

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

January 8, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, January 8, 2020 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
Adam Barga
John Grogean
Brandon Simon

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Craig Albers, Matt Hoying and Kyle Siegrist of Choice One Engineering, Jake Borchers, Cindy Goubeaux, and Sheriff John Lenhart.

High moved and Barga seconded the motion to appoint Jake Borchers and Cindy Goubeaux as Council members with terms ending December 31, 2023. All yea, motion passed.

The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed council members Jake Borchers and Cindy Goubeaux. Grogean nominated High to serve as Council President during 2020. There being no further nominations, Goubeaux moved and Barga seconded the motion to elect Mary Jo High as Council president for 2020. All yea, motion passed.

- The minutes of the December 11, 2019 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Simon, and seconded by Barga to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by High and seconded by Simon to approve the bills as presented. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Borchers to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yea, motion passed.

Police

Sheriff Lenhart gave the Law Enforcement report for the month of December. He said that activity was routine.

Village Solicitor

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Goubeaux, and seconded by Simon. All yea, motion passed.

High moved and Barga seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 20-3 providing for the employment of a solicitor for the Village, and declaring the same to be an emergency.** Craig Albers is employed as Village Solicitor for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at an annual salary is \$1,800 per year. Additional services including litigation matters shall be, with Council's approval, reimbursed in addition at the hourly rate customarily charged by the law firm of which the Solicitor is a member. All yea, motion passed.

Finance

Voisard reviewed the Income Tax receipt comparison report for the years 2004 through 2019. It shows that tax receipts fell dramatically in 2010 when Clopay Corporation moved to Troy, but that receipts have improved in recent years.

Voisard also reviewed the Credit Card rewards report and the planned appropriations for 2020.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by High, and seconded by Grogean. All yea, motion passed.

High moved and Barga seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 20-1 Making the Annual Appropriation of Resources for 2020, and declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yea, motion passed.

Appropriations were approved at the Fund level as follows:

General Fund	\$513,260
Street Fund	\$ 77,260

Special Assessment Street Lighting	\$ 38,300
Capital Projects Fund	\$582,500
Water Fund	\$513,900
Sewer Fund	\$359,530
Utilities Construction & Maintenance	<u>\$120,500</u>
Total	\$2,205,250

Ohio Basic Code

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Grogean and seconded by Barga. All yeas, motion passed. Grogean moved and Goubeaux seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 20-02 Approving Adopting, and Enacting American Legal Publishing’s Ohio Basic Code, 2020 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances, and declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yeas, motion passed.

2020 OPWC Project

Hoying said surveying has been done, and there is room on the North side to run both sewer and water lines. If permission is given by property owners on the South side, the water line may be installed on the South side. A decision will be made at the February meeting. Most of the property owners have made a decision about annexation.

Annexation

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Simon. All yeas, motion passed. Borchers moved and Barga seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 20-04 Authorizing the Village of Russia, Ohio to enter into an Annexation Agreement with Loramie Township and Annexing Certain Territory.**

Yeas: Simon, High, Barga, Borchers and Goubeaux Abstaining: Grogean

Francis Manufacturing Storm Water

Hoying said that Vectren has now agreed to move the gas line at a cost of \$5,220 by doing the project themselves rather than outsourcing. Shappie said that he was told by a Vectren source that we could use 2 18” lines rather than one 24” line, which would not require moving the gas line. Hoying said that he could price both alternatives and Council could make a decision at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous

Borchers moved and Barga seconded the motion approving the following Committee appointments for 2020:

Finance

Mary Jo High
John Grogean
Cindy Goubeaux

Law and Order

Jake Borchers
Adam Barga

Streets and Recreation

Brandon Simon

Zoning

Mark Shappie

Park Superintendent

Mark Shappie

EMA Representative

Mark Shappie

Street Superintendent

Mark Shappie

Tax Review Committee

Mary Jo High
Dale Armstrong
Jordan Grogean

Records Commission

Mary Jo Voisard
Adam Barga
Mark Shappie
Terry Daugherty

Flood Plain Administrator

Mark Shappie

Water Plant Operator-of-Record

Mark Shappie

Wastewater Plant Operator-or-Record

Mark Shappie

Shappie said that since the water system is now 10 years old, it should be thoroughly inspected. He said he contacted Tonka, who installed the system, and their quote was \$10,000. He said he will contact other vendors before a decision is made.

Shappie said that Barney Francis has now received his Water Operator's License, and per previous agreement, he is to receive a \$1 per hour raise upon receipt of his license. Grogean moved, and Simon seconded the motion to increase Francis's salary by \$1 effective January 6, 2020. All yea, motion passed.

Shappie said that Russia School had contacted him to see if the Village is interested in jointly purchasing a snow blower, which could be used with the Village Kubota. The cost to the Village would be \$2,450. Council had no objection.

Shappie said that he was approached by Discover Magazine to see if the Village would like to purchase an ad in the magazine. He said most surrounding Villages have them. Council thought it might be a way to attract business to the new industrial park. Council approved purchasing an ad in the publication.

Shappie reviewed the Water Effluent to Wastewater Influent report for the years 2013-2019.

High suggested some updates to the Emergency Operations Plan before it is adopted in February.

Goubeaux asked if there was a plan in place for improvements to the Creek. She said this was discussed at a previous meeting, but is not included in the 5 year plan. Several options were discussed, such as solid concrete in the bottom, which would need more frequent cleaning, or various products used by other Villages. Shappie said he could get a price on dredging the bottom, which could then be maintained by ongoing spraying of vegetation. Hoying said he felt a natural look was generally preferred by most communities if it is maintained. He said other options generally have drawbacks.

Goubeaux moved and Borchers seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____