since there will be very little traffic, they do not feel that dust will be an issue. This will also allow them to keep the area weed-free under the campers. Council did not object to them applying for the variance.

Shappie reported that the Gathering Place senior citizen group will now be meeting at the Russia Library. Council thought that this was a good solution, since the building they had been using is no longer available.

Justin Spillers said that the Paulus subdivision annexation should be final in mid November.

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

Council President, Ron Simon _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____