

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026– 8:00 A.M.  
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bell, Berger, Canton, Rensel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cavanagh

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Police Chief Rizzo, Solicitor Matheney

The Mayor called the Special Council meeting to order. The Fiscal Officer read the roll. Cavanagh was absent.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Canton provided a third 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. Canton made a motion to adopt, seconded by Rensel. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2026-03**

Canton provided a third 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. Canton made a motion to adopt, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2026-04**

Canton provided a third 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. Canton made a motion to adopt, seconded by Rensel. Roll call -ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2026-05**

Canton provided a third 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. Canton made a motion to adopt, seconded by Rensel. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2026-06**

Berger provided a third 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. Berger made a motion to adopt, seconded by Bell. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2026-07**

Berger provided a third 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. Berger made a motion to adopt, seconded by Bell. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2026-08**

Berger provided a second reading of an ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2026 Energized Community Grant and declaring an emergency.

Bell provided a second reading of 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.

Berger provided a second reading of an ordinance authorizing the 2026 Property and Casualty insurance with Public Entities Pool of Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of 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.

Berger provided a second reading of 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.

Berger provided a second reading of 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.

Berger provided a second reading of 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.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being that there was no further business before Council, Bell made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 a.m., seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

  
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William G. Koons, Mayor

  
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Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer

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