

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES August 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, August 12, 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, absent
Alex Seger
Mary Jo High, Mayor

Non-Members Present

Jared Goubeaux – Administrator
Nick Selhorst – Choice One
Chris Ellington – Solicitor
Dee Kearns - Fiscal Officer
James Frye - Shelby County Sheriff

Community Members

Regular Business

- The minutes of the July 8, 2026 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Doseck to approve the meeting minutes. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Seger and seconded by Borchers to approve the bills as presented. All yeas, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Doseck to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yeas, motion passed.

Finance Report

- Investment Income
 - STAR Ohio – Balance \$4,276,750.48 – Income dividend \$13,882.52(3.83%)
 - Osgood Bank – Balance \$870,637.96 Interest \$739.52
- Income Tax Receipts
 - July (St. Mary's) - \$48,365.24. This is a decrease of 0.56% over this time last year.
 - No receipts directly from the state this month.

Sheriff's Report

- Sheriff Frye presented the monthly report. There was no unusual activity to report.
- Sheriff Frye noted that all deputies patrolling in Russia have been asked to, when possible, to discuss with individuals (especially children) safety concerns when using e-bikes and golf carts. He noted unsafe usage across the county is becoming a problem.

Choice One Report - Selhorst

- Seger motioned and Bergman seconded resolution 2026-8-12A authorizing the village administrator to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs and to execute contracts as required. This will allow Choice One to move forward with the paperwork for grant application for the Wastewater Lagoon #1 Improvement project. All yeas, motion passed.
- OPWC Sewer lining project - Selhorst reported that the reconstruction meeting took place with InLiner Solutions LLC. They are projecting to start the project in October. The second part of

the project (manhole rehab), being done by Visu-Sewer, will be completed in the spring of 2027.

- School Detention pond - Selhorst reported that the detention pond calculations from LJB had just been received prior to the meeting and had yet to be reviewed. This is for the parking lot pavement near the school.
- Industrial Park grant - no new information has been received since the updated information was sent last month.

General Business

- Sewer tie-ins on the west side of the village - there have been some issues locating NKTelco lines and the current wet weather has hampered the progress. Working to complete this when the weather allows.
- Water Tower - repainting of the inside. Goubeaux requested a motion for the rental of a portable water system during this project from Portable Water Systems, LLC NTE \$10,900. Motion Doseck, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.
- Goubeaux requested a blanket PO for \$20,000 covering the purchase of salt for the remainder of the year from Artesian. Motion Borchers, second Seger. All yea, motion passed.
- Goubeaux requested a motion for a PO to be issue to Paulus Excavation for NTE \$40,000 for some work at Lagoon #3. Paulus will complete the work before the end of the year. Motion Bergman, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.
- Goubeaux requested a motion to approve the purchase of additional residential water meters from EJ Prescott for \$1589.70. Motion Doseck, second Seger. All yea, motion passed.
- Goubeaux noted that he received approval to move forward with the purchase of new drinking fountains at the park from the grant underwriters.
- Goubeaux requested approval for the bulk purchase of grass and fertilizer supplies for the remainder of the year from Bensman's Garage. The cost will be \$5,500. Noted that Bensman's is closing his business. Motion Armstrong, second Doseck. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was requested to approve the purchase of two replacement push button activator kits for the Splashpad from Vortex international at a cost of \$1200. Motion Doseck, second Bergman. All yea, motion passed.
- Motion was requested to approve the hiring of the Village of Versailles to perform street sweeping for the village at a cost of \$154.55/hour. It is estimated to take 6-8 hours. Goubeaux will send a message to residents when the schedule is set. Motion Seger, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.
- Motion was requested by Goubeaux to approve the quote from Craft Preservation products for the Roadster 515 on the new paving NTE \$2000. Motion Borchers, second Bergman. All yea, motion passed.
- Motion to approve the final utility prep work (manholes, storm lines, sanitary, curbs) on the Commerce Drive extension. Paulus Excavating at a cost of \$41,274.89. Motion Armstrong, second Doseck. All yea, motion passed.
- Crosswalk painting - this will be completed prior to school starting, weather permitting.
- Motion requested to approve a quote from Walls Brothers for the asphalt on the Commerce Drive extension noting that other asphalt companies were contacted to quote the project but none were provided. Cost is \$43,675. Motion Doseck, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.
- Motion request to approve a quote from Walls brothers for the asphalt for the driveway approaches on the east side of town, the lift station and the driveway extension at the water

plant again noting that other asphalt companies were contacted to quote the project but none were provided. Cost is \$13,340. Motion Bergman, second Doseck. All yea, motion passed.

- Goubeaux noted to council that he has contracted with Bug-a-Boo at a cost of \$850 to perform to applications of mosquito spray prior to the town festival.
- Motion to pay the Village of Fort Loramie for 1/2 of the repairs to the Leaf Vac per our joint usage agreement. The cost to Russia will be \$3,878.51. Motion Borchers, second Seger. All year, motion passed.
- Goubeaux requested a motion to purchase river rock for use at the water treatment plant from Gehret Nursery at a cost NTE \$2,000. Motion Armstrong, second Bergman. All yea, motion passed.
- Goubeaux noted to council that last month they approved a quote from Newcomer to pour the curbs on Commerce Drive. The curbs have been installed and Newcomer invoiced Paulus instead of the village. Cost came in lower than originally quoted through Newcomer. Paulus will be paid for the work.
- State recognition signs for Hazel Francis have been purchased from PSG Visual Concepts.
- Ellington presented Ordinance 26-11 for approval. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Seger and seconded by Doseck. All yea, motion passed. Armstrong moved and Borchers seconded a motion to approve **Ordinance 26-11 authorizing the village of Russia, Ohio, to enter into a community reinvestment area agreement with CEMLEB Properties, LTD and Declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yea, motion passed.
- Ellington presented Ordinance 26-12 for its third reading and approval. Bergman moved and Armstrong seconded a motion to approve **Ordinance 26-12 amending ordinance 02-13 which prohibited the storage of certain vehicles and certain material on property located within the Village of Russia.** All yea, motion passed.
- Goubeaux requested a motion to extend the park hours on Friday August 14th and Saturday August 15th for the Alumni softball tournament. Hours extend to 1AM. Motion Seger, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.
- Motion was made by Doseck and seconded by Borchers to accept the quote from Ratermann Insurance for the Village insurance. The quote is for the Ohio Plan at a cost of \$20,500. All yea, motion passed.
- Lighting Assessment was reviewed to keep the lighting assessment as is. Motion to pass Resolution 26-8-12B was made by Borchers, seconded by Doseck. All yea, motion passed.

Adjournment

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

Council President, Jake Borchers _____

Clerk, Deidre Kearns _____