

**VILLAGE OF RUSSIA**  
**VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**October 8, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 at the Village Office, Russia, Ohio. Mayor, Terence Daugherty, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Council</b>	<b>Non-Members Present</b>	<b>Community Members</b>
Nicole Doseck Scott Armstrong Mary Jo High Jake Borchers Brandon Simon Alex Seger Terence Daugherty, Mayor	Jared Goubeaux – Administrator Nick Selhorst – Choice One Engineering Chris Ellington – Solicitor James Frye- Shelby County Sheriff Dee Kearns- Fiscal Officer, absent	Adam Barga Tony Bergman

- The minutes of the September 9, 2025 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Doseck to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Seger and seconded by Doseck to approve the bills as presented. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Simon and seconded by Armstrong to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yeas, motion passed.

**Finance**

Interest receipts for September were \$13,496.59 with a 30-day yield of 4.40%. We also received \$559.26 interest for our Osgood bank account. The income tax receipts through September 2025 were \$888,301.52 which compares to receipts through the month of September in 2024 of \$1,117,186.78. Income tax receipts for the month of September totaled \$73,416.56. There were \$4,480 in refunds issued.

The Versailles EMS Contract for 2026 was signed at a cost of \$44,275.

Ohio Deferred Compensation Program – this program was adopted in 2001, and will be available to council members and village employees. Dee is working on preparing our payroll system to accommodate this deferral.

**Aggregation Rates**

The IGS rate for the village was 0/0635 kWh beginning in December 2025 and ending December 2029. AES for electric aggregation was 0.6349 kWh for Village resident on a 29-month term beginning in December 2025. The Dynegy gas rates were 0.6349 CCF from November 2025 through November 2027.

**Sheriff's Report**

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

## **Wastewater Grant Project**

A preconstruction meeting occurred on October 2. There was a change to the bypass pump plan that will allow Main Street to remain open. The lift station project will begin next week with mobilization and finish up by Thanksgiving, which includes mobilization, cleanup and restoration.

## **Ohio Public Works Commission Grant**

Selhorst of Choice One, reports that the OPWC grant was submitted for sewer lining and Council should receive word on the outcome by December.

## **Storm Water Study**

Industrial Drive Regional Retention Basin Drainage Analysis was just given to Jared today. An estimate of \$243,900 was for increasing the size of the retention pond. For installation of a new and larger diameter pipe the cost was \$255,550. A larger detention pond would be in lieu of several smaller detention ponds and eliminate the existing detention ponds that are currently needed by businesses on Industrial Drive. This would also provide adequate storm sewer for any future business in the Industrial Drive region. It was felt that the village employees could do a large part of this type of project if and when the village decides to proceed. Goubeaux will work on a cost estimate with the village doing the work.

## **Annexation**

Field work is complete. Final documentation will be delivered in two weeks. Work will be completed in the Spring for the 4 owners who chose to annex.

## **Park**

### **Diamond 2 Lights**

Goubeaux is still finalizing estimates, total cost to replace all the lights will be about \$210,000. Matt Hoying has communicated that the school is looking into the possibility of adding lights to Diamond #1. They would like to piggyback lights on one of the polls used to light Diamond #2. This would require an 80' pole instead of a 60' pole for an additional cost of \$10,000, but would save the school overall approx. \$26,000. If school would decide to proceed, the additional cost would be borne by the school.

### **Lawn Care in the Park**

The village is looking to do our own fertilizing and spring the grass this year, and Goubeaux requested the authorization to spend up to \$3,000 for supplies in lieu of contracting it out. A motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Doseck to approve the authorization. All yea, motion carried. 3 memorial trees were purchased for the park this year to be planted between the fence and the pavilion.

### **Park Path Lighting**

Jake Borchers requested that we approve funds for lights along the paved path between Diamond #4 and Diamond #5. A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Armstrong to purchase lights at an approximate cost of \$36,000. All yea, motion carried.

### **Path Extension**

We received funding via a Nature works grant. 90% of the funds have been received. We are waiting on the additional 10%.

### **Drinking Fountain Grant**

The grant application cycle for drinking fountains opens in October. Our submission will be sent very soon.

## **Streets**

All of the streets that were repaved in 2025 will be getting treated with a soybean byproduct called BioRestor. Crack sealing will also be done this fall but Goubeaux is having difficulty contacting the company that rents out the sealer.

Discussion of vacating Cordonnier Street. There is a 24" storm tile that runs through that would need placed into an easement and accessible.

Goubeaux mentioned that the village employees will use excess pavement grindings to install a 6-foot-wide walking path on East Main Street. This will take place in conjunction with the Sewer Rehab project. The hope is that pedestrians will use this path instead of walking on the road, which is highly trafficked.

Paulus Phase II Subdivision - Curbs will likely be placed next week. There was also one zoning application reviewed by Goubeaux for a new residential structure in phase 2.

## **Economic Development**

2 SOQ's for the Industrial Park development have been received. The 2 engineering firms who have submitted included LJB and Choice One Engineering. Council will have to award the RFQ, and submit a cost estimate to the EDA for funding. Brandon Simon, Mary, Jo High and Jared Goubeaux will review the SOQ's and Goubeaux will notify the awarded company prior to next council meeting. This will allow for Goubeaux to continue pursuing the EDA funds on behalf of the Village.

## **AMP Versailles Transmission Project-**

AMP is requesting a meeting with a few representatives of the village in October to discuss and review the project. AMP plans to construct approximately 14 miles of new 69 kilovolt transmission lines connecting 4 substations in the Village of Versailles. This project also incorporates the Village of Russia and includes a new substation on McGreevey Road. Goubeaux will set up a meeting according to his schedule for he and Mary Jo High to attend virtually.

## **Russia CIC Audit**

Chris Ellington reported on the Russia CIC audit and noted that our annual reports were filed late and a few other minor issues that were noted. He suggested that we look into a different accounting firm to do our audit work and agreed to check on another firm. It was also noted that the public records custodian did not acknowledge receipt of the public records policy. The acknowledgment was been received.

**Speed Limit Ordinance – Third & Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2025-9 – Speed Limit Changes**

There was a third and final reading of the 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 vehicle at a speed greater than 45MPH on E. Main St. beginning at the eastern edge of the corporation going into the village. In addition, no person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed greater than 35 mph on E. Main St. beginning at Industrial Drive going into the village. A motion was made by Simon and seconded by Seger to approve the speed limit changes. All yea, motion carried.

**November Council Meeting-  
Rescheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 7p.m. due to scheduling conflict.**

**Adjournment**

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

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

Clerk, Deidre Kearns \_\_\_\_\_