

# VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 13, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, March 13, 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: Mary Jo High  
Greg Borchers  
Adam Barga  
Cindy Goubeaux (entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)  
Absent: John Grogean  
Brandon Simon

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Craig Albers, Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering, Denny Monnin, Dan Schafer, Steve Geise, Gary Carter, and Sheriff John Lenhart.

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

### Visitors

Gary Carter and Steve Geise, Republican primary candidates for Sidney Municipal Court Judge gave a brief presentation.

### Police

Sheriff Lenhart gave the Law Enforcement report for the previous month. He said that activity was routine. He said the hit-skip that was reported involved a car hitting a sign and tree at the Veterans Park and leaving the scene. High said that the traffic issue at noon leaving Francis Manufacturing is no longer an issue, but the area should be monitored at 3p.m.

### Gariety Sewer Request

Matt Hoying reviewed the plans for running sewer lines to the Gariety property. He said the plan discussed at the February meeting would cost the Village approximately \$30,000, and would serve only one household. After discussing, Council decided that the best option would be to allow Gariety to install a grinder pump, and tie in to the line at the corner of St. Remy and Countryside rather than the Village extending a sewer line. The Village will run the water line to the edge of the Gariety property.

### Voisard Tool Water and Sewer Request

Shappie said that Voisard Tool will not make a decision regarding annexation until the end of March.

### 2019 Repaving

Bids for 2019 repaving were received as follows:

	Barrett Paving Franklin, OH	Wagner Paving Laura, OH	Buehler St. Marys, OH
St Remy St. (Countryside to Park)	\$67,829.00	\$70,236.90	\$73,081.56
Countryside (Liberty to Corp Limit)	\$33,378.00	\$37,402.50	\$38,705.48
Park St. (Liberty to St. Remy)	\$22,997.00	\$23,482.60	\$24,613.01
Industrial Dr	<u>\$32,388.00</u>	<u>\$33,588.60</u>	<u>\$35,287.20</u>
	\$156,592.00	\$164,710.60	\$171,687.25

High moved and Borchers seconded the motion to accept the bid for all four projects from Barrett Paving for a total cost of \$156,592.00. Hoying said that he would arrange a preconstruction meeting with Barrett to discuss the project, as well as the resolution of the Liberty Street project.

**Mower**

Shappie said that he received only one bid for the 2018 Ferris mower, which was the minimum bid of \$7,250 from Russia School. In the past, the School and Village have shared the mower with the School paying half of the net cost after sale or trade in, but the school has decided it would be more convenient to purchase the mower. Council accepted the bid.

The following bids were received for a new mower.

Flora

XMark E Series 20HP \$ 9,199

XMark S Series 29 HP \$10,719

M&T Mowers

Ferris 37 HP \$9,699

Shappie said that the Ferris cut faster, but not as nice, and the trade-in value is much less. The net cost of an XMark mower in the past has been about \$1,000, where the net cost after trade in of the Ferris is about \$3,000.

Barga moved and Borchers seconded the motion to purchase the XMark S Series mower from Flora for \$10,719. All yea, motion passed.

**Miscellaneous**

Denny Monnin attended the meeting to request permission to drive his ATV in the Park. The only vehicles permitted in the park at this time are Golf carts. Council decided to allow ATVs in the Park only if they are used to transport handicapped individuals to ball diamonds. Shappie will draft an agreement form stipulating the rules, along with the permit which the driver will have to display.

Shappie said that Village Compost pick up date will be April 27, and will be for Village residents only.

Council discussed applying for the 2019 Natureworks Grant for Shelby County in the amount of \$21,994. They decided that they would like to apply for new restrooms to replace the restrooms near the new playground. Shappie said he will get prices and work on the application.

High asked about the possibility of the Park Board applying for 501c3 status in order to receive donations through the Sidney Shelby County Community Foundation. Shappie said that the RCJAA has already applied for and received 501c3 status. He said that it costly and time consuming to receive approval, so the Park Board in the past has solicited donations through the RCJAA. He also said that the RCJAA is in the process of restructuring so that there will be sub-committees in charge of different youth organizations, and the park. He felt that this would give more oversight to see that the funds were allocated to the correct organization. High said that she will check with the Community Foundation to see if a Park maintenance fund could be established to allow donations towards the Veterans Park and the Community Park, with funds to be collected by the RCJAA.

Mayor Daugherty read a proclamation designation the month of May, 2019 as Motorcycle safety awareness month.

Shappie said that our contract with the Shelby County Consortium for Trash and Recycling is renewing on March 1, 2019.

Pricing will be as follows:

Trash Carts	3/1/18	\$12.90	3/1/19	\$13.29
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Trash Bags	3/1/18	\$ 2.20	3/1/19	\$ 2.27
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Recycling:

The consortium is planning to convert to Carting the recycling rather than the current bins. A rolling cart will be provided to all homeowners, and no sorting of recycling will be required. Pickup would be every other week. This method will reduce trash blowing out of bins, and loss of bins on windy days. All Villages in the consortium must

agree to convert to carts in order for the conversion to take place. A final decision will be made at the April meeting.

Pricing will be as follows:

Bins 3/1/18 \$3.00 Carts 5/1/19 \$3.52

A motion was made by High and seconded by Goubeaux to approve the contract with the Shelby County Consortium. Yeas: High, Goubeaux, Barga Nay: Borchers

Shappie reported that he had a total of 119.25 comp hours for 2018 that he could not carry over. Daugherty stressed that he wants Shappie to use his time off, but Shappie said week end work is necessary for the water and sewer plants, as well as snow plowing.

High moved and Barga seconded the motion to pay Shappie for the accumulated compensatory time of 119.25 hours.

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 \_\_\_\_\_