

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 20, 2019**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Marie Hendel, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Roger Brown, Code Enforcement Officer  
Mr. Tim Reese, Maintenance Supervisor  
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief  
Ms. Julie West, 155 Bristol Circle, Russells Point  
Mr. Bubba West, 155 Bristol Circle, Russells Point  
Mr. Chad Thompson, 1430 Port Clinton Rd.  
Ms. Samantha Farrell, 384 West Olden, Akron

Minutes: **May 6, 2019 Council Meeting**

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the May 6, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**May 16, 2019 Special Council Meeting**

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the May 16, 2019 Special Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the April 2019 bank reconciliation, cash summary reports, and payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank statement. The Village has a pooled cash balance of \$4,211,809.77.

*Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**Code Enforcement Report –**

Mr. Brown reported on recent zoning permits, notices of violation, and contractor registrations. The Mayor and Mr. Brown met with the Logan County Health Department regarding the property at 533 Grand Ave. Property owners were issued a notice of violation for various issues including foundation, concrete, and landscape violations. They have also received violation in the past for dispensing sewage onto the ground, using a generator for electricity, and earlier this year had a water leak which left water running out of the front door of the home. It is believed that the property is now vacant, and the condition of the interior is

unknown. Photos of the exterior of the structure was provided by the village and the interior will be inspected by the health department.

**Maintenance Department Report –**

Mr. Reese reported that there is a sink hole on Clermont that is a sewer department issue and they are aware of the problem. Univar has calibrated the mosquito sprayer and equipment is ready for the season. Mike Vasquez and Mark Coy attended training and testing for pesticides but do not know the results of the test. They will also be attending training for herbicide spraying. A pulley and belt were replaced on one of the mowers which was covered under warranty. Mr. Reese presented council with information and a quote for a street sweeper attachment for the toolcat. The quote from Bobcat of Lima included the sweeper attachment, gutter brush, and an optional nozzle spray kit for \$4,699.44. This was not included in the permanent budget for 2019 but will be reviewed at the next finance meeting for inclusion in the amended budget.

**Police Report –**

Chief Freyhof reported that all of the officers have completed their qualifications, and some will be attending CPR and First Aid training. Registrations for Safety Town are still coming in slowly for the June 10-14 program. Chief asked and council approved posting openings for part-time officers through Indeed.com.

**BPA Report –**

Mr. Weidner reported that Mr. Dale Albert is investigating the high water loss reports. He believes that the high service meter at the water plant is incorrect and that large meter services around the village may need to be replaced with a different type of meter with better accuracy.

**Indian Lake EMS Report –**

Mayor Reames reported on the May 8, 2019 EMS meeting. The new building is estimated to be complete by June 17, 2019.

**Parks & Recreation Report –**

Two volunteers with United Way helped to remove thirty-five trees from Ms. Sharon DeVault’s property and transplant them into the John & Mary Rudolph Nature Area. In addition, High School Seniors helped to pick-up litter, lay flag stone around the entrance sign, tag trees, and installed seven bird houses in the nature area.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. Ordinance 19-1171; Schedule of Fines (Second Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR TRAFFIC AND NON-TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FOR MAYOR’S COURT IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO**

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 19-1171 by title on the second reading. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**A. Mr. Chad Thompson**

Mr. Thompson attended the meeting in order to address concerns and answer questions regarding the initiative petition to place the Sensible Marijuana Ordinance on the ballot which would decriminalize marijuana under certain conditions. Though marijuana is still illegal, the proposed ordinance will remove the fines and penalties for amounts considered a misdemeanor level according to Ohio law.

Mr. Thompson expressed that marijuana is less addictive than nicotine and has shown to reduce opioid use and death.

Mayor Reames reported that according to the proposed ordinance that if an officer tickets an individual for a misdemeanor offense that there is no fine associated with the crime, however Mayor's Court is required to pay a fee to the Treasury of State ultimately costing the village money for illegal activity. Mr. Thompson noted that the officer is not required to act on the small offenses thereby no funds would be lost. Ms. Maxwell and Ms. Huffman stated that they would be asking our officers to not do their job. Mr. Thompson stated that officers use discretion on all types of offenses. Mayor Reames added that village officials took an oath to uphold the laws and the constitution. Passing such an ordinance the petitioners are asking to create a policy and encourage officers to not charge for illegal offenses.

B. Mr. Bubba West and Ms. Julie West

Mr. West reported that he is circulating the petition because people are ready for a change and that marijuana is a medicinal cure for fibromyalgia, cancer and other illnesses. Ms. West added that the marijuana plant is an organic, natural plant created by God, and helps to cope with various illnesses, muscle spasms, PTSD, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Ohio Hi-Point JVS

The Mayor has received a list of students that participated in the construction project to extend the wall of the radio station. She will be sending each student a certificate of appreciation. In addition, she would like permission to make a monetary donation to the construction class for the purchase of needed supplies.

*Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to allow a \$100.00 donation to the Ohio Hi-Point JVS Construction Class in appreciation of their work. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

B. Yard Waste Dumpster

The Lands, Buildings and Facilities Committee met on May 9, 2019 to discuss the public use of the yard waste dumpster. The dumpster will be open to village residents on Sunday, June 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Future dates and times will be determined.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Rascal Unit

Council was provided with information from Rascal Unit, a travel animal clinic that offers various procedures for dogs, cats, and some other animals such as spaying and neutering. The mobile unit program requires a host, such as the village or other organization. The host is responsible for soliciting volunteers to promote, schedule, and take payment from clients and is responsible for paying the \$1,800/day cost which is offset by the money collected for the procedures. Mayor Reames said that she would like to get further information regarding the program unless council has no interest in pursuing the venture. Some council members asked the Mayor to proceed with getting further information.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Kelly Huffman.*  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 19-1172 Next Resolution: 19-918

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

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Mayor Robin Reames

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Date Passed