

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, April 10, 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
Greg Borchers
Adam Barga
Cindy Goubeaux
Absent: John Grogean

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Craig Albers, Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering, Kyle Siegrist of Choice One Engineering, and Sheriff's Deputy.

- The minutes of the March 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 Simon 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.

Police

Shelby County Sheriff's Deputy gave the Law Enforcement report for the previous month. He said that activity was routine.

Voisard Tool Water and Sewer Request

Shappie said that Voisard Tool will not make a decision regarding annexation until mid April.

OPWC 2020

Shappie said the project for the 2020 OPWC Grant will need to be decided soon so the application can be filed in the fall. He said his recommendation is to upgrade the waste water lift stations and other sewer and water upgrades and maintenance. Council agreed with the project, as it has been on the five year capital plan for a number of years.

2019 Paving

Shappie said that the preconstruction meeting with Barrett Paving will be held on April 23. At that time they will again inspect the pavement on Liberty Street to assess the condition.

Golf Carts in the Park

Shappie reviewed a Golf Cart Park Permit Application as discussed at the March, 2019 meeting. Residents can apply annually for a permit to drive golf carts in the park. The permit would be \$50 annually, but the fee would be waived for those over the age of 65 or holding a current handicap placard from the state of Ohio. The permit application lists all rules and regulations for operation of golf carts within the park.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Goubeaux and seconded by High. All ye, motion passed. Barga moved and Simon seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 19-05 Amending Ordinance 18-06 Restricting Operation of Vehicles in the Village Park**. All ye, motion passed.

Industrial Park Sewer

Shappie said a preliminary cost estimate for installing sewer lines into the new Industrial park would be \$63,120. Council decided that the Village should move forward with this project.

Miscellaneous

Shappie said that the park board has recently discussed adding additional parking at the Village Park. Several designs were discussed. One design would require moving diamond 2 to the east, and would add 17 additional parking stalls. Council agreed that this plan was not practical as it would be too costly to move the diamond to gain very little additional parking. Two other designs were reviewed. Both designs had a drive from the current parking lot to the area behind Diamond 3. These plans would add from 75-89 stalls. No cost estimate was available, but Choice One had done an estimate 5 years ago at approximately \$200,000. Mayor Daugherty said he felt that running a driveway from the existing parking lot to the area behind diamond 3 was an expensive solution. He asked if it would be possible to decrease the size of the holding pond slightly in order to widen the existing parking lot, and also add some area on the South end of the existing parking lot. This would possibly add 25-30 additional parking spaces. Hoying said that would probably be possible.

Shappie said there are several grants available, but the Shelby County NatureWorks grant deadline is in June. Council had previously decided to apply for new restrooms with that grant. Council decided to proceed with the NatureWorks grant for the restrooms/concession stand for this year, and the parking lot in 2020.

Shappie said no decision can be made on the Shelby County Consortium contract at this time. In order to move forward with the new contract, all Villages in the Consortium have to go to the new cart pricing. One Village has not yet made a decision.

Shappie said that the Library roof was leaking, and has now been repaired by Rick Gaier. Gaier said that the roof should be good for one or two years. It was decided that the roof replacement will be moved to 2020.

Shappie said that the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial Park will be on Memorial Day.

Shappie said that he has talked to the owner of the Russia Inn, and they plan to open in September.

High said she had contacted Marian Spicer of the Sidney Shelby county Community Foundation about the possibility of establishing a Russia Park Fund for Village Residents to make contributions for Park projects. After Council reviewed the fees charged by the Foundation, it was decided that fund raising could be done more economically by having donations sent directly to the RCJAA.

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

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____