

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

MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2017

Mayor Reames called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to excuse Mrs. Libby Stidam from the meeting. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to excuse Mrs. Kelly Huffman from the meeting. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Recorder: Dianne Gauder, Clerk of Court/Mayor's Assistant for Fiscal Officer, Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Ann Kleinhenz, 113 Fourth Street, Russells Point
Mr. Nate Dunham, WPKO/WBLL Radio
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont Avenue, Russells Point
Sheriff Randall Dodds, Logan County Sheriff
Deputy Sheriff Tim Klingelhofer, Dog Warden, Logan County Sheriff's Office
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliott Road, Russells Point
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Village Solicitor

Minutes: **January 17, 2017 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the January 17, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mrs. Marie Hendel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report**

The January 2017 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$738.00 was presented to Council for approval. Mayor Reames explained the new format for the Mayor's Report that was developed by the Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Court/Mayor's Assistant.

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to approve the January 2017 Mayor's Court Monthly Statement as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports: Continued

Board of Public Affairs (BPA) Report

Mr. Greg Iiams reported that the BPA is looking into a web portal for online payments for water accounts due to many inquiries by residents.

Police Report

Chief Freyhof reported: school packets for Safety Town are being prepared; he is seeking reimbursement of \$1,100 for professional training requirements; there have been three recent drug overdoses in January, one of which was fatal; he has requested an increase in traffic stops with the goal of making contact with drug runners; the department is working with the county Drug Task Force; and the body cameras for officers are working well.

Security System Update

Village Solicitor, Mr. Eshenbaugh, reported that he has reviewed the contracts from Habitec Security for the municipal building security system upgrades. A three-year contract was offered with an upfront payment of \$1,789 and a monthly fee of \$40. A five-year contract was offered with an upfront payment of \$4,706 and a monthly fee of \$25. Neither contract offers a cancellation provision. Mr. Eshenbaugh stated he was not comfortable with the terms because there is no way to exit the contract. Chief Freyhof stated that he supports using Habitec Security because they are used by other law enforcement agencies, are highly recommended, and offered equipment discounts. After a review of the contract terms and fees, Mr. Eshenbaugh recommended the three-year contract with Habitec Security. He further said that if approved by Council, he will get the contract ready for finalization.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to enter into a three-year contract with Habitec Security at the lower upfront cost and monthly fee of \$40 a month. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Huffman wanted to be sure that the upfront fee is a one-time payment and not a yearly fee. Chief Freyhof stated that this contract is for equipment and installation only. The monthly fee is for monitoring and not for service of the equipment.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.

The motion passed: 3 yeas – 1 nay.

Indian Lake Joint EMS District Report

Mayor Reames read a written report on the recent Indian Lake EMS Meeting. Mayor Reames attended the meeting due to the absence of Mrs. Marie Hendel.

Lands and Buildings Committee Report

Ms. Sharon DeVault reported that three bids were received for the office renovations. Some changes have been suggested for countertops, lighting, and door glass. Architect Karen Beasley will be requested to modify the plans with the changes and new bids will be obtained.

Park Board Report

Ms. Sharon DeVault reported: a donation for fencing was received for Leppich Field; Play Mart has been contacted and making parts for broken members of the playground equipment at the municipal building; in mid-April trees will be transplanted from her and Mayor Reames

