

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 25, 2023

A special meeting of the Village of Russia council was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at the Village Office, Russia, Ohio. Terence Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Ed Borchers, Doug Borchers, and Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering.

ODNR Grant Pavilion and Splash Pad

Two bid proposals were received for the combined project from Level MB and Westerheide Construction Co. The project committee members met previously to review the proposals and were of the opinion to keep the covered patio and fireplace, but requested clarification questions from each contractor. Matt Hoying confirmed the project would be a lump sum contract. Doug Borchers mentioned that Superior Aluminum Products, Inc. has had a very positive experience thus far with Level MB on their current expansion. The progress has been well communicated and all of the deadlines have been met to date. The Level MB proposal total is \$1,285,061. Westerheide Construction proposal total is \$1,310,000. There is a possible contingency of 10%. Mark Shappie said that we will have to keep in mind the cost of how to mitigate the effluence of the splash pad due to EPA regulations.

Brandon Simon mentioned that the grant and donations thus far total \$1,008,500, with an additional \$7,500 in donations from the fund established at the Shelby County Community Foundation. The village had committed up to \$200,000 to the project if needed, however, there is the potential for shortfall due to the cost to complete the interior with furnishings and landscaping.

Scott moved and Alex seconded the motion to approve Level MB for the design-build for the pavilion and splash pad. All yea, motion passed. The estimated completion date from Level MB is 05/10/24. Choice One Engineering will get the contract in order with asphalt shingles instead of the standing seam roof in order to lower the cost of the project. Jake Borchers said that the base contract will be for shingles, but if the Village can find other funding or savings, it can be changed to standing seam. The village will also do the tree removal and the mini-split units will

be removed from the contract to further reduce the cost. Matt said the plan is to have a pre-construction meeting next week with Level MB.

Doug Borchers mentioned that a kick-off of the newly-formed Russia Community Fund is scheduled for 01/31/24. More details will be forthcoming. Doug said it may be the perfect time for us to do a community appeal for the pavilion and splash pad project at the beginning of the event as the project will be well underway and we should have a better idea as to whether the project is running under or over budget.

Jake Borchers moved and Brandon Simon seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss the hiring of a village maintenance employee and part time Village Administrator. All yea, motion passed.

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

Jake Borchers moved and Mary Jo High seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Mary Jo High _____