

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

MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2019

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

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

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to excuse Ms. Hendel from the meeting. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Alex Wolf, 411 St. Rt. 708, Russells Point
Mr. Mike Vettori, WPKO Radio
Chief Joe Freyhof

Minutes: **July 15, 2019 Council Meeting**

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the July 15, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

July 22, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the July 22, 2019 Special Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstain

Reports: **Mayor's Report** –

The July 2019 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,286.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the July 2019 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted.

Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

BPA Report –

Mr. Weidner reported on the July 22, 2019 meeting.

Parks and Recreation Report –

The replacement parts for the municipal building playground equipment have been ordered and is in process.

Strategic Planning Committee Report –

Council was provided a copy of the minutes outlining the discussions of the August 1, 2019 meeting.

Lands & Buildings Report –

Mr. Weidner reported that Link Construction has not been back to work on the municipal building repairs for a couple of weeks. They will return to finish up some of the small projects that can be done inside the building on rainy days or if Honda moves the machinery to finish laying the block.

Finance Committee Report –

Council was provided a copy of the finance committee meeting minutes that was held on July 18, 2019.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Mayor Reames reported on the recent EMS meeting held on July 24, 2019.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof reported that someone had broken into a piece of excavating equipment belonging to J&J Schlaegel, contractors for the trail extension in the John & Mary Rudolph Nature Area. The equipment was stationed near the worksite. After getting into the equipment, they were able to get it started and used the excavator to destroy two of the park benches and concrete pads. Evidence will be submitted to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Freyhof also reported that he has found a used cruiser, 2017 Ford Explorer with 90,000 miles, for sale from the City of Cleveland Heights for \$5,000.00. The cruiser would need some upfitting and items removed from the 2008 Charger and placed in the new vehicle which is estimated to cost \$7,153.00.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to allow the purchase and upfitting of the 2017 Ford Explorer from Cleveland Heights not to exceed \$13,000.00. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 19-919; Final Appointment of Kyle Myers

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THE MAYOR’S FINAL APPOINTMENT OF KYLE MYERS AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 19-919 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Resolution 19-920; Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEBT COLLECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 19-920 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

C. Ordinance 19-1173; Amending Permanent Appropriations

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 19-920 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

D. Ordinance 19-1174; Amending Chapter 1177, Section 1177.03; Swimming Pools (first reading)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLE THREE, CHAPTER 1177, SECTION 1177.03 PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 19-1174 on the first reading. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mayor Reames asked that the council consider waiving the three-reading rule as there are cases pending of new pools that will need to install a fence. One of the proposed revisions to the ordinance is the fence height requirement.

Mr. Huffman withdrew his second.

Some council members voiced concern over lowering the pool fence height requirement for safety reasons. Mayor Reames added that the pool ordinance and the fence & walls ordinance conflict with each other regarding height and changing the ordinance will make it uniform for all fencing requirements. Mayor Reames added that the Ohio Building Code only requires a four-foot fence around a swimming pool. After further discussion, the Mayor asked council to at least pass it on the first reading and review the regulations for fences and walls and that amendments can be made to the proposed ordinance until the final reading.

Mr. Huffman again seconded the motion that was still on the table to accept Ordinance 19-1174 on the first reading.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Mr. Alex Wolf

Mr. Wolf owns the property adjacent to the municipal building property. He advised council that he intends on removing his old privacy fence that separates the two properties. The removal of the fence poles will be done using an excavator and he asked if council would allow him to park a small trailer and the excavator in the municipal building parking lot during the construction. Council had no objections.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Pay Scales

Fishel Downey has received nine responses to the survey and are working on compiling the information into a spreadsheet and are moving forward with the analysis phase.

B. LC EMA – Flooding

Mr. Weidner reported that he has completed and submitted the Public Assistance Damage Assessment form as requested by the EMA. The total cost submitted was \$3,230.62. Per the EMA, the village is unable to submit costs for the repair of the flood damaged walking path in the John & Mary Rudolph Nature Area which is estimated at \$5,700.00.

C. Nature Trail Extension – Construction Update

Mr. Weidner reported that the contractor for the trail extension, J&J Schlaegel, is expected to return onsite in approximately two weeks and continue through completion of the project if conditions allow.

D. Marijuana Initiative Petition

Council was provided a copy of the results of the LC Board of Elections review of the signatures obtained. The board certified that thirty-eight signatures were required, and thirty-eight of the sixty-one signatures submitted were valid.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Leaning Tree at 920 St. Rt. 708

It was reported that a tree located at the above residence is leaning, possibly unstable, and has grown into and causing pressure on cable and telephone lines. If the tree falls, it would likely cross St. Rt. 708 and take out several utilities. The tree is located on private property, the property owner is indigent, and the associated utility companies will not trim or remove a tree on private property. The owner has been directed to investigate funding opportunities through the County to help pay for the removal of the tree.

B. Crack Sealing Quotes

Council was provided with quotes for crack sealing of several roads around the village. American Pavement quoted \$18,150.00 and Quality Paving quoted \$15,775. Council would like to see a quote from Stanley Asphalt as well before approving the expense.

C. Food Truck Webinar

The Mayor and Fiscal Officer participated in a webinar regarding various types of legislation and regulations regarding food trucks. Council was provided a copy of the slides from the webinar.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Kelly Huffman.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 19-1175 Next Resolution: 19-921

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed