

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023 – 8:30 A.M.
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Berger, Canton, Cavanagh, Galicki, Porter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bell

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Street Commissioner Alder, Solicitor Matheney

The Mayor called the Special Council meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Fiscal Officer read the roll.

Porter made a motion to approve Bell’s absence, seconded by Berger. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

PARKS COMMITTEE: The Mayor addressed issues with the reservation of the park by the Chagrin Falls Middle School. He said there were over 50 people, the trails will be closed for three hours on four different days, they asked for the waiving of fees, they want to install restrooms, and there will be additional mowing. **Cavanagh made a motion to approve the additional issues for the park for the Chagrin Falls Middle School track team for over 50 people, close the trails four different dates, waive fees, install restrooms, and additional mowing, seconded by Canton.** The Solicitor stated that Council already approved the trail closing. Galicki noted that in looking at the most recent application, they are asking for the entire park to be closed and not just the trails. The Solicitor thought the applicant would amend this because he knew it was just the trails that were approved. She spoke with him regarding insurance, and he will be sending a certificate of insurance adding the Village as an additional insured for the four days. The Solicitor did not know of the request for a waiver of a fee, but she was aware he had been told the fees could be waived. He also asked about the additional porta potties, which had not been discussed. The Solicitor added she had not heard about the additional mowing and observed that it was not on the application. It was clarified that the applicant with whom the Solicitor spoke was Todd Thombs. Galicki asked if the school was providing, installing, and removing the porta potties, or would it be at the Village’s expense. The Solicitor did not know. Cavanagh said she would clarify this. Canton asked how many schools were involved, and the Solicitor advised Thombs did not say. She did not know how many side conversations had been going on with Thombs, but he did not tell her how many schools but said there would be about 85 kids which was the reason for the additional porta potties. This did not include spectators. There was also nothing discussed with her about additional mowing.

Berger asked if there would be a need for police presence based on the number of people. The Mayor said no. Galicki asked if there would be parking for parents and where and how it would be directed. The Mayor said that they will be parked along the power lines just like a concert. Berger asked who would direct them to park along the power lines, and the Mayor said he

probably would with the assistant coach. Berger verified there would be a South Russell presence at the event to help direct it. The Mayor concurred and said it would be at all four events. The Solicitor clarified that the additional porta potties would be there for the duration of the dates as she understands from the application. Porter clarified that they would not be taking them away in between meets. Cavanagh said she would call and get this straightened out. Berger thought it was a great use of the park but thought it important to address the specific details.

The Mayor said he threw in the additional mowing because he thought they would want a special area for the start and finish line. Porter clarified that there would be some kind of assembling place that the Mayor wanted to have the three-acre portion owned by the Village mowed for the assembling point on the north side of the park. The Mayor agreed. **Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Porter introduced an ordinance approving the Safety Intervention Grant agreement between the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation and the Village of South Russell for the Toro Tracked Mud Buggy and Mud Mixer, authorizing the Street Commissioner to execute the grant agreement, ratifying the Street Commissioner's execution of the grant agreement on July 13, 2023, and declaring an emergency. Porter made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Cavanagh. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Porter made a motion to adopt, seconded by Cavanagh. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2023-46**

Cavanagh introduced an ordinance amending the safety section of the Village of South Russell's Employee Handbook and declaring an emergency. Cavanagh made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Cavanagh made a motion to adopt, seconded by Porter. Roll call ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2023-47**

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, **Porter made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 a.m. seconded by Berger. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**



William G. Koons, Mayor



Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer

Prepared by Leslie Galicki