

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

July 10, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Thursday, July 10, 2024 at the Village Office, Russia, Ohio. Mayor, Terence Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alex Seger
Nicole Doseck
Mary Jo High
Scott Armstrong
Jake Borchers
Absent: Brandon Simon

Non-members present: Jared Goubeaux, Administrator, Mary Jo Voisard, Fiscal Officer, Craig Albers, Village Solicitor and Nick Selhorst of Choice One Engineering.

- The minutes of the June 13, 2024 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Doseck and seconded by Seger to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by High to approve the bills as presented. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by High and seconded by Borchers to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yeas, motion passed.

Police

Sheriff Frye was not present at the meeting, but Council reviewed the report. There was one incidence of Domestic Violence that resulted in the arrest of 2 people. Other activity was routine.

Finance

Voisard said that income tax receipts for May were down \$40,000 from June, 2023. She said that the 2024 year to date receipts are still up \$64,727.60 from 2023. She reported that interest receipts from Star Ohio were \$13,951 with a 30 day yield of 5.44% during June.

Voisard said that she contacted Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) and told them that the grocery store was sold, and that the Pavilion and splash pad should be added to the insurance policy. They said that the store would be removed from the policy, as well as the old shelter house, and a credit would be given for the remainder of the policy year. They said the splash pad liability would be added immediately at no cost for the current policy term. For the 2024 renewal at the end of August, liability for the splashpad would be approximately \$160-\$170 annually. Splash pad property coverage could be added for approximately \$215 annually. Council agreed that the property coverage for the splash pad should be added to the policy. The Pavilion coverage with \$10,000 coverage for contents would be about \$850 annually.

Voisard said that the paperwork has been completed for the Pavilion/Splash pad Natureworks grant, and funds should be received in 2 to 3 weeks. The remaining payment is \$236,968.42.

Voisard said that it is necessary to transfer \$100,000 from the Enterprise Improvement fund to the Water Fund to meet expenses for the balance of the year.

Borchers moved and Seger seconded the motion to transfer \$100,000 from the Enterprise Improvement Fund to the Water Fund. All yeas, motion passed.

Lift Station Upgrade Grant

Nick Selhorst said that the surveying is done, and the project is on course to be bid out before the end of the year. Under the provisions of the Grant, funds have to be obligated prior to December 31, 2024.

Commerce Drive update

Goubeaux said that Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering called Adam Sturm to see why the work has not been completed on the Commerce Drive Project. Sturm told him that he knows he has to finish the seeding. He is also aware that the North tile drain still needed to be installed, and he was going to complete that this fall. Sturm mentioned to Matt that the drain was not in the original contract. Hoying said our options are to meet with Sturm again and have him reseed it, or hire someone else to do the work. Goubeaux said he would get a quote to hire someone to reseed it. Albers said that if the cost is substantial, it could be possible for the Village to sue Sturm Construction for breach of contract.

OSIP Grant

Voisard said that Ed Luthman has received the OSIP Grant payment, but that the amount received was \$30,000 less than we were told it would be. We have not yet received an explanation for the discrepancy.

Natureworks Grant for Park Path

At the June council meeting, a discussion was held about repaving all of the existing park paths when the new paths are paved. Selhorst said that he requested quotes from the three companies who has quoted the paving project.

Quotes were as follows:

Wagner \$69,400

Buehler No quote

Filmore \$65,184

The Filmore quote includes the \$19,500 quoted for the new paths, so the additional amount would be about \$45,684. This includes grinding prior to repaving.

High moved and Seger seconded the motion to accept the quote from Filmore construction to repave all paths. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux said that the conduit, lighting and concrete are not covered in the grant, so the plan is to install the conduit at the time the paths are paved, and complete the lighting in stages.

ODNR Grant Pavilion and Splash Pad

Goubeaux said Payment Application 8 has been received from Level MB. This payment will be for the retainage. He said not all items have been completed on the checklist, so it will not be approved at this time. Voisard said she has not received all of the prevailing wage reports, so payment will not be made until that is complete.

Goubeaux said that the splash pad is scheduled to be shut down the week of August 19 for repair of the leak.

Borchers said that the donor plaque has been finalized and should be received soon. He said that the Wellness Foundation will be holding an event in the park on September 21, and have reserved the pavilion for that event. He said we could hold the ribbon cutting at that time.

AT&T

Albers said that he has the contract between the Village of Russia and AIO Operating, LLC giving the Mayor authority to sign the contract. He said that once AIO has signed off on the contract, the Mayor can then sign it.

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

Borchers moved and High seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 24-18 authorizing the Village of Russia, Ohio to enter into a purchase and sale agreement of new easement and lease assignment with AIO operating, LLC, and declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yea, motion passed.

Park Restrooms

Goubeaux said that Weigandt will be starting on the restroom renovation after the after the Raider Classic.

Street Paving

Fillmore Construction will do the street paving project in late July or early August.

Lighting at the former Buschur’s Market Parking Lot

Goubeaux said that Aiden Shappie will be installing one of the lights in the Market parking lot this month on the existing pole.

He said that he has submitted a grant application to Ohio Department of Transportation for the Crosswalk sign, and should know within a few months if it is awarded.

He said that he has not received the quote for additional signage, but would try to have it for the next meeting.

Voisard St./Borchers St. reseeded

Goubeaux said the rough grading has been completed by Village employees. He said he had contacted Ted Gehret to inspect it before they do the seeding in the fall. Gehret suggested that the Village spray the area for weeds before they seed it. Goubeaux said that when bringing in additional soil, one of the Village trucks caused damage to the driveway and sidewalk at 115 Borchers Street. Council said that the Village would take care of the repairs.

Miscellaneous

Daugherty said that the Russia Board of Education had discussed the option of purchasing a lightening alarm. The school board felt that it was cost prohibitive, and that coaches would have access to the information on their phones. Both the school board and Village council feel that it is mandatory that coaches be informed about safety during storms prior to the beginning of each season. The RCJAA is going to come up with a plan for the junior baseball players, and the school plans to do the same for high school teams, with coaches to be given the information prior to each season.

Goubeaux said that a curb stop was broken by the builder at 101 Oakwood Street. The Village had to order a replacement. Council agreed that a bill should be sent to the homeowner for the replacement curbstop.

Daugherty said that weeds along curbs should be sprayed.

Daugherty said that an additional no parking sign should be installed at 101 Voisard Street. He said there is no parking on that side of the street, but since there is no sign in that area, people have been parking there. Goubeaux said he has additional signs, and will put one up on the stop sign.

Since the Village Administrator will not be available on the 2nd Wednesday of August, the August meeting date is set for Thursday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Armstrong moved and Seger seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____