

# VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 12, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, March 12, 2025 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  
Mary Jo High  
Jake Borchers  
Absent: Brandon Simon

Non-members present: Chris Ellington, Solicitor, Brian Pearson, Versailles EMS, Nick Selhorst of Choice One Engineering, Sheriff Jim Frye, and Adam Barga.

- The minutes of the February 12, 2025 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Doseck and seconded by Seger to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Doseck and seconded by Armstrong to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by High to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All ye, motion passed.

### Disposal of Records

The Russia Records Commission (Mary Jo Voisard, Jared Goubeaux, Terence Daugherty, and Mary Jo High) reviewed the RC-3 prepared by Voisard listing records that will be disposed of on April 1, 2025. The list was approved by the Commission.

### Police

Council reviewed the report of police activity for the past month. Reported items were routine. Sheriff Frye said that there will be special patrols in town during the hours residents are away attending State Basketball tournaments.

### EMS

Brian Pearson of Versailles EMS reviewed a report of EMS funding and expenses for the last 3 years for the areas they serve. The Village of Russia has 9% of the population of the area served, and paid 9% of the total budget (\$38,500) in 2024 and 2025. He explained that dispatches to Russia averaged about 6% of the total dispatches over the last 3 years. The new proposed charge for the Village is \$44,275 for 2026 through 2030, which is 7% of the total budget. Borchers moved and Doseck seconded the motion to approve the proposed contract amount. All ye, motion passed.

### Finance

Interest receipts for January 2025 were \$12,542.38 with a 30 day yield of 4.5%. The income tax receipts for February 2025 were \$56,089.26. This compares to receipts for January of 2024 of \$53,880.97. Receipts for the year are still down \$146,224.06 because estimated payments from businesses were much lower this year than last year.

### Street Paving

It was decided that the following streets will be paved in 2025:

Borchers Street

Voisard Street

West Main Street-Francis St. to Liberty St.

Downtown Parking lot that serves Restore Physical Therapy, the Gathering Place and the Russia Inn

Choice One Engineering will bring projected costs to the next council meeting.

### **Lift Station Upgrade Grant**

Goubeaux reported that no bids were received for the Lift Station Upgrade. Contractors told Choice One Engineering that it was primarily because Vaughn Pump was in the specifications, plus the type of Crane that would be needed for the pump. Selhorst said the bid specifications can be changed to remove the specific type of pump, and he thinks bids will be received. It will be advertised again in a couple of weeks.

### **Week End On call schedule**

Goubeaux said that Fort Loramie has decided to continue with their current Week end/on call schedule. He said he would like to propose some type of compensation for Russia employees if they are called in on the week end due to an emergency. He will draft a proposal and bring it to the next meeting.

### **FFA Project**

Goubeaux said that the Russia FFA Advisor has contacted him about the FFA using the Ground North of L&J Cable for an FFA Project that would have students planting crops, fertilizing, etc. The plot is 5.5 acres. Council did not object, but Daugherty pointed out that this land was transferred to the Shelby County Commissioners for the Communication Tower.

### **Appointment of Fiscal Officer**

A motion was made by High and seconded by Armstrong to approve the appointment of Deidre Kearns as assistant fiscal officer effective April 1, 2025 through the end of April, 2025. All yea, Motion passed.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Doseck and seconded by Borchers. High moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 25-5 approving the appointment of Dee Kearns as Village Fiscal Officer effective May 1, 2025 at \$28 per hour and Declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yea, motion passed.

### **Miscellaneous**

High said she thought it would be a nice addition to the pavilion if there were tables and chairs on the covered pad outside the pavilion. She suggested pub tables and chairs, or all weather picnic tables.

Goubeaux said he would get prices.

Simon moved and High seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss the purchase or sale of property. All yea, motion passed.

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

No action was taken.

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

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

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