

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, May 10, 2017 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: Cindy Goubeaux
Mary Jo High
Larry Platfoot
Greg Borchers
Absent: John Grogean
Ron Simon

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Justin Spillers, Sheriff's deputy, and Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering.

- The minutes of the April 12, 2017 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by High, and seconded by Borchers to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Borchers to approve the bills as presented. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Platfoot and seconded by High to approve the April financial reports. All yea, motion passed.

Police

Council reviewed the police report for the month of April. The report was routine. The Sheriff's Deputy reported that there were a number of stop sign warnings and citations issued during April. Council members said that they have noticed that there are still problems with motorists failing to stop at stop signs. The deputy said they will continue to cite offenders.

Financials

Voisard reported that income tax receipts through April have improved, and are now about \$27,000 under the 2016 receipts. This meets the projection for the receipts to date for 2017.

Voisard said that it is necessary to transfer funds from the Enterprise Improvement fund to the Water Operating Fund to meet expenses for the Principal and Interest payments for 2017, the Well Field development, and installation for water for the new industrial park. High moved, and Borchers seconded the motion to transfer \$250,000 from Fund 5701 Enterprise Improvement to Fund 5101 Water Operating. All yea, motion passed.

Bridge Project/New Industrial Park

Matt Hoying reviewed plans for the New Industrial Park. He said that bid advertisement will be on May 30th and June 6th, with bid opening on Tuesday June 13th. The request to proceed will be sent to OPWC on July 1, 2017. He said that the initial OPWC application did not include the cost of sewer and water lines, or the extension of the street because at that time there were no plans for building. Since a developer will now be building in Lot 1, it is necessary to install utilities and extend the street. The cost of these projects will be approximately \$200,000. Council agreed that these expenses would have occurred later when the park was developed, so installing them now will insure that other lots are prepared for immediate development. Hoying said that they would be able to tap into existing sewer lines behind homes on Russia Rd. near the water tower rather than going to the lift station. This will result in a significant savings.

Borchers moved and High seconded the motion to approve the Dedication Plat for Commerce Drive. All yea, motion passed.

Liberty Street

Shappie said that Liberty Street is on the schedule for repaving in 2017 at an approximate cost of \$120,000. Voisard said that in light of the additional unanticipated expenses for the Industrial park project, this project should be tabled until the June meeting to allow for appropriation modifications.

Well Development

Matt Hoying reported that the plans for the new well field are progressing, and have been sent to the EPA. The EPA will review the application, and arrange for an onsite inspection. After approval, the project can proceed.

Miscellaneous

Shappie reported that there are storm water issues at the properties of Steve Grogean and Andy Hoehne. Council decided that no action would be taken at this time.

Shappie said that he had received an application for PIRG Agreement funds from Todd and Nicki Francis for reopening the Russia Inn. Council felt that they should be invited to the June meeting to answer questions before a decision is made.

Shappie said that he has talked to NK Telco about providing free internet, phone, and cable service in exchange for allowing the construction of a building near the water tower. They said they could provide internet and cable, but could not provide phone service because of State regulations. Shappie said he will see if he could negotiate a cash option instead. Borchers moved and Platfoot seconded the motion to allow Shappie to enter into an agreement with NK Telco when an agreement is reached. All yea, motion passed.

Council reviewed the Power Point presentation that will be shown at the State of the Village meeting on May 17, 2017 at the Gathering Place.

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

Council President, Ron Simon_____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____