

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES July 16, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at the Village Office, Russia, Ohio. Mayor, Terence Daugherty, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Roll Call

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

Non-Members Present

Jared Goubeaux – Administrator
Nick Selhorst – Choice One
Engineering
Chris Ellington – Solicitor
Dee Kearns – Clerk, Fiscal Officer

Community Members Present

Adam Barga

- The minutes of the June 11, 2025 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by High and seconded by Seger to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Doseck to approve the bills as presented. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by High and seconded by Doseck to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yeas, motion passed.

Finance

Interest receipts for June were \$13,511.77 with a 30-day yield of 4.45%. The income tax receipts through June 2025 were \$651,623.82 which compares to receipts through the month of June in 2024 of \$883,869.

Street Light Assessment Discussion

Street light receipts and expenditures for the last 5 years were reviewed and discussed. Decision made to keep the assessment as is and to revisit next year. Noted that new homes in the village need added to the assessment to keep up-to-date.

Paving Project

Nick Selhorst of Choice One reported that a pre-construction meeting was held with Barrett. Barrett was made aware to avoid the week before and after Labor Day due to the Russia Homecoming festival. Barrett assumes the work will take one week to complete and they will give the village a two-week warning when they believe they will start the work.

Barrett will also be doing work in the parking lot across from the Russia Inn. They will repave the portion owned by the church and the village easement. ReStore will not be doing their portion at this time. The Village will supply the labor to remove the island in the parking lot to be paved over.

Water/Wastewater Grant Update

Discussions have been underway with Ranger and submittals for material have been reviewed. Material orders have been placed. Work will commence once necessary materials have been received.

PPM Changes

Council reviewed proposed verbiage changes to the PPM. Chris Ellington to review the language and present in ordinance form for the August meeting.

Storm Water Study

Discussion regarding the benefits of a stormwater study in the Industrial drive expansion area. Analysis would provide elevations, drainage and plan to deal with future expansions in this area. Motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Simon to move forward with the study by Choice One Engineering at a cost of \$6,000. All yea, motion passed.

Annexation

Final homeowner has declined annexation. Choice One will move forward with survey work of the lots to be annexed as discussed in May and June meetings

Discussed the issue with the Village easement and the Russia Inn right-of-way. Dan Paulus is to get final survey of his property to clear up any impending issues. Council will revisit in August once the survey is complete.

Development

Goubeaux gave an update on the Paulus phase II project. Requested a motion to purchase 2 fire hydrants at a cost of \$8745.74 from Ferguson Waterworks for this expansion. Doseck made the motion, Seger seconded. All yea, motion passed.

Economic Development Agency Grant

Goubeaux met with a representative of the agency to discuss the possibility of federal funds to aid in the development of the 40 acres on Industrial Drive. Goubeaux is also meeting with a state development agency next week to further investigate funding for this development. Goubeaux will further investigate these two options and report back to council at our August meeting.

Park

Park board has requested a motion to extend the noise ordinance to 1am for Saturday August 9th. Motion to approve was made by Armstrong, seconded by Simon. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux is investigating grants to replace the park drinking fountains with H2O bottle filler fountains. Grant application window opens in October.

Goubeaux is working on getting some insurance money for the damage from the light pole on diamond 2. RCJAA and the Park Board are discussing replacement of the outfield fence. Goubeaux was requested to get a quote to take down the remaining light poles after the completion of the alumni tournament.

Zoning

General discussion regarding several zoning violations around the village and the necessity of warnings and notices being sent to those in violation.

Speed Limit changes discussed on Main Street on the east side of the village out to the corporation limit. An ordinance is being prepared for a first reading during the August meeting.

Miscellaneous

Goubeaux gave an update on a reoccurring water issue on the back of the property located at 242 W. Main Street. The water issue is between the railroad track and the property line. Town personnel will be investigating the area and forging a plan to mitigate the issue for all the property owners in the vicinity.

Executive Session

Doseck motioned to move to executive session to discuss the purchase of property. Borchers seconded. All yea, motion passed.

Doseck made a motion to leave executive session. Armstrong seconded. All yea, motion passed.

No actions taken.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Armstrong. Second – Borchers. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Deidre Kearns _____