

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2024

Mayor Reames called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Present; Mr. John Huffman, Present Mr. Greg Iiams, Present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Present; Mr. Dave Wallace, Present. Mr. Steve Reid, absent

Motion to excess Steve Reid was made by Joan Hinterschied, Joan Maxwell seconded the motion. This will count as his one time two week notice per council rules.

Vote: all yea

GUESTS: Sharon Devault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer
Jason Smith 315 E Main St, Russells Point
Chris Wallace Russells Point
Biron Stevenson Russells Point
Suzanne Chapman 215 First Rd Russells Point
Kim Werner 215 W Main St Russells Point
Robin Michaels 121 North St Russells Point
K. Bradford Mason 120 Brads Way Russells Point
Bari Bradford 215 Oak Crest Ct Russells Point
John Henschen 121 W Wilgus Dr Russells Point
Wanda Goodman Russells Point

MINUTES:

June 3, 2024 - Council Minutes

Joan Maxwell made a Motion to approve the June 3, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.

Greg Iiams Seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion.

The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; John Hoffman, Yea, Joan Hinterschied Yea

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

REPORTS:

Fiscal Officer Report: Fiscal Officer Vanessa Stidam gave her report that the Audit had been completed. The Village will be seeing invoices for this audit. VRP budgeted \$11,000.00 we will only be paying \$8,450. (Julian & Grube) Report to come in the following month.

Zoning Report: No Discussion

Maintenance Report-The team will be coming in early due to the heat. Hours will be 6:00-2:30 with someone on call.

Water Report- Fiscal Office Vanessa Stidam explained the new meters are going in. Joan Maxwell asked about down time, Vanessa stated about 15 min to half hour.

LUC Report – West liberty change an amendment.

Parks Report – 10% money raised for splash pad. Joan Hinterschied let us know that on June 29th the Gathering Ground will donating some of the proceeds to the Splash Pad. Joan is also working on a Raffle with nonprofits. Splash Pad Update- Joan has 3 or 4 fundraisers for the splash pad started.

Rules and Ordinances-John reported, that Greg took notes. Mayor sent the edits requested to Dinkler Law and the adjustments have been made.

Police Report: Chief Freyhof reported on Mays calls for service- Brandon the new officer is working with him. Call volume has already increased for summer.
35 Code enforcement complaints. 7 Grass or weeds and litter.
Chief stated that a lot of litter could be from the March tornado- He is just focused mostly on the south side of 33. We also still need to get an ordinance in place. He is working with Luann. She has given him a temple to use for this. We also need to make sure we are ordering the Jake Brake sign. Chief said that some of the complaints will end up in court for junk cars.
We had another child locked in the restroom. It is about \$700.00 to add a switch. We have had two in a very short period of time.
We need to also make sure that people are in their yards at 10pm that is curfew.
We need to find someone to tend to our parks. Our teams are working on other things and we need someone for summer support.

Mayor said that she would like us to get all park signs to use the same wording. Joan and Joe will work on getting new signs that state parks close at dusk. Mayor wants Parks and Rec to think about adding times to the signs. Chief said that he feels dusk to dawn is the best thing for all signs to say.

Other updates: Indian Lake Chamber donated \$5000.00 for safety town this will replace a body camera for the police. They also donated \$4000.00 to get two surveillance cams for the Sandy Beach Bridge and monitoring. We will have to have approval with an appropriation with council. We also need to work on getting the items removed from our building. Mayor said that Mike Yoder is working on it. The high value items she is not sure what is going to happen to it.

Joan said that she has proof of Insurance for the Ballfields from Aubrey Snap (Indian Lake Ball)
Dave Wallace had a question about riding lawn mowers being able to drive on the road to get to the next house to mow. Dave said that it was a Russells Point officer. Dave said it was Officer Morgan. Chief would like a sign on it but it is not required.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Jason Smith Thanked everyone for coming to the open house last week. They will have another on June 18th at 6pm this is informational and they have a presentation.
John Henschen he wanted to invite everyone to the Car show at McDonalds to raise money for outreach. Lat year they raised 1500.00. This is from 5-7 on Tuesdays until Labor Day.
Kim Warner- She would like to help us. She deeply cares about her community. She would also like the highlights of the zoning report. Mayor asked what highlights she wants. Kim said she is not sure.

