

**INDIAN LAKE OHIO
VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING**

MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2017

Mayor Reames called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Mrs. Marie Hendel, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. John Huffman, present; Mrs. Kelly Huffman, present; Mrs. Joan Maxwell, present; Mrs. Libby Stidam, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

Recorder: Clerk of Court/Mayor's Assistant, Dianne Gauder. Fiscal Officer, Jeff Weidner was unavailable for this meeting.

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Greg Iams, Trustee, Board of Public Affairs
Mrs. Pat Cochenour, Chairperson, Board of Public Affairs
Mrs. Ann Elleman, Trustee, Board of Public Affairs
Mr. Nate Dunham, WPKO/WBLL Radio
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Village Solicitor
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief

Minutes: **July 17, 2017 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the July 17, 2017 Council meeting minutes.

Mrs. Libby Stidam seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mrs. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mrs. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mrs. Libby Stidam, yea; and, Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports: **Mayor's Report** –

The July 2017 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$911.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to approve the July 2017 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted.

Mrs. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mrs. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mrs. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mrs. Libby Stidam, yea; and, Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Board of Public Affairs –

Mrs. Pat Cochenour asked Mayor Reames if the Water/Street Department employees have been staying until close of business at 4:30 as instructed. Mayor Reames stated that sufficient discussions have happened and reprimands will be issued. Mayor Reames reported that the village was not a recipient of CDBG grants submitted for storm water and waterline improvements. She will be seeking other means to obtain funding for improvements. Mayor Reames will be working with John Cleek (Community Development Consultants of Ohio) after upcoming changes to the CDBG program and apply for funding when available. Mr. Wallace received a complaint regarding the storm drainage catch basin on Clermont near The Landing restaurant. He reported that the basins are caving in due to traffic. Mr. Huffman suggested having the street crew inspect the catch basins and put out traffic cones for safety and liability reasons. Mayor Reames also reported that ODOT will be completing camera inspections on the storm drainage lines along US Route 33 at the sinkhole locations. Their equipment is now operational and the job will be done soon. Mayor Reames further reported

that she is still waiting on information from Logan County Engineer, Scott Coleman, regarding drainage for White Oaks Subdivision. Mrs. Cochenour asked if the drainage repairs on Morse Street will be completed by the requested date of September 1. Mayor Reames will check with employees on the status.

Police Department –

Mr. Wallace said news outlets are reporting that Ford Explorers are having carbon monoxide issues as shown in recent police officer body cameras. This has led to crashes. Council discussed potentially cancelling the order for the new police cruiser given this issue. Chief Freyhof said there is no recall on the vehicles at this time and hopes the defect is corrected before we receive the new cruiser for our department. He did not recommend cancelling the vehicle order. Chief Freyhof said the 2012 Dodge cruiser is back after having the engine rebuilt. It is running fine with the exception of some air conditioning issues. He found a very affordable repair for the air conditioning issue without incurring additional costs. Chief Freyhof reported that the Harborfest was a success and the new officers are working out well. He said there will be some scheduling changes to allow auxiliary officers more duty time and the funding allotted is still available. Chief Freyhof said there will be three impound vehicles going up for auction along with the bicycles. Mayor Reames stated the Mayor’s Report shows an increase in traffic enforcement. Chief Freyhof said the cooperation between Washington Township law enforcement and Russells Point officers has been outstanding. Mrs. Maxwell reported that the Indian Lake Community Church “Ladies Aid” held a musical and dinner fundraiser. Mrs. Maxwell presented the Police Department with a donation of \$500 for our Safety Town program with the proceeds from this church fundraiser.

Parks and Recreation Report –

Mayor Reames discussed a quote from Yoder’s Vinyl Fencing for posting sponsor signs for the John and Mary Rudolph Nature Area. The cost for the fencing is \$825.00 but will require the village to obtain several I-beams. Mayor Reames will be working with United Tool in Lakeview to seek options for getting the support beams to complete the project.

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Mrs. Maxwell reported on the recent Fire Board meeting. The Indian Joint Fireman’s Club will have a pancake breakfast on Saturday, September 9, 2017. She further reported that the fire district has decided to postpone a levy on the upcoming ballot to address two upcoming small levies that expire soon. The Fire Board did not want to have a levy on at the same time as the EMS district. The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Indian Lake Joint EMS District Report –

Mrs. Hendel reported on the recent Indian Lake Joint EMS Meeting. The EMS board will be placing a three mill levy for five years on the November ballot. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 17-1153, To Amend Personnel Policy Manual Regarding Workplace Violence and Concealed Carry

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 17-1153 by title for the first reading.

Mrs. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh stated this change to the personnel policy manual is to be compliant with state law from December. The policy change will allow employees to have a firearm locked in their vehicle while at work. Mr. Wallace asked for clarification if employees would be permitted to have a firearm in vehicles within the building. Mr. Eshenbaugh stated that although the issue of home rule may apply, it may not be legal to prohibit employees from having a firearm in their locked vehicle. He further explained that the firearm must be locked in the vehicle in the trunk or

glove box. Mr. Huffman stated he is more concerned about a criminal from the public coming in and not employees. Mr. Huffman and Mrs. Huffman stated they would rather have employees have firearms with them in the building. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Eshenbaugh noted that a sign is posted prohibiting firearms in the building for the public. He will have to do research to see if the public can be prohibited from having firearms in the office if the employees are permitted to so. Mr. Huffman requested Mr. Eshenbaugh to research if employees could be permitted to have firearms on their person while in the building. Mr. Eshenbaugh suggested that the village insurance carrier be contacted.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mrs. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mrs. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mrs. Libby Stidam, yea; and, Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.
The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Ordinance 17-890, Mayor's Salary

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO DISBURSE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND TO THE MAYOR AND THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.

No action was taken at this time.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Carpet Removal

Mayor Reames reported that the carpet would be removed on Wednesday, August 16 by inmates from the Logan County Jail. The workers will move furniture and pull carpet in preparation for the renovations to the municipal building office areas. Offices are closed to the public that day and Mayor Reames will be here in case Chief Freyhof is dispatched to a call for service.

B. Request for Change of Zoning District

Mayor Reames reported that a zoning change request has been submitted by Mr. Brad Beatley. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on August 22, 2017.

C. Income Tax Review Board

Mayor Reames explained the need for the tax review board. She stated there will be two members approved individually by Council and one member appointed by the Mayor. Volunteers who are willing to serve are: Jill Spencer, Fiscal Officer of the village of Waynesfield; Nathan Motter, Chief of Police of the village of Waynesfield; and Rob Armentrout, Loan Officer with Osgood State Bank in Lakeview.

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to accept Jill Spencer to be placed on the Income Tax Review Board. Mrs. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ms. Gauder stated that she has worked directly with Mrs. Spencer, who also has experience with Central Collection Agency (CCA), and highly recommends her for the board.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mrs. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mrs. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mrs. Libby Stidam, yea; and, Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.
The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to accept Nathan Motter to be placed on the Income Tax Review Board. Mrs. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ms. Gauder stated that she was worked directly with Mr. Nathan Motter and highly recommends him for the board. Mr. Wallace said that he is also volunteering to serve our village.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mrs. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mrs. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mrs. Libby Stidam, yea; and, Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.
The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mayor Reames stated that she is appointing Rob Armentrout to the Income Tax Review Board. Mrs. Stidam asked why these board members are not local residents. Mr. Eshenbaugh replied that board members cannot be local or pay into our local tax base.

D. Stone at the end of Clermont Avenue

Mr. Wallace reported that rocks at the end of Clermont Avenue have been moved again and it appears that a ramp to launch a wave runner has been created. Ms. Gauder explained that the Code Enforcement Department has been researching the issue and Mr. Roger Brown will be giving an update at the next Council meeting as he is waiting to hear back from the State Park Manager about the dock permit status for the adjacent property owner.

E. Main Street Banners

Mayor Reames reported the new banners have been up on utility poles for the past week and a half or so. Two of the banners had the grommets on the wrong side. Mr. Huffman stated the company did the new banners at no cost to the village to make it right from the past order with errors.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ODOT Project 101087

Mayor Reames reported the Ohio Department of Transportation will be resurfacing US Route 33 from County Road 270 to McCalla Road (Township Road 94). The project is scheduled to begin on Tuesday after Labor Day. The Russells Point Police Department will provide traffic control while the project proceeds through the village. Pavement will be milled during the resurfacing, which is a good time to do any maintenance that may require a street cut down the road. ODOT was advised that there is ponding of water at the patch made at the intersection. The maintenance company for our traffic light will inspect for any sensor replacements before the paving begins.

B. Property Forfeiture at 117 Warren Avenue

Mayor Reames reported the parcel at 117 Warren Avenue, which is in an R-2 district and south of the Habitat for Humanity house, is a non-conforming lot. It has become available as a property forfeiture but can no longer be acquired at little to no cost. The village has been mowing the lot and putting assessments on the property taxes. Mr. Eshenbaugh did not recommend that we acquire this property but let it revert to the Logan County Land Trust. Mr. Eshenbaugh will contact the LUC Regional Planning Commission before the deadline to have the property revert into the Land Trust.

C. Planning Commission Vacancy

Mayor Reames reported that Mr. Ralph Furhman is no longer able to serve on the Planning Commission. She is recommending to appoint Steve Hepp, who was recently appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Hepp has a fair amount of zoning experience.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to appoint Steve Hepp to the Planning Commission. Mrs. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mrs. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mrs. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mrs. Libby Stidam, yea; and, Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to go into executive session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Mrs. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mrs. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mrs. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mrs. Libby Stidam, yea; and, Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Libby Stidam seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

*Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mrs. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mrs. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mrs. Libby Stidam, yea; and, Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.
The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Robin Reames wanted to recognize Dale Frymyer, volunteer with the Indian Lake United Christian Services Food Pantry, which is located in the municipal building. Mr. Frymyer used left over mulch from the Indian Lake Development Corporation, spread the extra mulch around the municipal building, pulled weeds, and repaired and painted the damaged garage door to the Food Pantry. Mayor Reames wanted Council to know of Mr. Frymyer’s volunteer efforts and taking a stake in the appearance of the Russells Point Municipal Building.

Mayor Reames discussed the success of the Harborfest and how well received the event was as a family festival for the community. There is an upcoming meeting at the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce to recap the event and prepare for next year. She asked Council for feedback to bring to that strategy planning meeting. Mrs. Maxwell mentioned that flyers for the ride company were placed in mailboxes with many errors and listed the “Russells Point Chamber of Commerce”. Mayor Reames was aware of illegal flyers placed on utility poles and had those all removed by village staff. Mr. Wallace mentioned that families had complained about one ride company charging cash and another only accepting ride tickets. He also wants to be sure that the state inspection offices, such as the fire marshal and ride inspectors, are overseeing the safety of the vendors coming to town.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 17-1154 Next Resolution: 17-891

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Clerk of Court/Mayor’s Asst. Dianne Gauder
For Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed