

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA
VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
May 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at the Village Office, Russia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council
Nicole Doseck
Scott Armstrong, tardy
Tony Bergman
Jake Borchers
Brandon Simon
Alex Seger
Mary Jo High, Mayor

Non-Members Present
Jared Goubeaux – Administrator
Nick Selhorst – absent
Chris Ellington – Solicitor
Dee Kearns- Fiscal Officer

Community Members

Regular Business

- The minutes of the April 16, 2026 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Doseck and seconded by Simon to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Seger to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Bergman to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All ye, motion passed.

Sheriff's Report

No log was dropped off by the sheriff's department.

Finance Report

- Investment Income
 - STAR Ohio – Balance \$3,836,038 – Income dividend \$11,939.70 (3.80%)
 - Osgood Bank – Balance \$1,082,180.59 – April Interest \$1,454.33
 - US Bank – Account closed
 - \$400,000 was transferred from Osgood account to Star Ohio at the beginning of May.
- Income Tax Receipts
 - April \$187,668.72. Total 2026 receipts are up 12.96% over last year at this time.
 - Also received an additional \$73,051 in income tax proceeds directly from the state. Those were received on May 5th so they will technically be in next month's report.
- Kearns reported the audit has passed the first round of reviews by the state auditors office. Anticipate this will finished by the end of the month.

Choice One Report

- Choice One representative could not attend the meeting. Goubeaux spoke Selhorst earlier in the day and Selhorst reiterated that for the OPWC project the survey work would be underway soon with the anticipation of going out to bid in June and project award taking place in July.

General Business

- New lights on diamond 2 lights will be going up on May 13 (weather dependent)
- Ruhenkamp Boring and Trenching is being contacted to do the boring for the electrical feed.
- Goubeaux had no new information regarding the drinking fountain grant that the village was awarded.
- Dayton Dragon's Night – this is being pursued by the Wellness Foundation
- Splash Pad – the pad will be opened on Memorial Day (May 25th)
- Cyber Security Policy adoption
 - Motion to suspend the rules – Bergman, Second Seger, all ye – motion passed
 - Motion to approve the Cyber Security Policy as appended to the Emergency Action Plan.
 - Motion – Doseck, Second Borchers. All ye – motion passed.
- Goubeaux reported that the F150 owned by the village has been placed for sale on the Gov Deals website.
- Goubeaux requested approval for an apparel order for village employees for a total of \$947.55 to TB8 Designs. Motion – Simon, Second – Bergman. All ye – motion passed.
- Council requested Goubeaux to send a notice to the Village regarding the use of electric scooters in the park and for parents to remind their children that the speed limit in the park is 5mph. There have been several complaints made to council members.
- Reviewed Ordinance 02-13. It was requested by the council for Ellington to review the ordinance and to make recommendations to amend it allowing for the village to have articles in violation of the ordinance removed from premises with all costs assessed back to the homeowner.

Annexation

- Ellington presented Ordinance 26-7 for approval. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Simon and seconded by Doseck. All ye, motion passed. Seger moved and Doseck seconded a motion to approve **Ordinance 26-7 annexing certain territory containing 3.541 acres, more or less, located in Loramie township to the Village of Russia, Ohio, and declaring the same to be an emergency.**
- Ellington presented Ordinance 26-8 for approval. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Borchers and seconded by Bergman. All ye, motion passed. Simon moved and Seger seconded a motion to approve **Ordinance 26-8 amending the official zoning map of,**

adopting a zoning ordinance and regulations for, and zoning certain real property to be annexed to the village of Russia, Ohio, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mayor's Notes

- General discussion regarding ideas for honoring local veterans at the park.
- PIRG Grant discussion
 - Discussed current parameters in place for the award of the grants and decided to move forward with the current policy the village has in place. The village is again welcoming applications for future PIRG Grants.
- 5 Year Plan discussion – ideas were discussed for future projects for the town/park

Executive Session

Motion to Enter Executive session to discuss the sale of property. Motion – Armstrong, Second – Bergman. All yea – motion passed.

Motion to leave executive session. Motion – Simon. Second – Doseck. All yea – motion passed.

No Action Taken.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Borchers. Second - Doseck. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Jake Borchers _____

Clerk, Deidre Kearns _____