

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

MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2024

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

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

Mr. John Huffman moved to excuse Ms. Joan Hinterschied from the meeting. There was no second. The motion failed. Mayor Reames stated she is excused due to the failed motion. There was some discussion around this topic. Mayor advised she would report back after reviewing Robert's Rules of Order.

Recorder: Ms. Taylor Thompson, Fiscal Officer

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Ms. Dianne Gauder
Chief of Police, Mr. Joe Freyhof
Mr. Reed Neal, Campaign Manager for Rep. Jon Cross
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point
Ms. Linda Long, 202 Oakcrest Court, Russells Point
Mr. Andy Hendrixson, Park St., Russells Point
Mr. Dale Frymyer, Lakeview
Ms. Wendy Humble, Sidney/Russells Point
Mr. Jason Smith, 130 E. Lake St., Lakeview
Mr. Gary Hines, Russells Point

Minutes: **January 16, 2024 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the January 16, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The January 2024 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,711.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the January 2024 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted.

Ms. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided written report of the January 16, 2024 meeting.

Mayor Reames asked Ms. Maxwell to check on the status of the controlled burn for the nature area.

Police Department

Chief gave an oral report to council members. He advised there has been no action on the junk motor vehicle ordinance. Three vehicles sold on GovDeals bringing around \$4,700.00 in revenue. Chief has given a directive to the officers to increase enforcement at the intersections along US 33. There have been several serious crashes recently in these areas. The hotel security is still being enforced and checked on by officers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- A. Mr. Reed Neal, Campaign Manager for Rep. Jon Cross
Mr. Reed invited council and all in attendance to Buds Marina on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Jon Cross has some announcements for infrastructure in the area.
- B. Ms. Wendy Humble
Ms. Humble apologized to council in regard to her statements made at the last council meeting.
- C. Mr. Jason Smith, Open Road Renewables
Mr. Smith introduced himself as a representative from Open Road Renewables. They are proposing a solar panel project to the area and are just beginning their public comment phase. He invited council and all in attendance to their first community coffee event on February 7, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. -9:00 a.m. at 130 E Lake St., Lakeview OH. Mr. John Huffman asked if there will be any events held in the evenings. Mr. Smith advised there will be some different events held in the evenings as well.
- D. Mr. Gary Hines
Mr. Hines advised he just recently moved back to the area and is the new face of Sunny Cove Mobile Park.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Resolution 24-1025; Bike Path, Capital Budget Request, LC Commissioners
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST AND/OR THE ONE-TIME STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND (OTSCIF) REQUEST FOR THE URBANA-BELLEFONTAINE CONNECTOR OF THE SIMON KENTON TRAIL: TO PAVE A FINAL COURSE OF HOT-MIX ASPHALT; PERFORM WORK TO RESOLVE GEOMETRIC AND DRAINAGE ISSUES; AND, ADD BIKE PATH RAILING WHERE WARRANTED BY THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM.

Mayor Reames discussed this resolution and emphasized there is no cash contribution from the village. This is support only.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 24-1025 by title on the first reading.

- B. Resolution 24-1026; Officer Applicant Agreement
APPROVING OFFICER APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT REGARDING REPAYMENT OF QUALIFYING EXPENSES FOR SUPPLIES PEACE OFFICER TRAINING, AND PER DIEM BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT AND BRANDEN PUCKETT, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY VILLAGE MAYOR AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED ACTION BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND STAFF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Mr. Greg Iams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 1 nay

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 24-1026 by title. Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Steve Reid requested Chief Freyhof explain in further detail the purpose of this Resolution. Chief Freyhof discussed that grant funds were award to the village for hiring purposes. Mr. Brandon Puckett has committed to a two-year contract with the village or forfeiture the funds that will be reimbursed to him for time and equipment.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 1 nay

C. Resolution 24-1027; Choice One Engineering Contract (Coyer)

APPROVING CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING CORPORATION'S AGREEMENT REGARDING COYER FEMA FLOODPLAIN ALTERATION REPORT REVIEW BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT AND CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING CORPORATION, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY VILLAGE MAYOR AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED ACTION BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND STAFF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Greg Iams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 24-1027 by title. Mr. Greg Iams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

D. Ordinance 24-1223 Amending section 337.04; Permit to Operate (Golf Cart)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 377.04 OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 24-1223 by title with amendments on the first reading. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Wallace question if the only thing that changed was proof of insurance. Mayor advised that is correct.

E. Ordinance 24-1224 Amending Appropriations

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, STATE OF OHIO DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 24-1224 by title. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ms. Joan Maxwell questions the 3 increases. Ms. Thompson advised these costs are all costs that have been previously approved or council has been advised of.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Council Rules

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to remove Council Rules for 2024 from the table Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept the changes according to the solicitor's recommendations. Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion failed: 2 yeas – 3 nays

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to accept the 2023 council rules as the rules for 2024. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

There was a lengthy discussion between council members regarding the issues with the suggested changes.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, nay; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, nay.

The motion failed: 2 yeas – 3 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept the 2024 Council Rules with amendments to #12 to remove the new part and replace it with the 2023. All other changes shall remain.

Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

B. Bed Tax Proposal

Council received a proposal in their packets. Mr. Steve Reid asked where this information came from. Ms. Sharon DeVault advised it was from the Logan County. Mr. Reid advised that council not speak on this matter tonight. Mr. John Huffman asked this item be left on the table until next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. IL Farmers Market

A representative from the Farmers Market was supposed to be here this evening but was unable to attend. They are interested in hosting the Farmers Market in our parking lot.

B. Capsule

A representative for this website was supposed to be here to discuss this. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

C. OML Training

Provided to council if the wish to attend these trainings.

D. LC. Board of DD items

Two items were awarded to the board and will be coming to the Indian Lake area.

E. Mark Coy, Resignation

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Mark Coy's resignation. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

F. Taylor Thompson, Resignation

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Taylor Thompson's resignation. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

G. Golf Cart Permit Price

Mr. John Huffman requested to look at changing the costs of the golf cart permits. There was a lengthy discussion. This was requested to be on the agenda for next meeting.

H. Board of Zoning Appeals

The old board members terms have expired. Mayor is requesting council's approval of the following members: Ms. Sharon DeVault, Ms. Libby Stidam, Ms. Elizabeth Gibson, Mr. Alex Wolf and Ms. Anne Elleman. There was some concern about elected officials being a member. Mayor will have the solicitor review.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept these members pending review of elected official, Libby Sidam. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Greg Iiams.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 24-1225 Next Resolution: 24-1028

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

Mayor, Robin Reames

Date Passed: _____