

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES September 11, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, September 11, 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
Scott Armstrong
Brandon Simon
Absent: Jake Borchers
Mary Jo High

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 August 15, 2024 regular meeting and the September 4, 2024 special meeting were read, and a motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Doseck to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Simon and seconded by Armstrong to approve the bills as presented. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Doseck and seconded by Simon to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yeas, motion passed.

Police

Sheriff Frye was not present at the meeting, but the report of the previous month was reviewed. Activity was routine.

Finance

Voisard said that there was a large refund processed in August, but that after the refund, year to date income tax receipts are still about \$60,000 higher than 2023. She reported that interest receipts from Star Ohio were \$16,352.68 with a 30 day yield of 5.42% during August.

Lift Station Upgrade Grant

Goubeaux said that he met again with Choice One Engineering about plans for the sewer laterals during the Lift station upgrade. There will be a line running on top of Main Street with a cover that will resemble a speed bump. This will be in place for the duration of the project, which will be about 4 months. Selhorst said the project will be put out for bids at the end of September, with the award to be made at the November council meeting. The project should begin after the first of the year.

Commerce Drive update

Goubeaux said that Andy Sturm is currently finishing the grading and seeding at Commerce Drive.

Paving

Selhorst said there was a change order on the Village Paving project. Doseck moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to approve the change order of \$5,925.73 due to additional materials. All yeas, motion passed.

Simon moved and Seger seconded the motion to approve a change order of \$2,588.50 for the park path paving due to additional asphalt. All yeas, motion passed.

Doseck moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to approve Pay app 1 for ODNR Nature Works Park Paths in the amount of \$69,923.00. All yeas, motion passed.

Simon moved and Seger seconded the motion to approve pay app 1 for 2024 Street paving program in the amount of \$112,753.38. All yea, motion passed.

ODNR Grant Pavilion and Splash Pad

Doseck moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to approve the Pay app 9 (the final retainage payment) to Level MB for the Pavilion and Splash pad Project. Final payment is \$38,834.085. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux had samples of acoustical panels for the pavilion. He also had information about the effectiveness of each type, and recommendations by the company. Seger moved and Doseck seconded the motion to allow Goubeaux to purchase acoustical panels up to a cost of \$5,000. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux had a quote for installation of Seat Walls on the Splash Pad. This was in the original plan for the splash pad, but had not yet been installed. The quote is for \$8,690.59. Armstrong moved and Simon seconded the motion to move forward with the project. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux said that the splash pad still has an electrical problem, and a replacement part is being shipped. He hopes to have it prior to the grand opening on September 21.

Park Restrooms

Goubeaux said that Weigandt will be starting on the restroom renovation soon.

Lighting at the former Buschur's Market Parking Lot

Goubeaux said that Aiden Shappie will be installing one of the lights in the ELO parking lot, but it is still under discussion, because ELO Properties isn't sure of their plan for lighting.

He said that the ODOT grant for the crosswalk sign has been approved, but he has not received the notice that he can move forward with the purchase.

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 reseeded has been completed between Voisard and Borchers Streets.

Miscellaneous

Daugherty said that he has tested the phone app that gives warnings of severe weather, including lightening in the area. He said the app wasn't very user friendly, and said the coaches should be told to use weather bug, which is a free app that is much more user friendly.

Goubeaux said he had talked to some local residents about spraying the park for weeds. He said they had some concerns for safety, but he feels they should be sprayed with a warning sent to residents to keep children and pets off the grass for the prescribed time. Daugherty said he would contact Sherman lawn care.

Voisard said that all elected officials are required to attend Sunshine Law Certification training or designate someone to attend on their behalf. Seger moved and Simon seconded the motion to designate Mary Jo Voisard to attend the training on the behalf of all Village elected officials. All yea, motion passed. The training will be October 2, 2024.

Goubeaux said that Dan Paulus asked him if the Village still wants Lots 3 and 4 at Commerce Drive to be excavated to make them ready for building. Council said they do want to proceed with that, but that they want Paulus to open Phase II of the Paulus subdivision first. Goubeaux said he will tell him that.

Goubeaux said that Dan Paulus wants to build a handicap ramp on the east side of the Russia Inn. This would require moving the dumpster to the back of the lot, with pick up to be off North Street. Goubeaux said it would require some zoning changes, and approval from Republic that they can pick up at that location. He also wants 2 handicap parking spots in front of the Inn. Goubeaux said he will investigate.

Simon moved and Seger seconded the motion to set Trick or Treat for the Village for October 31 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All yea, motion passed.

Doseck moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss employee salaries. All yea, motion passed.

Simon moved and Seger seconded the motion to leave executive session. All yea, motion passed.

Doseck moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to increase Aiden Shappie's salary by \$2 per hour effective September 1 due to additional duties. All yea, motion passed.

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

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____