

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES July 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at the Village Office, Russia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council

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

Non-Members Present

Jared Goubeaux – Administrator
Nick Selhorst – Choice One
Chris Ellington – Solicitor
Dee Kearns- Fiscal Officer

Community Members

Regular Business

- The minutes of the June 10, 2026 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Simon and seconded by Doseck to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Bergman to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Simon and seconded by Borchers to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All ye, motion passed.

Finance Report

- Investment Income
 - STAR Ohio – Balance \$4,262,867.95 – Income dividend \$13,354.61(3.82%)
 - Osgood Bank – Balance \$804,199.62 Interest \$721.12
- Income Tax Receipts
 - June (St. Mary's) - \$107,173.64. This is a increase of 0.33% over this time last year.
 - June received directly from the State of Ohio - \$3.08
- The audit for 2024 and 2025 is complete and signed off by the State Auditor.

Sheriff's Report

- Sheriff couldn't be present for the meeting and no report was dropped off prior to the meeting

Choice One Report - Selhorst

- OPWC application for next year – Dredging of Dredging Lagoon #1. Choice One is working on preparing the application and there will be further information presented in the August meeting.
- OPWC Sewer lining project – bids were received and opened on June 25th. The following bids were accepted:
 - Contract A – manhole rehab
 - Visu-Sewer - \$77,260.00
 - Motion Seger, seconded by Armstrong. All ye, motion passed.

- Contract B – sewer lining
 - Inliner Solutions, LLC - \$198,218
 - Motion Doseck, seconded by Simon. All ye, motion passed.
- Final paperwork was submitted based on the curing letter request from the EDA for the federal grant application for the industrial park. Hoping to receive final word soon.
- Selhorst also noted the area of town where asphalt rejuvenation was applied. Council expressed satisfaction with how well the asphalt has held up.

General Business

- Goubeaux presented documents from AMP Transmission seeking permission to do surveys and soil borings sample on village land (parcel number 24-15-226-001).
- Diamond 2 lighting project is complete.
- Goubeaux requested approval of a quote for 6 square D breakers from Kendall electric at a cost of \$3793.83. Motion Borchers, seconded by Simon. All ye, motion passed.
- Goubeaux noted that the final approval for the drinking fountain grant was received and the 3 new fountains will be installed in the park this fall.
- Goubeaux requested approval of a quote for new speed limits signs, no solicitation signs and crosswalk paint from Kleem at a total cost of \$1839.88. Seger motioned, Simon seconded. All ye, motion passed.
- Goubeaux requested a motion to approve Newcomer Concrete Services to install 440 feet of curbs on Commerce Drive at a cost of \$38/linear foot. Total cost NTE \$25,000. Armstrong motioned, Doseck seconded. All ye, motion passed.
- Ellington presented Ordinance 26-10 for approval. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Bergman and seconded by Simon. All ye, motion passed. Borchers moved, and Doseck seconded a motion to approved ORDINANCE 26-10 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF RUSSIA, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH JSALP ENTERPRISES LLC AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. All ye, motion passed.
- Ellington also presented a revised proposed amendments to ORDINANCE 02-13 (removal of inoperative vehicles and certain materials) for a second reading. Definition of a motor vehicle and a water craft were added. Fees were changed to be the actual costs for hauling and storage. No further changes were requested by council. The third and final reading of this ORDINANCE will take place during the August 2026 meeting.

Mayor's Notes

- High recognized the achievement of Hazel Francis at the state track meet and noted that a sign will be added to the community signs.
- High reminded council that during the August meeting, the new property insurance quotes will need to be reviewed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Armstrong. Second – Simon. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Jake Borchers _____

Clerk, Deidre Kearns _____