

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
October 16, 2017**

Mayor Reames called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

*Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to excuse Ms. Marie Hendel from the meeting. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.*

*Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to excuse Ms. Kelly Huffman from the meeting. No second was made and the motion died.*

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point  
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliott, Russells Point  
Mr. Greg Iams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point  
Mr. Tim Reese, Street Superintendent  
Mr. Jacob Brunson, Street/Water Laborer

Minutes: **October 2, 2017 Council Meeting**

*Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the October 2, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes with the addition of Mr. Steve Terrell's name added to the list of guests. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.*

**October 10, 2017 Special Council Meeting**

*Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the October 10, 2017 Special Council Meeting Minutes as written. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.*

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the September 2017 bank reconciliation; cash fund reports, and payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank statement. The Village has a pooled cash balance of \$3,616,650.38. Since it was the end of the third quarter, council was also provided a copy of the appropriation and revenue status reports.

Council was also informed that Buckeye State Bank in DeGraff, Ohio is offering 1.7% interest on a 12-month certificate of deposit. The deposit cap is \$200,000. The current interest rate on the money market fund is 1.1%. Purchase of a CD at the maximum amount would yield an additional \$1,200 in interest for the year.

The third quarter revenue report was compared to the same period last year. Revenue is up by approximately \$15,000 which is a considerable increase since last year's revenue included

\$41,000 in inheritance tax money. Significant increases in revenue include income tax (up \$18,060), interest (up \$13,175), ticket waivers (up \$5,165), and impounds (up \$2,084).

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays*

**Street Department Report –**

Mr. Reese reported that the electric service at the Fairview park has been replaced and excess poles have been removed. Poles and street signs have been replaced at 12 intersections on the north side of the village and there are approximately 19 more that need done. The flag banners have been removed per council’s request. Mr. Reese introduced the new street and Water laborer, Jacob Brunson to council.

Mayor Reames reported that ODOT will allow the village to place street signs on top of the stop signs along SR 366. The village will need to purchase the appropriate brackets. ODOT will also supply “No Stopping” signs that can be placed on Main Street near McDonald’s Restaurant. As discussed in prior council meetings, ODOT has also completed the camera inspection of the sink holes along U.S. Rt. 33 near Mimi’s Restaurant and the Donut Shop. They informed the village that they are not part of the drainage system and to backfill the holes.

Council was asked if they would like to proceed with contracting with Midwest Paving for analysis of the village roadways as discussed in the last two meetings. Council agreed to proceed with the service.

**Indian Lake EMS Report –**

Mayor Reames addressed council with concerns regarding the village’s representative to the Indian Lake EMS Board, Marie Hendel. Mayor Reames prepared a written statement of various instances of concern, reviewed and discussed them with council, and asked that the report be included as a part of these minutes. In light of the issues, Mayor Reames made a recommendation that Ms. Hendel be removed as the Village of Russells Point’s representative to the Indian Lake EMS Board.

*Ms. Libby Stidam made a motion to remove Marie Hendel as the Village of Russells Point representative to the IL EMS Board and appoint Mayor Robin Reames as the replacement until the next regular appointment is determined in 2018. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays*

It was also clarified that Ms. Stidam will continue to act as the alternate for the remainder of the year.

**Police Report –**

Chief Freyhof will be helping to provide additional resources in Bellefontaine this Friday during the funeral of Bellefontaine PD Dispatcher, Krista McDonald. Officer Praither received minor injuries during a recent altercation. The department will have firearms qualifications this Saturday. All available officers will be out for trick or treat night. Radios awarded to the village through a grant received by the LC Sheriff’s Department is expected to arrive this Wednesday.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. **Ordinance 17-1154; Amend Chapter 123 regarding posting places (second reading)**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO**

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 17-1154 by title on the second reading. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays*

**B. Ordinance 17-1156; Zoning District Change**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1161 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT AND CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM B-2 TO B-3 IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 17-1156 by title. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays*

**C. Resolution 17-893; Establishing Sister City with Fatima, Portugal**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FATIMA, PORTUGAL AND RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO**

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 17-893 by title. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

Discussion: Council questioned as to any religious or monetary ties that may be associated with establishing the sister city. Mayor Reames stated that there are no monetary ties and that it's more of a cultural tie than religious.

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Tree on Navaho Alley**

Dayton Power & Light will be contacted to see if they can remove the limbs near the power lines before obtaining quotes to remove the tree.

**B. MK Ventures Lawsuit**

The suit has been settled. MK Ventures agreed to pay a settlement in two lump sum payments. The first payment was due upon filing of the Consent Decree and the remainder is due on or before July 31, 2018.

C. Honda Transmission Loading Dock Alterations

Honda Transmission provided a drawing of the renovations that they will be doing to their leased space in the municipal building. County or zoning permits will not be required for the alterations. The lease for the warehouse space will also be reviewed and updated.

D. Old Cell Tower Removal

Mayor Reames has confirm with Sergeant Fuhrlong of the Logan County Sheriff’s Office that all of their equipment has been removed from the old tower. The village is now waiting to see if Verizon will be razing the tower.

E. Log Jam

Council received pictures of the log jam that was discovered in the ravine near the old railroad trestle. The Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources were contacted to see if they could provide any assistance with the removal of the logs. Though neither department was able to offer help, it was suggested that the village contact the Logan County Soil & Water District.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Ohio Municipal League Training

The Mayor will be attending Mayor’s Court training on Friday, November 3, 2017.

B. Mayor’s Absence

Mayor Reames informed council of the dates of her absence during her visit to Fatima, Portugal during the International Congress of Religious Tourism. She will meet with the President Pro-Tem prior to her departure to discuss the agenda of the November 20, 2017 council meeting during her absence.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

A. Community Market Event

The Community Market in Lakeview will be holding an Education Night on Monday, November 6, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. John Huffman. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.*

Next Ordinance: 17-1157 Next Resolution: 17-894

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, October 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

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Mayor Robin Reames

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Date Passed

***MAYOR REAMES REPORT TO COUNCIL REGARDING THE  
VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INDIAN LAKE EMS BOARD***

Marie has failed to adequately perform her duties as village representative on the ILEMS Board of Trustees as noted in the following instances.

Aug 23, 2017 – Marie failed to notify the Mayor or Fiscal Officer that she was unable to attend the August 23, 2017 ILEMS Board meeting. Her failure to notify either of us gave the village no opportunity to send either our alternate or anyone else to gather information from the meeting to be shared with the council.

Sept 27, 2017 - According to the ILEMS Board meeting minutes, Don Lewis made a motion to pass a resolution that anyone who has resigned from the EMS Board before the end of their term may not come back and serve on the board again. Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed. The minutes indicated that the Clerk was to write the resolution so that it could be signed at the following meeting. It appears that the resolution may have been voted upon before it physically existed.

Oct 2, 2017 – Marie failed to inform the council of the intentions of the board to amend the By-Laws. Per the By-Laws approved on or about June 14, 2017, Article 8 states “Any amendment, suspension or repeal in whole or in part of these By-Laws shall be proposed at any meeting of the Board of Trustees and shall be presented to and reviewed by each of the Member Entities represented for ratification at the District’s next regular meeting following the proposed amendment, alteration or suspension request by the Board of Trustees.”

In this particular instance the result would have a direct effect on how the council appoints the village representation to the ILEMS Board.

I have consulted with our Solicitor and his reply was “I am not sure they can bind the Council on who to pick as its representative. Would have to see the By-Laws, but even then, not sure they can tell us what to do. We are likely a separate entity not bound by their requirements.”

Oct 11, 2017- ILEMS Board meeting had been held at 5pm. I attended the ILEMS Levy Committee meeting at 7pm.

Up to this point none of us have had any knowledge of what had transpired in the September 27 or October 11 meeting of the ILEMS Board.

In the midst of the meeting I was informed by Marie and Don Lewis (Washington Township's Board member) that the ILEMS Board had passed a resolution stating that any past member that had resigned from the board would not be eligible to serve in that capacity in the future. I asked if it was an amendment to the by-laws. The response was yes.

Oct 12, 2017- Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner, under my direction, requested a copy of the signed meeting minutes from the ILEMS Board meeting held on September 27, 2017 and a copy of the resolution. The minutes were faxed to the village office and he was told that the copy of the resolution could not be sent because board member Orvil Wickersham (Stokes Township’s Board Member) had not signed it yet. The minutes indicated that the clerk was requested to draft this resolution. It is not certain if the resolution was voted on without a physical copy. There is no indication that the resolution was either written or reviewed by legal counsel.

Oct. 12, 2017 – Marie and Thomas came into the village office and per their conversation they had been advised of our records requests.

Oct 13, 2017 -A copy of the Resolution 2017-09-01 signed by ILEMS Board President Dennis Harford was received from the ILEMS Clerk.

Failure to inform council on matters that would have a potential affect the council, village officials, and the residents is in excusable.

Failure to follow the ILEMS By-Laws which she approved in June is also in excusable.

Marie is failing to fulfill the expectation of the duties of our representative to the ILEMS Board.

Marie was appointed to council in October of 2014, reelected in November of 2015 to serve a term that will expire in Dec 2019. Marie is not new to local government procedures. This is not a simple oversight. This was done with intent to avoid legal process.

In light of the points that I have listed above, I am recommending that Marie Hendel be removed as representative of Russells Point to the ILEMS Board. I am suggesting that I serve as an interim representative until the new committee and board members are selected in January of 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Reames

Mayor