

# VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 9, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, October 9, 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  
Jake Borchers  
Mary Jo High

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

- The minutes of the September 11, 2024 regular meeting and the September 26, 2024 special meeting were read, and a motion was made by Seger and seconded by High to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by High and seconded by Seger to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Doseck and seconded by Armstrong to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All ye, motion passed.

### Police

Sheriff Frye was reviewed the report of police activity for the past month. He said there were several threat reports that have been investigated. High asked about whether drivers of golf carts have to have a drivers' license. Sheriff Frye said that they do. Daugherty said that he has noticed a couple of golf carts in town that do not have license plates. He said they are probably newer carts whose owners have not yet gotten the plates, but the Sheriff said he will have deputies watch for unlicensed vehicles, and remind them of the law that they must have a valid license plate.

### Finance

Voisard said that income tax receipts for September 2024 were down \$104,000 from September 2023. Year to date receipts are now down \$40,000 from 2023.

Interest income received from Star Ohio for the month of September was \$15,503.98 with a 30 day yield of \$5.29.

Voisard said that it is necessary to amend 2025 appropriations to increase the Capital Improvement fund by \$130,000.

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

High moved and Doseck seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 24-21 Amending the 2024 appropriations of the Village of Russia, Ohio, and declaring the same to be an emergency.** All ye, motion passed.

### EMS Contract

Voisard said that the Village of Versailles sent the proposed contract for 2025 EMS services. The contract amount is \$38,500 payable in semiannual installments of \$19,250.

Simon moved and Armstrong seconded the motion that the contract be approved. All ye, motion passed.

### Lift Station Upgrade Grant

Goubeaux said that he met again with Choice One Engineering and with Mike Busse, who was waste water supervisor when the lift station was installed. He has also worked with 2 other systems in other Villages. Goubeaux said Busse brought up some good points. He thought it would be advisable to do a wet well study to see what the Village capacity is now, and if the proposed plan for upgrade would meet the capacity and potential growth. He said

we may also want to consider above ground pumps rather than submersible pumps, as they could be serviced more easily. Selhorst said that Choice One is working on the study, which should be done within a few weeks, and will also do a cost comparison of the 2 types of pumps. A decision can then be made, and bids should still be able to go out by year end or early next year.

**Commerce Drive update**

Goubeaux said that Sturm has done the work requested.

**Nature Works Grant for Park Path**

Goubeaux said that he has ordered the conduit for lighting that was part of the Nature Works Grant. When that is received and the invoice is paid, the application to receive the Grant funds can be filed.

**ODNR Grant Pavilion and Splash Pad**

Goubeaux said that the Splash pad leak was fixed as well as the electrical problem, and it has now been winterized.

Borchers said he is moving forward with finalizing plans for the seat wall at the splash pad.

High said she thinks that with winter approaching we should have door mats in the Pavilion as well as coat racks. She said there have also been complaints that there are not baby changing stations in the men's and women's restrooms that are accessible from the inside of the pavilion. Presently, the existing change stations are only available by entering from the outside. Council agreed that these should be added. Daugherty said that he thinks we should have ice guards on the roof so sheets of ice don't damage spouting, or perhaps be a hazard to occupants. Council agreed.

Goubeaux said he is getting a quote on poured floor, and that the grass around the pavilion has been over seeded.

**Park Restrooms**

Goubeaux said that Weigandt has started on the park restrooms.

**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 when we get the bucket truck to install Christmas lights.

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.

**Miscellaneous**

Goubeaux said that the Story Walk has been put back up.

Goubeaux said he is in the process of getting quotes to spray the park for weeds.

Doseck moved and Simon seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss hiring of employees, and purchasing or selling property. All yea, motion passed.

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

No action was taken.

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

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

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