Bari Bradford- Has a issue with the stopping of her construction because she has to get a survey- She was told two months but then did get it back in the mail. She feels since this was storm damage she should be able to have it. She is out 1500.00.

Kim Warner- She is unhappy with seeing everything stopped, when it comes to fixing things up. She will not shear names. She feels that someone could retaliated against. Mayor told her that we lost a lot of Indian Lake History. Mayor shared her story of moving to Indian lake. Mayor stated that FEMA is doing this. Mayor stated that we have to follow the ordnances that are in place today and we will not have any grandfathering.

Bari- Looked at the auditor's report and stated it didn't show her in a flood zone.

Kim Warner-my five minutes are not up and I want to talk. You have a person that works for the village and they can't do all the jobs. You need help. Mayor said we are hiring and trying to help. Mayor told her she can apply. Kim asked what her email would be. Mayor stated that park time people don't always have an email. Please don't ask me to go to Lakeview-

Another lady asked – why someone is living in a camper on Brads Way.

Mayor advised council that we don't allow this.

Dianna stated that 4 seasons will allow the FEMA trailers or RV's they have the ports for your electric water and sewer this is free of charge. This is right down the road.

Mayor said she sees that as a solution. Mayor and her family did this to keep her kids in school.

Kim Warner – requested to have someone else's time if donated. Mayor said I don't know we have never had that come up.

Kim Warner- said she is sorry.

John Hoffman- we can't transfer five minutes. We just looked. We have a village are doing what we can with the ordinances in place.

Kim Warner- said she would need to leave because she is upset and very emotional.

Robin Michaels- I come up to Russells point. I didn't realize the zoning. I am able to repair. The number of lots you would have to buy is 4 in order to be up to code. You are losing people. You will lose property tax. You are losing the charm of Russells Point. Sometimes you have to look at things case by case. This is not a regular area. This is why we choose to buy this place. Some don't have a place to go.

Mayor- stated that if you torn down your house, you would have to rebuild by our ordnances. I am not going to argue with you. This is not a case by case.

Dave Wallace- Asked a question to Bari Bradford. Are people living in the camper? This is two doors down from her. Bill Millers old place. She told Dave she could not rebuild.

Ray Stevenson- Said he had never heard of any of this in his life. He is from Texas. He can't believe they are told they have to have a permit. We live on this property and we pay taxes.

Mayor stated that they have options.

Ray- stated that they can put a camper on there property. The Law lacks compassion. This is not right.

Mayor quested him- If Laws are in place, are we allowed to violate them?

Ray- said no but we should be able to bend the laws or change them.

Mayor – we can't allow one to be none compliant.

Ray- This will take 6 or more months.

Mayor – said we are off topic- a lot of People where talking.

John Hoffman said please allow Ray to speak it is his time.

Mayor said that we all know Lakeview is allowing it. A gentleman come in and told Mayor he gets an RV for two years.

Mayor stated – You have a oppportunity that most people can't afford. The RVs are nicer them most can afford. Emotions are not part of this plan.

John Hoffman- said he has friends and family that lost everything.

Kim- John tell us about Russells Point not other places.

John Hoffman- We have options.

Kim- I care about this community.

John Hoffman – stated that we have to follow the rules that are put in place and we have to follow them.

Kim – John we can't rebuild. I am about the people and I am going to pray and help our people. I will leave and turn my home into an air B&B. the people that are with me are very brave. We will meet tomorrow and grown. I will be coming back. I am inviting First Lady DeWine. I also let Mayor know. I will do my best to have people of Russells Point that can't rebuild with me. I know your next meeting is in two weeks. We have people in the room that can't rebuild.

Mayor – We have other things to cover and I am sure we got your point.

Kim- Thanked everyone.

Question was asked if we do our own Ordinance or if that comes from the state of Ohio.

Mayor stated Generally it is based on Ohio Revised Code.

Chris Wallace- His house is not livable. I was told I can't use it to shower or make food. It is not my habitation.

Chief Joe- would like us to look at a time line and not just let people stay in campers

We are a zoned community and I can't seem to explain this. Council needs to stick to the Ordinance and Laws.

Mayor- Our Zoning officer has tried to explain to the people before tonight. This is not new news. We have tried. We are trying to increase the values of Russells Point, I don't disagree with Chief Joe, but you have been offered an option.

Ray- I am learning. I am worried about my friend Chris.

Mayor- Tornado or Choice doesn't change the laws.

Dave

Dianne- Thank you for the opportunity-We are the ones that placed the stop order – Logan building inspectors and FEMA federal inspectors. This is a sound home. None even called and I have not told anyone that they can't rebuild. When it is a primary structure they may support. We have to worry about sewer and waterlines. FEMA is offering something for free in a safe place. I helped Chris Wallace and helped him get set up. We have regulation we have to follow. Dianne stated she is not code enforcement. We can be sited for this. We can't have gray water and things leaking out on the ground. People are not privileged because of who the family is. We had someone come in today and tell me that I will be prosecuted. Dianne worked on the Public records request after hours to make sure she had it done. You can get the LOMA in less than 10 days. I will spend as much time as needed to help each of you. This is not a pleasant Job but I have to do it.

Mayor – Thanked John for stating that we take an Oath.

Chris- Ask about rebuilding the shed. Dianne said he can, he just needs to ask and she can help.

Dianne- You will need Flow Vents and I can't help you with that tonight.

Wanda- I need to have something because things are coming up missing from my property.

Dave- we seen that people didn't want to leave home because of this.

Wilgus is a ghost town.

Mayor- Let's move on

Greg Iiams made a motion to remove Ord-No 24-1238-24-1239-Res 24-1037 to remove from the table.

Second by John Hoffman.

All in one motion

Vote: all Yes

1. Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. **ORDINANCE NO.: 24-1238 EMERGENCY** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE COMPLIANCE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- **Coyer Case**

John Hoffman made a motion to remove the three-reading rule. Joan Seconded the motion.

Vote: The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman, Yea

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

ORDINANCE NO.: 24-1238 EMERGENCY AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE COMPLIANCE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- **Coyer** Case No: 22 12 0332

John Hoffman made a motion to wave three reading rule Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion

No Discussion

Roll call Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman, Yea

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

ORDINANCE NO.: 24-1239 EMERGENCY AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

John Hoffman made a motion to wave three reading rule Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion

No Discussion

Roll call Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Na; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman, Yea

The Motion Passed: 4 Yeas – 1 Nay

Do we need Five Votes- Mayor, but to pass we need five votes.

John Hoffman made a motion Greg Iiams seconded it.

Dave questioned why we are doing this- Vanessa explained that some of the PPM is not consistent. We are making little change

The Vote: The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman, Yea

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

RESOLUTION NO.: 24-1037 EMERGENCY A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PAIGE MEFFORD, COLLEGE INTERN, TO PERFORM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SERVICES AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

John Hoffman made the motion to wave three reading rule Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

Dave- wants to understand why it has taken so long to get this done.

Mayor let them know that she is an intern and we needed the help and we got it done. Dave wanted to know what rate of pay- Mayor said she did.

Dave has a problem with his email.

The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Na; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman, Yea

The Motion Passed: 4 Yeas – 1 Nays

Dave just wants to know what rate we are paying the intern.

John said you didn't ask the rate.

Mayor said we need to calm down. Mayor wants to understand why Dave is splitting hairs over this.

Dave said he doesn't like all the charges from our solicitor.

Mayor said she is sorry about the email issues.

*Revote requested by John
John made a motion to revoke Res24-1037 by title.
Joan let everyone know she is a hard worker and on task.*

John wants council to know that she is not just helping her but she needs this for school.

*Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman,
Yea*

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

*Joan Maxwell asked if this would make a difference if it come out of Mayors fund and not general fund.
I want to see that you have a right if it is your fund.*

*John Hoffman said this has happened before when we have to get people in and we need to talk about
this.*

Chief Joe- said he has this same issue and wishes for council to look at a rage.

Mayor – We do need a range like 15-20 an hour.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 24-1038 EMERGENCY A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
OFFICER MORGAN STYLES TO EXECUTE A TOLLING AGREEMENT, ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

John Hoffman made a motion to remove the three-reading rule. Joan Seconded the motion.

*Vote: The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John
Hoffman, Yea*

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

John made a motion to approve. Joan Hinterschied seconded it.

*The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John
Hoffman, Yea*

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

ORDINANCE NO.: 24-1240 (1st)

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A TREE COMMISSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH 541.06 PUBIC AND
PRIVATE TREES, AND DESTRUCTION OF SHRUBS, TREES OR CROPS**

John Hoffman made a motion Joan Hinterscheid made the second.

*The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John
Hoffman, Yea*

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

**Resolution NO 24-1039 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Proposal with Clemans Nelson,
Attached as Exhibit a**

John Hoffman made a motion Joan Hinterscheid made the seconded.

Dave asked why- Mayor told him we need updates and job descriptions.

Dave said I thought this is something you did when you first become Mayor.

This is a living Document and it must change over time.

*The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John
Hoffman, Yea*

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

OLD BUSINESS: Phones and Laptops – Update Vanessa

John stated with the village buys them we keep them at the Village.

Paul recommends we get 150.00 laptops or Tablets

Joan didn't understand the computers. Vanessa Explained that that is what she looked into. You can get a small adaptor at Walmart to make this week.

Paul said Chief may also be able to help

Benefits Update – Vanessa – No changes in Dental and Vision per Waypoint.

NEW BUSINESS: John – Temp camper permits should be investigated.

Joan – If Dinkler Law did this in Lakeview would she not know what to do.

Dave- New Sewer water and Elec lines need to.

Dianne- this is why FEMA is offering them at campsites.

John why not allow them.

Greg are we doing what is required by Law.

Maybe Rules and Ordinances should look at this. Dianne FEAM was in for 2 weeks. Having an RV on a small lot could cause a problem. Lakeview had larger sites.

That is why we worry about campers and RV's being safe. We need them to ask, or we can't answer.

Mayor – let us know that Kevin was very Happy when he called that he can build his station in Huntsville.

Vanessa Informed the Council that a payment to OWDA would start on July 1st.

Next Council Meeting

Monday, July 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.- Vanessa will be out on Approved Vacation

Greg liams Motion to move to Excusive session at 9:11. John Hoffman seconded the Motion.

John Hoffman asked to Invite Vanessa, Dianne and Joe.

Mayor requested a five-minute brake.

9:16pm

Executive Session- To consider the appointment, employment of a public employee; to consider the compensation of public employees; to conference with the Village Solicitor concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Return for Executive Session at 9:49pm

John made a motion to approve set rates for Office Help. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion

The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman, Yea

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

John made a motion to approve Part time Maint. person, Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.
The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman, Yea

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

John made a motion to approve Past Holiday pay Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman, Yea

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

John made a motion to approve Company Car Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, yea, John Hoffman, Yea

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

Adjournment

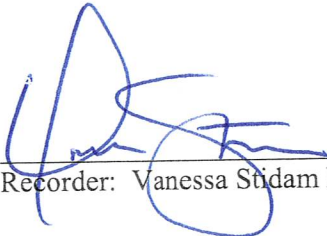
Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn, Joan Hinterschied seconded it.

Vote: All YES

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 P.M.

Next Ordinance: 24-12 Next Resolution: 24-10

Next Council Meeting: Monday, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.


Recorder: Vanessa Stidam FO


Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed: July 1-2024