

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES December 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, December 10, 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
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- Fiscal Officer

Community Members

Tony Bergman, council elect

- The minutes of the November 11, 2025 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Seger to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Doseck and seconded by Armstrong 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.

Sheriff's Report

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

Finance

- Investment Income
 - STAR Ohio – Balance \$3775,698 – Income dividend \$12,773 (4.14%)
 - Osgood Bank – Balance \$612,672 - Interest \$527.74
 - US Bank – Balance \$449,067– interest \$0 – planning to close this account and move the funds to Osgood and STAR Ohio in January 2026.
- Income Tax Receipts
 - Nov - \$86,111.70. Down 18% from last year's total.
- Temporary Appropriations
 - Motion requested to approve the following temporary appropriations to cover expenses from January 1, 2026 until permanent appropriations are adopted: High motion, seconded by Doseck. All year, motion passed.
 - General Fund \$25,000
 - Street Fund \$ 8,000
 - Street Light Fund \$ 5,000
 - Capital Improvement Fund \$75,000
 - Sewer Fund \$10,000
 - Water Fund \$30,000

- Motion requested for an adjustment to estimated resources filed with the county due to the fact that the grant money reimbursement for the Lift Station will not be received from the state prior to the end of the year. Motion to approve the reduction of appropriations in the sewer fund by \$132,929.82 and increase the Enterprise fund appropriation by \$200,000 and approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the enterprise improvement fund to the sewer fund. Motion Doseck, second High. All yea, motion passed.
- **Minster Bank Contract**
 - Minster Bank is used as the depository for income tax receipts by the City of St. Marys, so the Village has to enter into a depository agreement with them. The current agreement will expire January 31, 2025. Need a motion to approve Minster Bank as a public depository for active, interim, and inactive deposits of the public moneys of the Village of Russia. Motion Seger, second Borchers. All yea, motion passed.
- **5-year Capital Plan**
 - 5-year capital plan was discussed and reviewed with council noting priority and contingent purchases.

Wastewater Grant Project

Selhorst reported on the completion of the project with only minor seeding needing done in the Spring. Project came in under budget by \$20,938 with a final total cost of \$557,218.78. Motion requested to approve the final pay application from Ranger Earthworks LLC. Motion Borchers, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed. Kearns to file the appropriate paperwork for reimbursement from the state.

Ohio Public Works Commission Grant

Selhorst reported that we received word at the end of November that our project (Miller Ditch Area Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation) was funded. Project estimate is \$402,133. Grant awarded covers 46% of the cost (\$176,898). Image is that work will begin summer 2026 while final proposal will be finalized in January. Choice One suggests putting a camera through the line before the project starts to minimize the chance of any surprises. Goubeaux made note of this.

Industrial Park Federal Grant

Goubeaux requested a motion to enter into a contract with Choice One Engineering at a cost of \$9400 to cover the cost of the pre-engineering for the project and also the grant process (SHE-RUS-2509). Selhorst believes the grant application will be sent in January 2026. Motion Seger, second High. All yea, motion passed.

Township Tractor

Goubeaux requested a motion to enter into an agreement with Board of Trustees of Loramie Township for the use of the jointly-owned tractor and side boom mower. Term of the agreement is date of signing to December 31, 2026. Motion Seger, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.

Grosjean Properties

Goubeaux requested a motion to enter into an agreement with Grosjean Properties for the lease of 1 ½ stalls located at 105 Francis Street. Cost is \$50/month payable in one installment at the beginning of the year. Term of the agreement is the calendar year 2026. Motion Doseck, second Borchers. All yea, motion passed.

Board Committee Appointments

The following committee appointments were approved:

Planning Commission

Jaimie Herron
Jeff Monnin
Craig Fiessinger
Kevin Borchers
Terry Daugherty

Russia Citizen Peer Review

Greg Borchers
John Grogan
Jared Goubeaux
Brandon Simon
Mary Jo High

Russia Zoning Board of Appeals

John Grogan
Bruce Borchers
Ron Simon
Robert Philipot
Don Borchers

CRA Housing Board

Tony Bergman
Jean Borchers
Ron Simon
Kevin Dapore
Jaimie Herron
Paul Poeppelman
Jared Goubeaux

Russia Park Board

Trevor Monnin
Zach Sherman
Mitchel Hoying
Colin Puthoff
Jordan Gariety
Chett Borchers
Samuel Cook

January Meeting

Due to schedule conflicts and the need to get final appropriations set for 2026, the January council meeting will be held on Thursday December 8th at 7pm.

Water Meters

Goubeaux requested a motion to approved the purchase of 83 additional water meters and notes to continue the process of switching out unreadable meters. Water Works Metrology, Quote 20251021-125057791 total cost of \$19,597.13. Motion Armstrong, second Doscek. All yea, motion passed.

2026 Wages

The following wage increases were approved effective Jan 1 2026. Motion Jake, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.

Employee	Previous Pay	Effective Jan 1, 2026
Aiden Shappie	\$29/hour	\$32/hour
Mark Shappie	\$110,000/year	\$113,300/year
Robert Simon	\$21/hour	\$23/hour
Isaiah Counts	\$27/hour	\$29/hour
Michael Suppinger	\$27/hour	\$29/hour
Jared Goubeaux	\$30/hour	\$32/hour
Deidre Kearns	\$28/hour	\$30/hour

Lawn Tractor

Goubeaux requested a motion to enter into an agreement with Flora Mowers to trade-in our one-year-old mower for a new mower. Final cost after trade-in will be \$2,000. Motion Seger, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.

Brush Grinding

Goubeaux requested a motion to contract Schmiesing Tree Service to grind down the village tree and brush pile at a cost of \$7800. Motion Doseck, second High. All yea, motion passed.

Annexation

Ellington presented Ordinance 25-10 for approval. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Seger, second High. All yea, motion passed. Borchers moved and Armstrong seconded a motion to approve **Ordinance 25-10 authorizing the village of Russia, Ohio, to enter into an annexation agreement with Loramie Township and John P. Slonkosky and Janel M. Slonkosky, husband and wife, Gery L. Hueing and Carrie L. Hueing, husband and wife and Mitchell E. Hueing, annexing certain territory containing 3.541 acres, more or less, located in Loramie township to the village of Russia, Ohio and declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yea, motion passed.

Ellington presented Resolution 25-12-11 for approval. A motion to suspend the rules was made by High, second Doseck. All yea, motion passed. Armstrong moved and Seger seconded a motion to approve **Resolution 25-12-11 indicating the services which the village of Russia, Ohio, will now provide to certain territory proposed for annexation, and declaring an emergency.**

Vacate Property

Ellington presented Ordinance 25-11 for approval. A motion to suspend the rules was made by High, second Borchers. All yea, motion passed. Doseck moved and Armstrong seconded a motion to approve **Ordinance 25-11 authorizing the Village of Russia to vacate a portion of North Street and a portion of Main Street and declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yea, motion passed.

Executive Session

Motion to Enter Executive session to discuss the sale of property. Motion – Seger, Second – High. All yea – motion passed.

Motion to leave executive session. Motion – Armstrong. Second – Doseck. All yea – motion passed.

No action taken.

Adjournment

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

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Deidre Kearns _____