

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, August 14, 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
Brandon Simon
Adam Barga
Cindy Goubeaux
John Grogean
Greg Borchers

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Craig Albers, Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering, Paul Poepelman, Dale Luthman, Nancy Luthman, and Shelby County Sheriff's Deputy.

- The minutes of the July 10, 2019 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Goubeaux, and seconded by Grogean to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Simon to approve the bills as presented. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Barga and seconded by High to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yea, motion passed.

Police

The Shelby County Sheriff's Deputy reported on activity for the month of July, which consisted of routine activity.

Replatting

Nancy and Dale Luthman attended the meeting to ask about the process for replatting properties owned by Nancy Luthman at 125 and 127 East Main St. She said the properties have uneven lot lines that she would like to have straightened before she sells them. Council told her that the process would be to have the properties surveyed, and present the proposal to the planning commission.

2019 Paving

The 2019 paving has been completed, and the invoice from Barrett's has been received. Shappie said that the Township is responsible for part of the paving of Countryside, and he was not certain if that had been deducted from the bill. He will contact Barrett's for that information before approving the payment.

2020 OPWC

Shappie said that it is time to decide on the project for the 2020 OPWC application. After discussing, council decided that the best project would be the East Main Street Utility Extension. This project would allow for property annexations, including possible annexation of Voisard Tool. It was decided that the application should include a 40% Village match.

Voisard Tool

After hearing cost estimates for the East Main Street Utility Extension, it was decided that the maximum cost assessed to Voisard tool would be \$50,000.

Property Insurance

Shappie reviewed the quote for Property and Liability Insurance received from Raterman Insurance. The total premium for 2019-20 was quoted at \$10,888. This is an increase of \$169 over last year. Additional coverage was added for the new playground and the Veterans Memorial. Grogean moved and Barga seconded the motion to accept the quote. All yea, motion passed.

Bridge Inspection

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Barga and seconded by Borchers. All yea, motion passed. Goubeaux moved and Grogean seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 19-8-14 for Bridge Inspection Services**. All yea, motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Paul Poepelman spoke to Council about problems with erosion along Nine Mile Creek near his property. He said it has gotten progressively worse, and showed pictures to council members. Council discussed various remedies for the problem, including a box culvert like the one installed near the bridge at the west end of North Street. They agreed that although this would be the best option, it is cost prohibitive. . Other less expensive options were discussed. Council agreed that the situation should be assessed. Shappie said he could contact the County for information on possible solutions.

Shappie said that the \$90,000 grant that he applied for in July for the lift station upgrade was not approved. He was told to reapply in August, with the hope that it would be approved then.

Barga said that he would like to have decorative lighting installed for the new walking paths in the park. He suggested that when the new path is completed in a year or two, the Village could apply for a Grant through ODNR for part of the cost.

Shappie said that the Village has asked the Park Board for a 5 year plan, and none has been received. He said he thinks it would be helpful to form a Committee consisting of all the entities that have an interest in, or can contribute to improvements in the park. These entities would be the Village, RCJAA, Russia Athletic Boosters, Russia Local School, and Russia Park Board. The purpose of this committee would be to prepare a five year plan and funding sources for the park. Adam Barga volunteered to be the Village Council Representative for the Committee.

Shappie asked if the Village was interested in purchasing trees this fall. The fall sale at Brown's Nursery is September 14. Grogean said that he would go to the sale. He will report at the September meeting on the number of trees he would suggest purchasing.

Shappie said that the new F450 truck will be picked up tomorrow, and the old one will be sold. Daugherty said that he will advertise for the sale of the truck.

Daugherty said that he feels that Village streets should be swept. Shappie said he will contact the Village of Versailles to have this done before the Russia Homecoming.

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____