

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2022

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, absent; Mr. John Huffman, absent; Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to excuse Ms. Hinterschied from the meeting. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea;
Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to excuse Mr. Huffman from the meeting. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea;
Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point

Minutes: **September 19, 2022 Council Meeting**

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to approve the September 19, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea;
Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The September 2022 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,233.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the September 2022 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea;
Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided written report of the September 20, 2022 meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:**A. Health Insurance Broker**

Mr. Weidner explained that Foley Insurance is interested in becoming the village's broker of record for the health, dental, vision, and life insurance. Foley Insurance was contacted by the fiscal officer last year to see if they could potentially provide better quotes for the health insurance renewal, however it was discovered that he would be getting the same quotes from the same insurance companies however he did suggest other options for savings on the dental, vision, and life insurance.

When the village started using Waypoint Benefits as the insurance administrator several years ago, there were various billing errors which were found by the fiscal officer, and there were employee complaints over not receiving HRA reimbursements timely. Billing are no longer an issue and the HRA reimbursements are now handled internally so there are no billings that are done through Waypoint. Waypoint does offer alternative options for the dental, vision, and life insurance but the fiscal officer was not sure if they were the same companies as Foley Insurance offered.

After a lengthy discussion, council chose to remain with Waypoint Benefits and to see what other options there are for dental, vision, and life plans. Mr. Weidner also noted that the village has a contract with Waypoint that requires a two-month notification to Waypoint to sever ties. Since Waypoint no longer handles the HRA account and only acts as an administrator for the benefits, he does not see a need for this and will request that Waypoint relieves the village of any contract, as from his discussion with Foley, there should not be a contract if they are just acting as the broker of record.

B. Storm Water Project

The low area of Orchard Isl. Rd. north of Main St. is located in the area of 164 SR 708 (Warren Marina). The current catch basin in this area outlets through a privately owned line running underneath the building on the Warren property to the lake. This line is undersized and there are reported issues with the integrity of the line. Engineers have looked at the surrounding area for other potential outlets but feels that it would be in the best interest to direct the water south under Main Street and U.S. 33 to tie into the drain in front of the Marathon Gas Station, which then makes its way to Lincoln Blvd. and outlets near the nature area. Army Corps, USDA, and RCAP have been advised of the proposed change and they do not feel this would impact the environmental assessment. This would however require ODOT to review the plans which will likely delay the bidding/construction dates 1-2 months.

The USDA required EJCDC Engineering contract has been reviewed by the solicitor and proposed changes have been sent to Choice One Engineering for approval/amendment.

C. Mussel Relocation

The relocation is complete and Stone Environmental has submitted the report to ODNR and USFWS. Per the Fish & Wildlife the project can proceed if all other required authorizations (such as the Army Corps permit) are in place. Both the study and the relocation reports were sent to Choice One Engineering to complete the application process for the Army Corps.

D. Ohio Deferred Compensation

The village adopted the Ohio Deferred Compensation Plan (resolution 654) back in 1992, though there has not been participation for many years. Village employees met with a representative from ODC resulting in some employees wishing to participate in the program. The village's ODC account was re-activated. This is employee pre-tax contribution and there is no cost to the village.

E. Municipal Building Electric Upgrades

Three quotes were received for various electrical upgrades & repairs for the Municipal Building. Area Energy quoted \$5,500; Sidney Electric quoted \$6,281; and Buschur Electric quoted \$7,628.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to proceed with the project as quoted from Area Energy in the amount of \$5,500.00. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

F. Aggregation Public Meeting

The public meeting to answer questions regarding the natural gas and electric aggregation program on the upcoming ballot will be held Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 22-1203 Next Resolution: 22-997

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed