

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, September 11, 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
Greg Borchers
Absent: John Grogean

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

- The minutes of the August 14, 2019 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Goubeaux, and seconded by Barga to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Borchers to approve the bills as presented. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by High and seconded by Simon to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yea, motion passed.

Finance

Voisard explained that the Ohio Attorney General's office will now be collecting income delinquent income taxes. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Barga. All yea, motion passed.

Borchers moved and High seconded the **Resolution 19-9-11 Authorizing an Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General's Office for the Collection of Delinquent Income Taxes Owed to the Village and Declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yea, motion passed.

Voisard explained that it is necessary to pass a resolution accepting the amounts and rates for tax purposes. Borchers moved and Simon seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 19-9-11a Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.** All yea, motion passed.

Police

Sheriff Lenhart reported on activity for the month of August, which consisted of routine activity. He said that there was a counterfeit bill passed at the Russia Homecoming. Daugherty said he has had residents ask if the driver of a golf cart has to be a licensed driver, or if a driver with a permit can drive as long as there is a licensed driver in the cart. Sheriff Lenhart said he would check and report back.

2019 Paving

Shappie reported that the Village is paying the entire invoice for the paving project in the amount of \$122,305.85. The Village invoiced the Township for \$19,327.00 for their share of the project, which was approved at the township meeting. Reimbursement should be received this week.

2020 OPWC

Matt Hoying went over the OPWC Grant application for 2020. The application was written for the East Main Street Utility Extension. He said that the Village could apply with \$161,288 Village match, or \$178,332 Village match. The higher match might slightly increase the score of the application. Council decided to apply with the \$161,288 Village match. High moved and Goubeaux seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 19-9-11c Authorizing Mayor Terry Daugherty to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and to Execute Contracts as Required.** All yea, motion passed.

Farm Ground Rent Bids

Shappie said that bids were received for the rent of farm ground owned by the Village. Bids were posted for 2 plots, 55 acres and 10 acres. Bids were received as follows:

J Drees Farms

\$302 per acre for each plot for a total of \$19,630.00

Robert Goubeaux

55 acre plot \$276 per acre \$13,800

10 acre plot \$277.50 per acre \$ 2,775

Total \$16,575

RB and B Farms

55 acre plot \$267 per acre \$14,685

10 acre plot \$227 per acre \$ 2,270

\$16,955

Dustin Meyer

\$195 per acre for each plot for a total of \$12,675

Borchers moved and High seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$302 per acre from J Drees Farms. All yea, motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Shappie explained that the Village needs to develop an ongoing strategy for protecting the source of water for the Village, and that it is necessary to appoint a committee for this purpose.

Simon moved, and Barga seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 19-9-11b Appointing a Committee to Develop a Strategy to Protect the Water Source of the Village of Russia, Ohio.** All yea, motion passed.

Council discussed the number of trees that should be purchased at the upcoming sale at Brown’s Nursery. It was decided to allow a maximum of \$2,500.

Shappie said that the old F-450 dump truck was sold for \$21,000.

Shappie said that NK Telco wants to put a gravel driveway to their shed near the water tower. Council agreed that they could put in a driveway, but it would have to be a dust-free hard surface to meet Village regulations.

Shappie said that he has been asked by two other residents about a remedy for the erosion of the ditch bank. Council agreed that something has to be done to remedy the situation. Shappie said he will get prices on dredging the bottom, and try to come up with ideas for addressing the bank erosion problem.

Barga said he has quotes back for the proposed building at the park. The total is about \$125,000 without plumbing and electric. With those included, it would be about \$150,000. Several council members felt that the current proposed location would not be the best. They felt that if the current restrooms were demolished, the new restrooms would be too far away from the main shelter and playground. Other options were discussed. Shappie again said he feels that there needs to be a committee composed of representatives from the Village, Park Board, School, Athletic Boosters, and RCJAA so all organizations can give their opinions on a 5 year plan including proposed funding. Several Council members said that they would like to go to the park to look over several proposed locations for the building.

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 _____