

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

**MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 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; Ms. Libby Stidam, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Patrick Beam, Bassett & Assoc.
Mr. Roger Brown, Code Enforcement Officer
Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliot, Russells Point
Ms. Ann Elleman, 530 Miami Ave., Russells Point
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Village Solicitor
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Mr. Thomas Hendel, PO Box 1309, Russells Point
Mr. Greg Iams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Mr. Jeff Kelley, WPKO Radio
Mr. Dave Klauer, 614 Grand Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Pam Miller, I.L. Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Steve Reid, 600 High Ave., Russells Point
Mr. Jason Richter, Street Department
Mr. Nate Smith, Bellefontaine Examiner

Minutes: **December 7, 2015**

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the December 7, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report** –

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the November 2015 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank. The Village has a pooled cash balance of \$3,004,830.85. He also updated council on the progress of the tax recovery with JP Mohler and the submission to OhioCheckbook.com.

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

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

BPA Report –

Ms. Pat Cochenour reported that a replacement has been hired for the water clerk.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof reported that Officer Ryan will no longer be working part time due to the changes in OPERS health benefits for rehired retirees. Officer Bowman will be starting EMS

training at the beginning of the year. The department will be working on records disposal during the remainder of the winter months.

Code Enforcement Report –

Mr. Brown reported that there were 42 zoning permits, 111 notices of violation and 3 abandoned property registrations that were issued during 2015.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 15-1128, 2016 Permanent Appropriations

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve Ordinance 15-1128 by title. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Resolution 15-821, Clean Ohio Application - Becker

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT FOR THE R.E. BECKER NATURE AREA & TRAIL CONNECTER PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve Resolution 15-821 by title. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Pat Beam provided a letter from Mr. Ron Becker stating that he will provide any necessary local matching funds as well as any additional funds needed during the construction of the project. He is also pledging a \$6,000 contribution to the long term maintenance fund.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. BPA Vacancies

Mayor Reames made the following recommendations for council’s approval to fill two vacancies on the Board of Public Affairs to become effective January 1, 2016. Each recommendation was presented and voted on individually until both seats were filled. Since Ms. Hendel’s husband was interested in being seated on the board, she abstained from all voting.

Mayor Reames recommended Mr. Greg Iiams.

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

Recommendation was approved.

Mayor Reames second recommendation was Mr. Steve Reid. Prior to the voting Mr. Reid asked to be withdrawn from the list of interested citizens.

Mayor Reames then recommended Mr. Dave Klauer.

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

Recommendation was denied.

Mayor Reames then recommended Mr. Thomas Hendel.

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

Recommendation was denied.

Mayor Reames then recommended Ms. Ann Elleman.

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

Recommendation was approved.

Mr. Greg Iiams and Ms. Ann Elleman will fill the two vacancies on the board.

B. Street & Water Laborer Position

Mayor Reames, BPA Chairperson Pat Cochenour, and Street Superintendent Tim Reese will begin reviewing the applications received tomorrow morning.

C. Permanent Verizon Tower

The construction of the new tower could be completed by the end of this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. January 18, 2016 Council Meeting

Mayor Reames noted that the regularly scheduled council meeting of January 18, 2016 falls on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. She asked if council would like to reschedule the meeting. Council agreed to keep the meeting as scheduled.

B. Public Records Training

Council was reminded of the public records training requirement that must be completed by each council member once per term.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to go into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss employee compensation and allow the presence of Chief Freyhof and BPA Chairperson Pat Cochenour. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman moved to go out of Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to approve the schedule of 2016 wage increases to become effective the first pay period of 2016. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

A. New Council Rules

Council resumed discussion regarding the new council rules that were drafted and discussed earlier in the year. Discussion will resume at the next meeting.

B. CDBG Grant – Storm Water Project

The advertisement to accept bids for the project has been placed. The bid opening will take place on January 14, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.*

Next Ordinance: 15-1129 Next Resolution: 15-822

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. Council Meeting: Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, December 28, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed