

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES October 14, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, October 14, 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

Dan Hoying
Chelsea Hoying

Regular Business

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

Finance Report

- Investment Income
 - STAR Ohio – Balance \$4,304,668.38 – Income dividend \$13,911.11(3.94%,)
 - Osgood Bank – Balance \$973,645.41 Interest \$739.63
- Income Tax Receipts
 - September (St. Mary's) - \$98,671.12. This is an increase of 1.32% over this time last year.
 - \$644.63 received directly from the state this month.
- Real Estate Tax 2nd Disbursement
 - Disbursement was received on 10-9-2026. Total disbursement after fees was \$29,656.
- County Auditor Resolution 26-10-14
 - **Resolution 26-10-14 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Whereas, the Budget Commission of Shelby County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Council together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Council, and what part thereof is without, what part within the ten mill tax limitation: therefore be it RESOLVED, By the Council of the Village of Russia, Shelby County, Ohio that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Village the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitations as follows and be it further RESOLVED, That the Fiscal Officer of this Council be, and he/she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolutions to the County**

Auditor of said County. Motion - Borchers. Seconded - Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.

- Kearns requested a motion to enter into an agreement with the Village of Versailles for EMS services at a cost of \$44,275 for calendar year 2027. Motion Armstrong, second Seger. All yea, motion passed.

Sheriff's Report

- No report was received from the Sheriff prior to the meeting

Choice One Report

- OPWC Sewer lining project
 - Part B – Inliner - this part of the project is complete and paperwork is in process to get the payment from OPWC to Inliner. All paperwork has been signed and returned to Choice One.
 - Part A - VisiSewer has been alerted that their portion of the project can now take place. Choice One believes that due to weather, the project will not be completed till Spring 2027.
- EDA Grant - Industrial Park Phase IV project - Motion by Simon and seconded by Seger to amend the agreement with Choice One for \$145,275 for additional professional services for project SHE-RUS-2509. All yea, motion passed.
- OPWC 2027 projects - Lagoon #1 dredging - Application is complete and has been submitted. Should know something before the next council meeting.
- Nick noted that Choice One has sent along all the info they have regarding the storm tile running between Park and Voisard Streets.

General Business

- Water storage tank - Goubeaux reported that he needs approval for an additional month rental of the storage tank due to issues with the company performing the water tower painting. He believes we will be reimbursed for the additional monthly rental since the delay was caused 100% by the company performing the work. Doseck motioned and Simon seconded the additional month's rent of \$10,900. All yea, motion passed.
- Storm tile replacement between Park and Voisard Streets
 - Goubeaux requested a motion to hire MB Earthworks at a cost of \$48,500 for the replacement of this storm tile. Borchers motioned and Armstrong seconded. All yea, motion passed.
 - Goubeaux also requested a motion for the material for this same work from Darke County Tile at a cost of \$6,724.30. Seger motioned, Simon seconded. All yea, motion passed.
 - A motion was also made by Doseck and seconded by Armstrong to purchase 40 tons of #57 backfill for the project from Pepcon at a cost of \$1000. All yea, motion passed.
- Drinking fountains for the park. Goubeaux reported that he met with the Russia Wellness Foundation and together with them and the grant the village we received, he is purchasing 4 new hydration stations which will be located at diamonds 2, 3, 4 and 5. They will be purchased from Ferguson Waterworks at a cost of \$17,062.50. Bergman motioned, Borchers seconded.

All yea, motion passed. Note that \$10,000 of this will be reimbursed with grant money and the remaining \$7,062.50 will be reimbursed by the Russia Wellness Foundation.

- Goubeaux requested a motion to purchase road salt from the Shelby County Highway Department at a cost NTE \$8,000. Simon motioned, Bergman seconded. All yea, motion passed.
- There was a general discussion regarding current zoning regulations.
- Chelsea and Dan Hoying joined the meeting to discussion future possible improvements at the park.

Mayor's Report

- The mayor issued a temporary liquor permit to the Russia Fire Department for October 30, 2026.
- The mayor issued a proclamation to recognize and honor the life, military service, and ultimate sacrifice of PFC Francis Arthur Guillozet and commend him for this courageous service to our nation during World War II. Further recognizing the dedication of the portion of State Route 47 between Simon Road and State Rout 66 as the PFC FRANCIS GUILLOZET MEMORIAL HIGHWAY as a lasting memorial to his service, sacrifice, and memory.
- High reported she is continuing to work staying up-to-date on all the issues with the Grid Growth West project.
- High reported that she sent a letter of support to the land bank for the Friends of St Remy in support of the demolition of the Todd house.

Executive Session

- Motion to enter executive session to discuss the purchase of property. Motion Seger, second Armstrong. All yea, motion passed.
- Motion to leave executive session. Motion Borchers, second Bergman. All yea, motion passed.
- No action taken.

Adjournment

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

Council President, Jake Borchers _____

Clerk, Deidre Kearns _____