

# VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, December 12, 2019 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: Cindy Goubeaux  
Ron Simon  
Greg Borchers  
John Grogean  
Adam Barga  
Mary Jo High

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Craig Albers, Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering, Kyle Siegrist of Choice One Engineering, and Dan Schafer

- The minutes of the November 13, 2019 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Goubeaux, and seconded by Simon to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Barga to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Simon and seconded by Grogean to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All ye, motion passed.

### Finance

Voisard explained that it is necessary to approve temporary appropriations to allow for payment of bills until permanent appropriations are passed in January.

High moved, and Goubeaux seconded the motion to approve the following temporary appropriations for 2020:

General Fund	\$25,000
Street Fund	\$ 8,000
Street Lights	\$ 5,000
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 5,000
Sewer Fund	\$ 8,000
Water Fund	\$ 8,000

All ye, motion passed.

### 2020 OPWC Grant

Hoying said that he has learned that extra were funds available through OPWC, and that the Russia Versailles Road Utility Extension Application has now been approved at 91% funding. The Village share will now be \$31,788.

Daugherty said that in light of this, Voisard tool was told that the Village would cover the cost of the extension. Representatives from Voisard tool said that they will move forward with the Annexation.

Shappie said that he has received the quote from Choice One for Engineering costs for the project, including annexation costs. The quote is \$28,440. Borchers moved and Simon seconded the motion accepting the quote of \$28,440 from Choice One Engineering. All ye, motion passed.

Dan Schafer said Schafer Farms definitely wants to annex 7 acres on the North side of Russia Versailles Road, but had questions about the ramifications of annexing the 32 acres on the South side. He asked if they would still qualify for the CAUV exemption if the land was annexed. Albers told him that as long as the property was still used exclusively for agricultural purposes, it would still receive the exemption. He asked about the CRA tax exemptions on homes built on any lots they sold. Daugherty said that after the land is annexed, the Village would apply to extend the CRA agreement to the Annexed property. He said it would have to be approved by the State, but it has always been approved in the past.

Schafer also asked about Village Income tax. He was told that the net profit on the acres that are annexed would be taxable.

He asked about whether there would be restrictions on the farming operation. Other than the Ordinance against open burning, council could not think of any other restrictions.

### **Francis Manufacturing Storm Water**

Hoying said that he has talked to Vectren, and they quoted \$16,000 to lower the gas line for the project. Hoying felt that since it is within the Village, Vectren should move it at their expense. Craig Albers said that the law states that the Utility would have to cover the cost if relocating the line is for the good of the public at large, so it is a gray area. Hoying said he would discuss it with Vectren again to see if they can agree on an alternate plan.

### **Committees**

Shappie reviewed the following Committee appointments:

#### **Planning Commission (6 year term)**

Jamie Herron	Expires 2021
Jeff Monnin	Expires 2020
Craig Fiessinger	Expires 2023
Kevin Borchers	Expires 2023
Terry Daugherty	Expires 2023

#### **Russia Citizen Peer Review Board (2 years)**

Greg Borchers	Expires 2021
John Grogean	Expires 2021
Adam Barga	Expires 2021
Brandon Simon	Expires 2021
Mary Jo High	Expires 2021

#### **Russia Zoning Board of Appeals (6 years)**

Dale Nichols, Chairman	Expires 2021
Bruce Borchers	Expires 2020
Virgil Fullenkamp	Expires 2021
August Cordonnier, Jr.	Expires 2020
Mark Monnin	Expires 2023

#### **Russia Park Board (5 years)**

Andy Hoehne	Expires 2020
John Magoto	Expires 2021
Scott Borchers	Expires 2022
Jeff Simon	Expires 2022
Treg Francis	Expires 2023
Aaron Condon	Expires 2024
Trevor Sherman	Expires 2024

#### **CRA Housing Board (3 years)**

Terry Daugherty, Chairman	Expires 2022
Jean Borchers	Expires 2022
Ron Simon	Expires 2022
Kevin Dapore	Expires 2022
Jamie Herron	Expires 2022
Paul Poepelman	Expires 2022
Cindy Goubeaux	Expires 2022

**Paving**

Shappie said that the Paving Projects for 2020 include West Main Street (Liberty to Corporation limit) Russia Road, and Thomas and Mary Ann topcoat. He said that the township wants to extend the paving of West Main Street to the railroad tracks, with the portion from the corporation limit to the tracks to be paid by the Township. They asked if the Village would pay for the whole project and bill them for their portion. Council had no objection.

**Miscellaneous**

Shappie said that Steve Bohman is moving forward with the purchase of approximately 3.325 acres adjacent to his property and a price of \$10,000 per acre. He is having the land surveyed in order to remove it from the Village Corporation.

Shappie said that materials have been ordered for the Sewer line in the new industrial park. He said work will probably begin sometime in December.

Goubeaux moved and Grogan seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss salaries. All yea, motion passed.

Grogan moved and Barga seconded the motion to leave executive session. All yea, motion passed.

**Salaries**

Salaries set in 2019 remain the same with the exception of the following:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Barney Francis	\$19.79 per hr.	\$20.28 per hr.	\$20.99 per hr.
Bob Simon	\$14.75 per hr.		
Mary Jo Voisard	\$8,248 annually	\$8,496 annually	\$8,751 annually
Mark Shappie	\$63,225.23 annually	\$65,121.99 annually	\$67,075.65 annually

Mark Shappie will be paid for currently accumulated and unused vacation, personal and comp time as of December 31, 2019. After that time, hours worked will be set at 40 to 45 hours per week, without granting of comp time. Up to 5 days of unused vacation can be sold at the end of each year. Other vacation and personal leave must be used by December 31 of each year or will be forfeited. If extenuating circumstances cause a temporary excessive workload, council agreed to review this agreement.

Simon moved and Barga seconded the motion to approve the above salaries. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux said that she would like to be appointed to Council for another term beginning January 1, 2020.

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

Council President, Mary Jo High \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard \_\_\_\_\_