yards to the John & Mary Rudolph Nature Area; post options are being considered for the signage at the nature area; and Phase 3 for the northeast trail extension has been submitted for OPWC funding.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Dog Warden, Deputy Tim Klingelhofer, introduced himself to Council and gave an explanation of his duties. Deputy Klingelhofer stated the legal obligations of pet owners are food, water, and shelter. He said that he is willing to investigate any complaint. Ms. Ann Kleinhenz stated that she would like to see Council amend the current ordinance to address outside temperature regulations and when pet owners must remove animals from being outside during inclement weather. Deputy Klingelhofer stated that Ohio law does not address this matter and it is up to municipalities to have such ordinances. He further stated that in an instance of animal cruelty, there must be evidence of no food or water. On the third day, the animal will be removed, a note placed on the property and a citation to court will be issued. The Dog Warden also reported that if a dog bite has occurred, a ten day quarantine will be enforced, the Health Department will be notified, and the court will determine if the animal is deemed as vicious. Ms. Kleinhenz again asked Council to make the ordinance stronger for extreme weather situations. After discussion, Mr. Huffman stated that it is a fine line and a difficult matter as some breeds enjoy the cold weather. Deputy Klingelhofer said that he will enforce any ordinances in our village. He told Council that many animal complaints in Russells Point are directly handled by the Russells Point Police Department. Chief Freyhof added that any animal issues handled by his department are also reported to the Dog Warden.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Rules

Council was presented with revisions to Council Rules regarding committee descriptions. Ms. DeVault said that she found minutes where former councilman, Dave Leonard, read descriptions at a meeting but no official documentation could be found. Mr. Huffman stated he was unable to find any documents. Mayor Reames said that the solicitor drafted these proposed revisions to clarify the mission of committees and reduce the length of council meetings. Several council members expressed concerns about the proposed revisions potentially allowing the mayor to change appointments to committees without council prior approval. No further action was taken by council regarding committee descriptions in Council Rules.

LUC Traffic Study

Mayor Reames reported that the Indian Lake traffic study is available on the Logan Union Champaign County Regional Planning Commission's website.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary – Boater Safety Course

Mr. John Huffman expressed concerns about the possibility of a conflict of interest with the motion made at the last council meeting. He stated that Mrs. Hendel should not have made the motion to allow the use of the building by the Coast Guard, as this request was made by her husband. Mr. Huffman requested a new motion for the record to confirm use of the building by the Coast Guard.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to allow the USCG Auxiliary to use the municipal building on March 18, 2017 to hold the boater safety course. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, abstain; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 3 yeas –1 abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drainage Problem at Post Office Ditch

Mr. Dave Wallace requested an update on the drainage issues at the ditch along the front of the U.S. Post Office property. Mr. Wallace stated that the neighbor across the street, Mr. Grundish, has to run two sump pumps as the water is running across the road into his house. Mr. Wallace asked if Mr. Grundish was apprised of the status of ditch maintenance. Mayor Reames stated that ODOT officials reviewed the area and declined to complete repairs due to utility infrastructure in the right-of-way and the project is beyond the scope of village resources. Mayor Reames said that she did not speak with Mr. Grundish. Mr. Wallace asked if the village faces liability. Mr. Eshenbaugh stated a state right-of-way drainage issue should not lead to liability for the village. Ms. Gauder suggested that Mr. Wallace tell Mr. Grundish to contact ODOT District 7 in Sidney as a property owner along a state route and request that crews come to assess the ditch line on his side of the road.

Choice One Engineering

Mayor Reames provided Council with a cost estimate of \$1,150 from Choice One Engineering to apply for critical infrastructure grant funding. She explained that although Russells Point did not fully qualify as a Low to Moderate Income (LMI) community, certain sections do qualify as a benefit area. Applications require completion by an engineering firm. Mayor Reames reported that fifty-one percent (51%) of residents are required to be LMI to qualify for a project in that benefit area. After reviewing the LMI Survey results, drainage improvements in the Westview St./Maple St./Chapel Alley area and some extension of the Phase 1 drainage project may be options for OPWC funding. The initial engineering cost estimate will be reviewed and more information will be provided to Council when available.

Sheriff Randall Dodds

Sheriff Dodds discussed the struggle with heroin in our community. Agencies are seeking funding options for law enforcement. He explained that the Logan County Sheriff’s Office is in contract negotiations with union employees. They are moving into a Fact-Finding phase, which may lead to significant funding cuts for road patrols, etc.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 17-1147 Next Resolution: 17-886

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Clerk of Court/Mayor’s Assistant
Dianne Gauder

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed