

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH RUSSELL
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SOUTH RUSSELL, OHIO 44022**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

- 1-20-2026 Regular Council Meeting

FORFEITURE HEARING

- 88 Paw Paw Lake Drive

VISITORS (All visitor comments are limited to 5 minutes)

- Kristi Pinkley, Geauga County Health Department – Septic Operation and Maintenance Program

MAYOR'S REPORT

FISCAL OFFICER

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SOLICITOR

ENGINEER

STREET COMMISSIONER

- Motion to approve Change Order No. 1-Final for the Hemlock Road Culvert Replacement in the amount of (\$1,908.57).
- Motion to approve Construction Progress Payment Application No. 1-Final for the Hemlock Road Culvert Replacement in the amount of \$95,741.43.

STREET COMMITTEE

BUILDING COMMITTEE

POLICE CHIEF

SAFETY COMMITTEE

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

- Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Salt Storage Facility Design-Build Project for engineering costs for redesign for additional and changed items for final plans in the amount of \$4,500 by CMG Contracting.
- Motion to approve Progress Payment Application No. 2 to CMG Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$38,640 for the Salt Storage Facility – Design-Build Project.

PARKS COMMITTEE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS – Next ordinance #2026-03

- Second reading of an ordinance amending the order of business on the agenda for Regular Council meetings in section 220.04 (a) of the Village of South Russell's Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency.
- Second reading of an ordinance approving the purchase of a 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid Vehicle from Montrose Ford for the total sum of \$44,730, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute necessary documents for such purchase, and declaring an emergency.
- Second reading of an ordinance approving the Service Agreement between the Village of South Russell and Uniti Solutions for upgrade to the internet service for the Village of South Russell Police Department in the amount of \$3,552.00,

authorizing the Police Chief to execute the service agreement on behalf of the Village, and declaring an emergency.

- Second reading of an ordinance approving the customer agreement between the Village of South Russell and Motorola Solutions, Inc. for in-car mobile videos and necessary software to operate such in-car mobile videos for the Village of South Russell Police Department in the amount of \$52,514.55, authorizing the Police Chief to execute the customer agreement on behalf of the Village, and declaring an emergency.
- Second reading of an ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to apply for and accept NOPEC grant funds for the 2026 Community Event Sponsorship Program on behalf of the Village of South Russell and declaring an emergency.
- Second reading of an ordinance approving the Master Authorization for Treasury Management Services Agreement Between the Village of South Russell and the Huntington National Bank for check deposit capture services for the Village of South Russell, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village, and declaring an emergency.
- Introduce an ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2026 Energized Community Grant.
- Introduce an ordinance approving Attachment A to the Master Services Agreement for professional services to allow Verdantas to prepare the plans on behalf of the Village for ODOT approval to resurface Bell Road from Chillicothe Road to the Village east corporation line in an amount not to exceed \$143,000, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to execute the attachment on behalf of the Village, and declaring an emergency.
- Introduce an ordinance authorizing the 2026 Property and Casualty Insurance with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio and declaring an emergency.
- Introduce an ordinance adopting a new moratorium on the reviewing, issuing, and processing of any permits relating to retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors of adult use cannabis within the Village of South Russell for a period of 12 months, and declaring an emergency.
- Introduce an ordinance transferring up to \$1,440,000 to the Safety Fund, up to \$375,000 to the Operating Fund, up to \$39,000 to the Street Maintenance Fund, up to \$170,000 to the Special Land and Building Fund, up to \$460,000 to the General Fund, up to \$21,000 to the Parks & Recreation Fund, up to \$100,000 to the Large Equipment Fund, and up to \$360,000 to the Bell Road East fund, and declaring an emergency.
- Introduce an ordinance amending the 2026 Annual Appropriations increasing Income Tax Transfers \$235,000, Street Maintenance expenses \$50,000, Special Road Fund expenses \$135,000 and Special Land and Building expenses \$5,000, and declaring an emergency.
- Introduce an ordinance transferring up to \$50,000 to the Street Maintenance Fund, \$50,000 to the Special Land & Building Fund and \$135,000 to the Special Road Fund, and declaring an emergency.

PAYMENT REGISTER

- Motion to ratify the Payment Register of 1/30/26 to 1/31/26 in the amount of \$72,103.23

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

- Safe Bicycle & Pedestrian Transport Committee
- Administration/Technology Committee

- Motion approve Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Trash Day. (with April 29th and April 30th for Senior Trash Days)
- Letter of Support for Geauga County Planning Commission grant application from the Ohio Department of Agriculture to update the 2008 Geauga County Farmland Preservation Plan
- Motion to acknowledge the resignation of Council member Misha Alexander effective February 1, 2026
- Motion to approve advertising to fill the vacant Council seat with an application deadline of February 10, 2026.
- Motion to schedule a Special Council for [x date(s) at x time(s)] the purpose of entering into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Motion to schedule a Special Council meeting for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the appointment of a public official pursuant to ORC Section 121.22(G)(1).

ADJOURNMENT

Section 220.02(g)(2) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell

(2) Oral communications. Any person or his authorized representatives who wishes to address Council should notify the Fiscal Officer by noon on the Thursday before the scheduled meeting to be included on the agenda. During the visitors section, any person or his authorized representatives may appear before Council on any matter of Village business at the proper time provided in the agenda by rising and securing permission of the Presiding Officer. Such person shall state in an audible tone of voice for the record his name and address and the name and address of the person or group he may represent, if other than himself. Such person shall limit his address to five minutes unless the Presiding Officer or Council grants further time. No person other than the members of Council and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of Council, without the permission of the Presiding Officer. No question shall be asked of a member of Council except through the Presiding Officer.

FEBRUARY 2026 MEETINGS

February 5, 2026, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting
 February 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

MARCH 2026 MEETINGS

March 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting
 March 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

APRIL 2026 MEETINGS

April 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting
 April 20, 2026, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting