

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

**MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2015**

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

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

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Ms. Wilma Daley
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliot, Russells Point
Ms. Ann Elleman, 530 Miami, Russells Point
Mr. David Hendel, 905 Kentucky Circle, Marysville
Mr. Thomas Hendel, 23 Lake Lane, Russells Point
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Mr. Doug Mitchell, LC Sheriff Deputy
Ms. Libby Stidam, 413 Fairview Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Marsha Wright

Minutes: **January 5, 2015**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the January 5, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report** –

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the December 2014 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and the November payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank. The Village has a cash balance of \$2,751,915.14. Since it was the end of the quarter, council also received a copy of the revenue status and appropriation reports.

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Weidner also provided an overview of the year and comparisons to prior year reports.

Police Report –

Mayor Reames informed council that the 2012 cruiser is in the shop to have the fuel pump replaced which may still be under warranty. One of the village officers responded to an EMS call and was later informed that the residence was infested with bed bugs and was told to remove all clothing and place in a sealed garbage bag until they could be decontaminated and shower thoroughly. The mayor added that this is the reason that the shower facilities need to be installed in the municipal building. Vogel plumbing will be called to inspect the drain lines and give an estimate on the repairs & installation of the bathroom/shower facilities.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 15-1115, 2014 Final Permanent Appropriations

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. John Huffman made motion to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made motion to accept Ordinance 15-1115 by title. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Logan County Sheriff's Deputy Doug Mitchell

Deputy Mitchell introduced himself to council. He is working to fulfill a one year grant that was awarded to the Logan County Sheriff's Department. He will be patrolling in the areas of Washington, Stokes, Richland & McArthur Townships and will be working the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

B. Ms. Wilma Daley & Ms. Marsha Wright

These individuals are residents of Stokes Township and heard that the village had received funds to help remove blighted structures within the village. They reported that they have made several effort through the Stokes Township Trustees regarding structures within their area, but they have yet to see any action taken to resolve the problems.

The Mayor and Council explained the Moving Ohio Forward Grant that was awarded to the village for the purpose of removing blighted structures. Council also noted other alternative avenues that they can pursue that may be able to help with the issues they are having.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Vacant Council Seat

Mayor Reames opened the floor to any citizens interested in filling the vacant seat.

Two residents; Mr. Greg Iiams and Ms. Libby Stidam showed interest in the vacant council seat.

Both parties was given the opportunity to speak as to why they wished to be considered.

The nominations were closed and ballots were given to the five council members to vote for their choice of the nominees. The ballots were collected and tallied by the Fiscal Officer and recorded as follows: *Mr. Greg Iiams – 2 votes; Ms. Libby Stidam – 3 votes.*

Ms. Stidam was administered the Oath of Office and took her seat.

B. Committee Assignments

The changes to the 2014 committee members are as follows:

Ms. Marie Hendel will replace Mr. Tom LaDow as council representative on the Planning Commission. Ms. Libby Stidam will serve as council representative on the Records Committee. Mr. Dave Wallace will serve as a backup for the Fire Dept. Representative. Ms. Marie Hendel will serve as a backup for the EMS Representative.

C. Verizon Tower

Verizon Engineers are preparing to submit their application to the State for permits required to construct the permanent tower. It was required the site be given a permanent address. It was determined that it will be identified as 180 W. Elliot.

D. Clean Ohio Phase III – Trail Extension and River Access Ramp

The Mayor informed Council that the phase III application has been denied by the Ohio Public Works Commission as a larger acquisition of land was required.

It has been suggested the village apply for an ODNR Trail Grant that is currently available in the amount of \$150,000. The grant would require a 20% match which the Rudolph family has agreed to pay through a donation to the village. The only difference between the OPWC grant and the ODNR grant is that the village would have to pay the project costs as the work is performed, and submit a request for reimbursement from ODNR which could take four to six weeks.

Mr. John Huffman made motion that an application be submitted for the ODNR grant to complete phase III of the project. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consolidated Care Workshop

Consolidated Care will be using council chambers for a workshop that will take place on six consecutive Wednesday evenings from 5-7 p.m. starting January 28, 2015. A police officer will be available to open the building and Ms. Ann Elleman and Ms. Sharon DeVault will alternate as supervision of the facilities during program hours. Mayor Reames will be available to lock the building after the workshops. Mr. Wallace will serve as a backup in the event that Ms. Elleman or Ms. DeVault is unable to attend.

B. Experience Works Program

The Mayor has interviewed a possible candidate for the Experience Works Program, Ms. Cheryl Garland-Briggs. Based on previous experience she would be beneficial to helping with administrative duties. If she is made available to the village through the program, the Mayor’s Assistant, Ms. Dianne Gauder, will act as her supervisor.

C. Solicitors Agenda

The Mayor reviewed the list of projects that the Solicitor, Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh is working on. The list included: updates to the paving ordinance, zoning fee ordinance, sign ordinance, abandoned property ordinance, the farm lease agreement, garage sale permit ordinance, wind turbine ordinance, storm water assessment fee ordinance, and rules for council and BPA.

D. Walter Drane Codified Ordinances

Mr. Weidner provided a list of all ordinances that has been passed since the last codification in 2010 to Walter Drane. Walter Drane will review the list and determine which ordinances they would need to review to determine an estimated cost for updating the codes.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 15-1116 Next Resolution: 15-808

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed