

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES June 11, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, June 11, 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

Community Members Present

Clay Borchers
Adam Barga

- The minutes of the May 13, 2025 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Doseck and seconded by Simon to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Simon and seconded by Nicole to approve the bills as presented. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Seger and seconded by Armstrong to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yeas, motion passed.

Finance

Interest receipts for May were \$13,933.59 with a 30-day yield of 4.46%. The income tax receipts through May 2025 are \$458,841.09 which compares to receipts through the month of May in 2024 of \$658,460.70.

Lighting Assessment

The annual review of lighting assessments was made, and we are currently bringing in less than what we paid for lighting within the village. Since we need further clarity on the assessments, this was tabled until the July meeting so more information could be gathered.

Lift Station Upgrade Grant

The contract has been executed with Ranger Works, and a meeting will be set up soon to begin planning the project.

Annexation Update

There are currently three properties (Slonkosky, M Heuing, G Heuing) that would like to get annexed into the village, with another that is possibly getting annexed (Condon) but would like to temporarily delay. The tap-in fees for the force main hook-up will be \$500 for each water tap-in and sewer tap-in. Jake Borchers, Jared Goubeaux and Mark Shappie have all reviewed the construction standards for the grinder pump stations that are required.

Personnel

The potential updates to the PPM were tabled so everyone has a chance to review the policies presented from multiple area villages for comparison. There are also some language changes need during the next update.

Park

The updated park maps and state championship signs were installed on June 11th.

Jake Borchers is going to research shade/canopies/seating options for the area around the splash pad and report back to council

After discussing a concern from a village resident regarding the speed of some motorized vehicles in the park, Jared will be sending a message to all village residents reminding them of the 5mph speed limit with the park for all e-bikes, scooters and motorized vehicles.

Streets

The paving bids were opened and Barrett paving was the low bid for approximately \$164,000. The bid includes fixing the portions of St. Remy Street near St. Remy Hall. A motion was made by Seger and seconded by Borchers to approve the bid. All yea, motion passed. A quote for the parking lot by Restore Physical Therapy/St Joe's Place will be bid separately.

There are a number of street signs that are missing/faded or cracked and in need of replacement or repair. Jared will review what we have a get a quote for the signs that need replaced.

Economic Development

A motion was made to suspend the rules to review Ordinance 25-5 and declaring same to be an emergency by Simon and seconded by High. All yea, motion passed.

Motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Doseck to approve Ordinance 25-5 for the Village of Russia to enter into a reimbursement grant agreement with ELO properties. All yea, motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Ash tree treatments are currently in process in the park with resident properties to follow.

Jared is checking on the possibility of a Shred Day for the village and contacting various companies to get quotes.

The July meetings has been rescheduled and will take place on Wednesday July 16, 2025 at 7pm.

Zoning

Terry, Dan Paulus and Randy Magoto have been in discussions concerning the Russia Inn's right of way issue. Further discussion is tabled till next meeting.

Executive Session

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

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

No actions taken.

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

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Deidre Kearns _____