

# VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 14, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, September 14, 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: Mary Jo High  
Greg Borchers  
Larry Platfoot  
Cindy Goubeaux  
Absent: John Grogean  
Ron Simon

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

- The minutes of the August 10, 2016 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by High, and seconded by Borchers to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Goubeaux to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Platfoot and seconded by High to approve the August financial reports. All ye, motion passed.

### Police

Sheriff Lenhart went over the police activity report for the previous month. Activity was routine for the month. He said that there were no issues during the Russia Homecoming. He also said that deputies had served notices for several disabled vehicles on Elizabeth and Highland. If they have not been moved within 10 days, fines will be levied.

### OPWC Projects

Shappie said that it is necessary to decide on the amount the Village will apply for on the OPWC grant application for the bridge. The engineers estimate for the project is \$390,446. Council decided to request funding of 45%, with the Village paying 20%, and applying for a loan for the remaining 35%. The application is due October 1, 2016. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Goubeaux, and seconded by Platfoot. All ye, motion passed. Borchers moved and Goubeaux seconded the motion to approve Resolution **16-9-14A** Authorizing the Village to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required for the Industrial Park Bridge Project. All ye, motion passed.

Shappie said that work has not yet started on the West Main St. OPWC Project.

### Park

Shappie said that Gametime has approved a grant for \$60,000 toward playground equipment if the purchase is made this year. He said plans are still being reviewed from both Gametime and Miracle to determine which company best fits the Village needs. He is in the process of applying for another grant.

### Streets

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Borchers, and seconded by Goubeaux. All ye, motion passed. High moved and Platfoot seconded the motion to approve resolution **16-9-14B** giving consent for bridge inspection of the bridge on North Street. The State assumes 100% of the cost of the inspection. All ye, motion passed.

Shappie said that a resident on Main Street suggested that decorative street lighting should be installed on West Main St. when the West Main Project is done. Shappie said the cost of the fixtures (7) would be about \$2,500 each, plus installation of meter, electricity, etc. It was decided that conduit would be installed during the project, allowing for future installation of the fixtures.

**Annexation**

Annexation agreements for the Craig and Mary Borchers property were signed in accordance with Ordinance 2016-7.

**Trash and Recycling**

Shappie said that the plan for a Consortium for Trash and Recycling with 7 other Villages is moving forward. The Consortium is looking at either Republic or Rumpke for trash. He feels that the price for recycling will be about \$3 per month, with a 65 gallon tote being picked up every other week. Low volume users can still use bags, and high volume users would use totes at an approximate cost of \$13 per month.

**Miscellaneous**

Shappie said that the Zoning board met with the Wellness group prior to the Council meeting, and granted a variance for the planned building by the track, allowing steel siding and roof.

Greg Borchers had drawings from PSG, Sidney, OH of the proposed Village Office sign. Council chose design 1 for a 4x6 sign with block lettering. The approximate cost is \$2,125.00.

Shappie said the residents at 113 Main St. have moved out. He said he feels the building should be taken down as soon as they can find someone to do it. He and Mayor Daugherty will check with several places to get estimates.

Shappie said that he has checked on prices for a new Village maintenance building if the Village agrees to sell the current one. He said site work alone would be about \$170,000-\$190,000. Pricing to build a new building would be about \$350,000. He said that he doesn't think that is a good option, and that the village may want to consider the purchase of an existing building if an agreement can be reached on the price. Council agreed that the first step would be to get a contract with the Company interested in the current building.

Shappie asked if the Village should pursue purchasing the McClain Township boom mower in conjunction with Loramie Township. He thinks the cost would be about \$10,000 for each party. Platfoot moved and Borchers seconded the motion to authorize Shappie to enter into an agreement to purchase the mower at that price. All yea, motion passed.

Shappie also discussed the need for a backhoe. Council said he should get prices on a used backhoe for future consideration.

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

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

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