

# VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 10, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the Village Office, Russia, Ohio. Mayor, Terence Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Jake Borchers  
Alex Seger  
Cindy Goubeaux  
Mary Jo High  
Absent: Brandon Simon  
Scott Armstrong

Non-members present: Adam Barga, Mary Jo Voisard, Chris Ellington of FGKS Law, Kyle Siegrist of Choice One Engineering, and Sheriff's deputy.

- The minutes of the April 12, 2023 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by High, and seconded by Seger to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Seger to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by High and seconded by Seger to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All ye, motion passed.

### Finance

Voisard reported that income tax received through the month of April, 2023 is 70% higher than at the same point in 2022. She said withholding and resident taxes are about 20% higher than last year, but business tax is up over 200%.

She said interest received during the month of March was over \$10,000. The current Star Ohio annualized rate is 5.33%.

### Police

The sheriff's deputy dropped off the activity report for the last month. It consisted mostly of building checks.

### Buschur's Market

It was decided that the liquor license that was held by Buschur's market will be maintained in their name. Barga reported that he had received a call from someone who would like to take a look at the building, but they haven't seen it yet.

### Paulus subdivision Phase II

Barga reported that Paulus subdivision Phase II has been approved.

### CEMLEB-OSIP Grant

Voisard said that a zoom meeting has been scheduled for May 15 to try to get the reporting process clarified on the Grant.

### OPWC 2023

Siegrist said that a decision has to be made on the sidewalks and driveway approaches for the condominiums before bids are advertised. He said if they are included in the bids, they would probably be damaged during the building process. Council decided that the bid documents should include a stipulation that the sidewalks and driveway approaches be done after the completion of the construction of the condominiums.

**ODNR Grant Pavilion and Splash pad**

The new drawing of the pavilion was reviewed. A discussion was held on the exact location of both the pavilion and the splashpad. The plan is for the pavilion to be in the general location of the current main shelter, and the splash pad northeast of the hill. Barga said he would stake off the locations for Council to review. Plans are to take down the current shelter house in late May or early June. Borchers moved and Seger seconded the motion to approve the quote of \$12,825 from Choice One Engineering for engineering services for the Pavilion and Splash Pad. All yea, motion passed.

**Zoning Code-wind turbines and solar panels**

Chris Ellington said that the notice of the zoning amendments has been sent to Sidney Daily News for publication, so the new zoning regulations can be adopted at the June council meeting.

**Tile Replacement behind Borchers St.**

Barga said that this will be done during dryer weather later this summer.

**Commerce Drive Extension**

Barga said that it will be necessary to extend Commerce Drive in order for the construction of a building on Lot 3. He said extending the road 280 feet, with radii would be about \$340,000. Council felt that it would be premature to include the radii at this point, as the plans may change depending upon who purchases the lots. Further information will be reviewed at a future meeting.

**Miscellaneous**

Barga said that he has contacted the company doing the summer paving for the township, and they have agreed to include the work on Highland Avenue and Buschur's parking lot when doing the township project. The price quoted is \$5,000 for Highland Avenue, and \$900 for Buschur's parking lot. Seger moved and Goubeaux seconded the motion to approve the project with J & A Construction at a cost of \$5,900. All yea, motion passed.

Barga said that the concession stand and restrooms at diamond 3 are in need of attention. He said the walls have been painted, and he has checked on prices for floor coating, and the best price was with Strong Coat Flooring Solutions. Council approved the expenditure of \$1,400 for new floor coating in the concession stand and restrooms.

Barga said that there are no addresses for the park, and he feels that addresses should be assigned in case emergency services have to be called. It was decided that the following addresses will be assigned:

Pavilion: 200 School St.

Maintenance building: 411 Raider St.

Barga said that the Dayton Development Coalition will be meeting with Village Businesses regarding planned expansions, with the possibility of providing assistance.

Goubeaux moved and Seger seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss employment of personnel. All yea, motion passed.

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

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

Council President, Mary Jo High \_\_\_\_\_

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