

# VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, May 11, 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  
Greg Borchers  
Mary Jo High  
Larry Platfoot  
Absent: Cindy Goubeaux  
Ron Simon

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Justin Spillers, Sheriff John Lenhart, Tony Bornhorst, and Adam Barga.

A meeting of the Records Commission was held with members Mary Jo Voisard, Terence Daugherty, and Mark Shappie. Voisard presented the Certificate of Records Disposal, RC3, listing documents to be destroyed in accordance with the approved Records Retention Schedules, RC2. Members of the committee approved the listed documents.

- The minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting were read, and a motion was made by Borchers, and seconded by Platfoot to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by High and seconded by Grogean to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Platfoot and seconded by Borchers to approve the financial reports for the preceding month. All ye, motion passed.

### Police

Sheriff Lenhart went over the police activity report for the previous month. He said some of the items that were stolen in the thefts in March had been recovered and returned to the owners. There was one vehicle injury crash with a citation for stop violation. He also said that there will be ALICE training (what to do in the case of an active shooter situation), and asked if any groups or businesses would be interested in attending. There will also be another concealed carry training class in the fall.

### Shelby County Land Bank

Tony Bornhorst, Shelby County Commissioner was present to present information on the proposed Shelby County Land Bank. The Land Bank would be an organization to seek state funding for demolition or rehabilitation of blighted properties in the county. The Commissioners are interested in establishing a land bank, but would need start up money in order to do so. Bornhorst had a schedule of probable costs for Villages in the County, with the cost to Russia to be a \$320 one time payment. Council was not opposed to the idea. Bornhorst said that when rules and regulations are drafted, the Village will be contacted with further information.

### OPWC Projects

The Plans for the West Main Street Phase II project have been finalized, and bids have been advertised. The bid opening will be held at the Village Office at noon on May 25, 2016.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by High, and seconded by Borchers. All ye, motion passed.

Platfoot moved and Grogean seconded the motion approving **Resolution No. 16-5-11** Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Village of Russia, Ohio, West Main Street Improvement Project, and declaring the same to be an emergency. All ye, motion passed.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Platfoot, and seconded by Borchers. All yea, motion passed.  
High moved and Grogean seconded the motion approving **Resolution No. 16-5-11A** Declaring it Necessary to Make Improvements to a Portion of West Main Street in the Village of Russia, Ohio, Such Improvements to Include Curbing, Resurfacing, and other Facilities and Appurtenances Necessary and Proper Therefor, and Declaring the same to be an emergency. All yea, motion passed.

**Equipment**

Council again discussed the need for a new trailer, as discussed at the March meeting. Shappie said that he needs a larger trailer to transport rented equipment, and for general Village use. He will get updated quotes for the June Council meeting.

Council also discussed the need to replace village owned trucks on a more regular basis. The small pick up truck is in bad condition and should be replaced. Grogean said that if we use the Government discount, it may be possible to replace the vehicles on a more regular basis at little cost. Shappie will check into pricing.

**Park**

Shappie reported that the addition to the Park Storage building is complete except for the new garage doors. The AED unit has been installed on the outside of the building to be used for medical emergencies. Downspouts still have to be installed.

New playground equipment was tabled until the June meeting.

**Trash and Recycling**

Shappie said that Jack DeWitt of Shelby County Recycling contacted him and said that he would like to negotiate a contract for trash and recycling for all of Shelby County. He said that he feels he would be able to get better rates. Council had no objection.

**Miscellaneous**

Shappie said that the Weaver sprinkler tap is in. Repairs still have to be made to Liberty Street asphalt.

Shappie asked what the timing would be on the demolition of the property at 113 Main St. Grogean said that it probably would not happen until this fall.

High said that there are Bureau of Workers Compensation Safety Grants available, and asked of the Village would be interested in applying for one. Shappie said a mower for the ditch bank would increase the safety of the workers. High said she would check into grant application procedures.

Grogean moved and High seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss property acquisition. All yea, motion passed.

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

No action was taken.

Grogean moved and Platfoot seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Ron Simon \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard \_\_\_\_\_