

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

**MINUTES
April 15, 2013**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Sharon DeVault, present; Mr. John Huffman, absent; Mr. Dave Leonard, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Janice Moore, present; President Pro-tem Steve Reid, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Ben Albrecht, Fishel, Hass, Kim, Albrecht, LLP
Ms. Beth Fraley, 208 Second Street, Russells Point
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Mr. Ralph Fuhrman, 730 Grand Ave., Russells Point
Mr. Frank Hatfield, Fishel, Hass, Kim, Albrecht, LLP
Mr. Joel Kranenburg, Code Enforcement Officer
Mr. Mike Myers, 601 Lincoln Blvd., Russells Point
Mr. Tim Reese, Street Superintendent
Mr. David Wallace, 251 Chase, Russells Point

Minutes: **April 1, 2013**

Ms. Janice Moore moved to approve the April 1, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Dave Leonard seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report** –

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the March 2013 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and the March payment register. The bank reconciliation shows the Village books reconciled with the bank. The Village has a cash balance of \$2,371,476.69. Since it was the end of the first quarter, Council was also provided with a copy of the appropriation and revenue status. *Ms. Sharon DeVault moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Parks & Recreation Report –

The committee has acquired the yellow drain tile that will be placed on top of the fencing at the Leppich Field ball diamonds. The cost for the tile is approximately \$300.00. It was also noted that the large field has debris left on the field from the recent flooding that will need to be cleaned up.

Street Superintendent Report –

Mr. Reese reported on recent issues and projects regarding street and water departments:

1. Water running across Wilgus near Rite-Aid: This was noticed by the water department last year; however they were unable to find any leaks. An outside company has been hired to see if any leaks can be detected by sound.
2. Willow Isle Project: During the installation of new water lines and tap-ins to various residents of Willow Isle, the weather turned to heavy rain which caused areas of the dig

to wash out the sides of the trench very quickly and caused a section of the sewer line to be washed out. The repairs were made immediately.

3. U.S. Rt. 33 and SR 708 Crosswalk: It was determined that the LED heads were out on the crosswalk sign and the replacement parts are covered under warranty. Replacement parts have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they are in.
4. Mr. Reese will check to see if a clogged drain is causing the last property on Taylor Street to hold water in the yard.
5. A couple of structures that were slated to be torn down by the Village have been sold. The new owners are expected to rehab the existing structures.
6. The section of sidewalk that was removed during a recent water line dig near the Landing Tavern has been repaired.

Code Enforcement Report –

Mr. Kranenburg reported the following:

1. After the recent changes to the sign ordinance that allows billboards, it was discovered that it does not state where the billboards will be permitted. He is preparing corrections to the ordinance for Council's approval.
2. He is gathering information from other entities, and will be submitting suggested changes to the ordinance & rules committee regarding the paving ordinance.
3. He noted that the land purchased by R.E. Becker for the purpose of erecting a hotel is currently zoned R2. This will need to be changed to B3 for the purpose of a hotel.
4. There are a total of six structures that were slated to be torn down that are no longer on the list as these have been recently sold.
5. The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 7:00 in regards to a tear down & rebuild of a house on Maple, as well as a variance regarding fence height.
6. The house at the corner of SR 708 and Madison has sold. The new owner has intentions of opening a Chinese restaurant in the house after bringing the structure to code.

Police Chief Report –

Chief Freyhof reported the following:

1. At the close of the current GovDeals auction, Chief Freyhof asked that the funds from the sale of police items be placed in the drug fund. Mr. Weidner noted that there is over \$5,000.00 cash currently in this fund. Only \$400.00 has been appropriated the last several years and the funds haven't been used. If the funds are placed into the drug fund, there are stipulations on what it can be used for.
2. The department has been working on interviewing citizens in regards to the recent explosions that have been heard around the Village. It is thought that the explosions are taking place in the field behind the Logan County Water Pollution Control District, although there has been no evidence found.
3. RPPD would like to donate the 1991 Honda Civic to the Waynesfield Police Department for the continued support and use of their drug canine.

Mr. Steve Reid made a motion to donate the 1991 Honda Civic to the Waynesfield Police Department. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, abstain; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstain.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Personnel Manual

Mr. Frank Hatfield and Mr. Ben Albrecht from Fishel, Hass, Kim, Albrecht, LLP provided Council with literature detailing the services they offer in regards to establishing a personnel manual. They discussed the firm's history, benefits, services and cost structure. Council was given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the costs and level of services.

B. Dumpster for Hard-To-Dispose of Items

Washington Township will be placing dumpsters at various locations around the township from June 6 – June 10, 2013. As done last year, the Village would like to offer the same type of services in conjunction with the township by placing a dumpster at the municipal building. It was suggested that the Village have a dumpster available from June 7 - June 10, 2013.

C. Showcase of Indian Lake

Mayor Reames provided Council with a shift schedule to man the booth for the village to promote the Indian Lake/Great Miami River Open Space Project and asked that anyone wishing to volunteer their time to let her know.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tax Administration

Mayor Reames noted that two firms, All Around Accounting and H & R Block, have both shown interest in obtaining the work of Tax Administrator, currently provided by Central Collection Agency in Cleveland. After discussion it was decided that these two firms should address council as to why the Village should change to their firm as well as an estimated cost to handle the income tax.

B. Logan County Water Pollution Control

A representative from the LCWPC will be attending one of the May council meetings to discuss the installation of valves on the sewer lines.

C. Village Solicitor

Council asked that Mr. Eshenbaugh provide them with a summary of what items he is working on and the progress of each.

D. Hometown Connections

A new publication called Hometown Connections will start circulation at the beginning of May. They have asked that they be provided with post council meeting notes for publication. Council stated that their publication must have the disclaimer that the stories are compiled from post-meeting notes.

E. Impounded Lincoln

There was discussion as to whether or not the Lincoln that was impounded several years ago was in fact suppose to be donated to WRPO Radio Station. There were concerns as to if the Village would be responsible in the event of an accident since the radio station is owned by the Village. It was suggested that the automobile be titled under Grey Fox Broadcasting, the managing company of the radio station, or Gene Kirby, manager. Mayor Reames will discuss this with the Solicitor to determine the best way of handling the situation so that the Village is not liable for any accidents or insurance.

Mr. Dave Leonard moved to adjourn the Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 13-1087 Next Resolution: 13-782

Scheduled Meetings:

A. Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, April 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed