

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

August 10, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at the village office at 232 W. Main St. Mayor, Terence Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: John Grogean
Mary Jo High
Greg Borchers
Ron Simon
Cindy Goubeaux
Absent: Larry Platfoot

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Justin Spillers, and Sheriff John Lenhart

- The minutes of the July 13, 2016 regular meeting, and the July 21, 2016 special meeting were read, and a motion was made by Grogean, and seconded by High to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Simon and seconded by Grogean to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Simon to approve the July financial reports. All ye, motion passed.

Audit

Voisard reported that the Audit for the years 2014 and 2015 is complete, and Council was given a copy of the Audit. There were no citations or findings.

Insurance

Voisard gave Council the Insurance Proposal from Ratermann Insurance. The proposal shows a renewal premium of \$12,905 compared to \$12,794 for last year. Ratermann listed several options for Coverage changes for Council's consideration. Council decided to increase Uninsured Motorists Coverage from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 at an additional cost of \$59 per year. Other limits were not adjusted. High moved, and Grogean seconded the motion to accept the proposal from Ratermann Insurance for the 2016 Insurance renewal. All ye, motion passed.

Police

Sheriff Lenhart went over the police activity report for the previous month. Activity was routine for the month. He also said that new regulations for golf carts will go into effect in January, 2017, and that the Sheriff's Department will inspect golf carts upon request.

OPWC Projects

Shappie said that Council needs to decide on the OPWC Grant application for 2017. Council discussed the need for a bridge to allow development of additional industrial park property. Although the maximum amount available for this type of Grant is 50%, Council decided to proceed with a grant for the installation of a bridge and road to access land for development.

Park

Goubeaux said that the Playground Committee will be meeting with the 2 companies who have submitted proposals for the new playground within the next several weeks.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Borchers and seconded by Goubeaux. All ye, motion passed. Goubeaux moved and Simon seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 16-8-10A** Determining the lowest and best bid on the Park Cart Path Improvement Project and Authorizing a contract with Buehler Asphalt Paving, Inc as the successful bidder and declaring the same to be an emergency. All ye, motion passed.

Streets

A motion to suspend the rules was made by High and seconded by Goubeaux. All yea, motion passed. Goubeaux moved, and Simon seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 16-8-10** determining the lowest and best bid on the East Main Street resurfacing project, and authorizing a contract with Buehler Asphalt Paving, Inc. as the successful bidder and declaring the same to be an emergency. All yea, motion passed.

Council discussed whether the assessment for street lighting should be increased. Shappie said that at this time, the current assessment is covering costs. Council decided that no adjustment should be made.

Annexation

Justin Spiller said that the annexation discussed at the July meeting is moving forward, and is currently in the required waiting period.

Miscellaneous

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Simon. All yea, motion passed. Borchers moved and Goubeaux seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 16-8-10B** Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. All yea, motion passed.

Shappie said that Village employees will be doing smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system beginning the week of August 15, 2016. The testing will be done to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. He said that he will notify residents through the newspaper, e-mail, the Village web site and the church bulletin.

Shappie said that the culvert on the corner of East Main and St. Remy Street is causing the curb to crack. He feels that if it is left as is, it will damage the new curb that is installed in the E. Main Street project. He proposed cutting down the culvert 18" and replacing the lid, with Village employees doing the work. Council had no objection.

Shappie said that the current contract with Republic Services for trash is expiring in August. He said he hopes to get the contract extended through December, 2016. Shelby County Solid Waste District is planning to form a Consortium for all Shelby County Villages for both trash and recycling. This should result in a lower rate for Russia. Council had no objection.

Greg Borchers said that Superior Aluminum has agreed to donate framing materials for the new sign for the Village office. He said PSG had the best price, and would draw up samples if council agreed to move forward with their company. Council agreed, and preferred the dimensional design at a cost of \$1,500 to \$2,500. Borchers will have them draw up some sample designs for the next meeting.

Shappie said that Village employees will be removing the current landscaping at the Library this fall. At that time, a decision will be made on necessary plants, with village employees doing the planting.

Shappie said he had received a quote for crack filling of about \$10,000. He said the village could purchase the filler for about \$4,000, with a machine being provided at no cost to do the work themselves. Council decided that it should be done that way this year.

Goubeaux moved, and High seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss property acquisition and/or sale. All yea, motion passed.

Simon moved and Borchers seconded the motion to leave executive session. All yea, motion passed.

No action was taken.

Goubeaux moved and High seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux moved and High seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Ron Simon _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____