

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

June 8, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the village office at 232 W. Main St. In the absence of Mayor Terence Daugherty, Council President, Ron Simon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

- The minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting were read, and a motion was made by Borchers, and seconded by Platfoot to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by High and seconded by Grogean to approve the bills as presented. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Grogean and seconded by Platfoot to approve the financial reports for the preceding month. All yeas, motion passed.

Police

Sheriff Lenhart went over the police activity report for the previous month. He said that activity during May was routine for the most part. He said that deputies will now be carrying Narcan for Heroin overdoses.

Annexation Request

Craig Borchers addressed Council requesting annexation of property he is purchasing. He is in the process of purchasing the Alexander property on Liberty Street, just outside the city limits. Council felt that it would be best to annex this property along with the property for the proposed subdivision in the same area. He said that he was told that the subdivision would not happen soon enough to meet his needs. He said in order to move forward with planned renovations, he would need to have the ability to tap into Village sewer and water.

Greg Borchers moved, and High seconded the motion to allow Craig Borchers to file a petition for annexation of the property. Craig Borchers was informed that the cost of annexation would be his responsibility. All yeas, motion passed.

Shelby County Land Bank

Grogean moved, and Borchers seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. **16-6-8** A Resolution to Pay the Shelby county Land Bank Assessment for the Benefit of the Village of Russia, Ohio, and Declaring the same to be an Emergency. The amount of the assessment is .50 per resident, for a total of \$320.00. All yeas, motion passed.

OPWC Projects

Shappie reported that bids for the West Main Phase II project were opened on May 25, 2016. The bids were as follows:

Brumbaugh Construction, Arcanum, Ohio	\$167,689.00
Finfrock Construction, Covington, Ohio	\$168,000.00
R. B. Jergens Contractors, Vandalia, Ohio	\$169,059.30

Although the project cannot formally be awarded until early July when the OPWC final approval is received, council agreed to allow Shappie to have a preconstruction meeting with Brumbaugh.

Streets

Quotes have been received for the repaving of East Main Street as follows:

Buehler Asphalt Paving, St. Marys, Oh	\$46,300
Wagner Paving, Inc., Laura, Oh	\$54,165

Platfoot moved, and Grogean seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$46,300 from Buehler Asphalt Paving. All yea, motion passed.

Park

Shappie reported that the addition to the Park Storage building is now completed. He also reported that improvements are being made to the main shelter, and are nearly complete. They have installed sliding openings to replace the old wooden lift sections. New electrical outlets and new lighting has also been installed. He said that the roof should also be replaced, but that Village employees could do the work. Council had no objection.

Shappie reported that he was approached by a Village resident who would like to make an anonymous donation for new playground equipment. He said that the resident was willing to donate up to \$100,000 for the project, but wanted the project to start soon. Cindy Goubeaux had visited playgrounds in area Villages, and showed pictures of equipment in those parks. Council decided to create a committee consisting of Cindy Goubeaux, Steve Rose, a family member of the family making the donation, and several other Village residents. A report will be made at the July meeting. Council thought it would be helpful to have a presentation by one or more of the Companies who install this equipment. Previous estimate received for new equipment were \$190,696 and \$220,054, not including site work, which would be approximately \$20,000.

Miscellaneous

Shappie reported that there has been a recall on Fire Hydrant nozzles. Approximately 80% of the Village hydrants are affected. The parts are provided at no cost, and the Village will be paid \$15 per hydrant for installation. Village employees will do the installation.

Shappie also asked if Council would approve repainting the hydrants at this time. Village employees would do the work, so the only cost would be for paint. Council had no objection.

Shappie said he had received a quote for the grinding of the wood pile at the sewage pond. The quote was \$2,475. He also had a quote of \$968 for regrinding the wood chips to make a finer quality of mulch. Council agreed that it was more cost effective to hire the work done than to rent equipment and try to do it themselves.

Shappie said that the residents at 113 E. Main St. have not moved out. When the Village purchased the property, they were given a deadline of June 1st to vacate the property. Justin Spillers said that the next step would be to give a 3 day notice, and then eviction procedures would begin.

Shappie said that the owners of the Elevator had been sent a certified letter listing violations that must be corrected by July 1st. The letter was received by the owner on May 27, 2016. If violations are not corrected, the owner will be fined \$100 per day for each of the six violations.

Shappie said that Jon Heffner had requested an economic development meeting regarding the downtown area. John Grogean said that he would attend the meeting if he was notified of the date.

Shappie said that he feels the Village needs to have a sign at the Village Office. He has received complaints that people do not know where the office is since the old sign was removed. Larry Platfoot and Greg Borchers said they would check on this and report at the next meeting.

Cindy Goubeaux said that it is getting more and more difficult to mow the ditch bank, and feels that ditch maintenance is needed. It was suggested that a concrete channel be installed on the bottom of the creek to prevent further erosion. Shappie said he would call Dan Jutte, who did the culvert last year to get suggestions.

Cindy Goubeaux also said that she feels there is a problem with stray cats in the village. No one had a solution for the problem.

Shappie said that the lease agreements on the farm land the Village is renting will expire at the end of the year, and asked if Council wants to advertise the land for rent again. Council agreed that the land should again be advertised,

and agreed to a 3 year term as long as there was a clause allowing them to terminate the agreement if the land needed to be used for other development.

Justin Spillers said that the Village should establish a Citizens Peer Review Committee. This committee is being established to monitor and enforce certain Village ordinances and regulations in order to maintain the appearance and integrity of the Village.

Platfoot moved, and Borchers seconded the motion to establish the Citizens Peer Review Committee and appointing the following members:

2 year term to end December 31, 2017

Larry Platfoot
John Grogean

3 year term to end December 31, 2018

Greg Borchers
Ron Simon
Mary Jo High
All yea, motion passed.

Grogean said that Dave Goubeaux told him the landscaping work was more than he thought, and that he wasn't really interested in continuing. Grogean asked Shappie if he felt he needed additional help. Shappie said that things are in pretty good shape now, with the exception of the library. Both Shappie and Grogean felt that the Library needs to be completely redone, and should probably be done by a professional landscaper. Shappie said that maybe it should be put off until next year, and have funds appropriated to do it properly. Shappie and Grogean will review it and make a suggestion at a later date.

High said that the Wellness Foundation invited landowners near the school track to be involved in the plans for the planned 40' by 60' storage building. She said that the Wellness Foundation has about \$40,000 to use on the project, but the total estimate is about \$57,000. The building would be used to store track equipment, and the school plans to rent part of it for storage. She asked if the Village would be interested in donating toward the project. Shappie said that he knew the Village could not use money generated by tax revenue as a donation, but would check on the legality of using other funds. Platfoot said that he didn't think the Village should be involved, since we are working on various other Park projects, like the playground and paving the walking path. No decision was made.

Goubeaux moved and Platfoot seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Ron Simon _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____