

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES September 9, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at the Village Office, Russia, Ohio. Mayor, Terence Daugherty, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council

Nicole Doseck
Scott Armstrong, absent
Mary Jo High
Jake Borchers
Brandon Simon, absent
Alex Seger
Terence Daugherty, mayor

Non-Members Present

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

Community Members

Adam Barga

- The minutes of the August 13, 2025 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Doseck to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- The minutes of the August 28, 2025 special meeting were read, and a motion was made by Seger and seconded by High to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Doseck to approve the bills as presented. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by High and seconded by Seger to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yea, motion passed.

Finance

Interest receipts for June were \$14,080.91 with a 30-day yield of 4.46%. We also received \$518.82 interest for our Osgood bank account. The income tax receipts through August 2025 were \$819364.96 which compares to receipts through the month of August in 2024 of \$1,016,002.99.

Kearns requested a motion to approve **Resolution 25-9-9B** to transfer \$150,000 from the Enterprise Improvement fund to the water fund to meet current expenses. Doseck moved and High seconded. All yea – motion passed.

Kearns reported it is necessary to annually accept the amounts and rates of real estate tax. Seger moved and Doseck second the motion approving **Resolution 25-9-9 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County auditor.** The unvoted millage remains at 1.2 mills and will generate \$34,852. The EMS levy is 1 mill and will generate \$29,037. All yea – motion passed.

Kearns also reported she is collecting quotes regarding the possibility of upgrading the water/sewer billing software.

Sherriff's Report

Sherriff's log was reviewed. No major activity was noted.

Wastewater Grant Project

Permits are being gathered and they are waiting on a firm delivery date on the Flygt pumps. Once a firm delivery date is received, a start date will be set.

Ohio Public Works Commission Grant

Selhorst report Choice One is finalizing the estimate for the work to line the sewers along 9-Mile creek. Once complete he will require a matching funds certification letter from Kearns to include with the grant application. Hoping for a 50/50 match. He noted they will also be nominating the project for a WPCLP loan as a fallback plan.

Storm Water Study

Selhorst reported that field work is complete and an initial report was reviewed with Goubeaux. Selhorst will have a project cost estimate in time for the October meeting.

Paving Project

Barrett is in town this week and will begin paving on Voisard Street a 7am on Wednesday September 10th.

Goubeaux presented information from a company called "Biorestor" – they install a product on top of asphalt which extends its life. Council reviewed documents from several surrounding communities who utilize the product and are happy with the results. Seger made the motion and Nicole seconded authorizing Goubeaux to spend up to \$7,000 to install the product on the 2025 paved sections in town. All yea – motion passed.

Deferred Compensation

Goubeaux presented info to the council regarding the offering of deferred compensation to employees. More info will be gathered to present at the October meeting.

Annexation

Field work is complete. Final documentation will be delivered in two weeks.

Park

Diamond 2 Fence

Old fence is down and we are waiting on word from Hess when they will be here to install the new fence. Goubeaux applied and received a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Shelby County to defray the costs.

Diamond 2 Lights

Goubeaux report a \$40,000 check was received from our insurance company for the light pole that fell earlier this year. Goubeaux is still finalizing estimates, total cost to replace all the lights will be about \$210,000.

Trees

Goubeaux is researching the purchase of 10 new trees for the park. If any community members would like to place a memorial tree for a loved one in the park, please contact Goubeaux (administrator@russiaoh.com).

Street Signs

Replacement signs were ordered and received. Should all be put up by the end of the month.

Economic Development

Goubeaux is continuing to move forward with the process to receive potential funding from the EDA for the new industrial park development. Request for qualifications were received from two engineering firms. Goubeaux is working with the EDA to confirm next steps.

Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat in the village will be on Thursday October 30th from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

Water Issue

Goubeaux is working with land owners on the south side of the railroad near Miller Road where there are some lingering water issues. Some tile will be added and some grading done to move the water toward the proper drainage areas.

Speed Limit Ordinance – Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2025-9 – Speed Limit Changes

Ordinance 2025-9 was summarized and the complete text was available to council members and the public. In summary:

- No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed greater than 45 mph on East Main Street beginning at the eastern edge of the corporation going in to the Village.
- No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed greater than 35 mph on East Main Street beginning at Industrial Drive going into the Village.

Adjournment

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

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Deidre Kearns _____