

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

**MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 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. Roger Brown, Code Enforcement Officers
Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliot, Russells Point
Ms. Ann Elleman, 530 Miami, Russells Point
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Solicitor
Ms. Judy Eubanks, 121 E. Aiken, Russells Point
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Mr. Ralph Fuhrman, 730 Grand Ave., Russells Point
Mr. Joe Hotz, Jones & Henry Engineering
Mr. Greg Iams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Mr. Mike Kafara, Jones & Henry Engineering
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin, Russells Point
Ms. Pam Rogers, 7127 Clark, Russells Point

Minutes: **August 3, 2015**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the August 3, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes. Ms. Libby Stidam 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 July 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 \$2,782,569.54. Mr. Weidner also noted that the balance of \$48,710.26 that remained in the Huntington bank account was withdrawn and deposited into the Osgood bank account on August 8, 2015. All accounts with Huntington are now closed other than the Municipal Building loan account.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. 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.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof reported that he is still waiting on Bender Communications to submit an estimate for the installation of the new MARCS radios for the cruisers. He is also still working on getting a complete estimated cost for a new cruiser.

The Indian Lake High School Homecoming Parade is scheduled for September 24th.

Code Enforcement Report –

Mr. Brown updated council on recent zoning applications and violations.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 15-814, Verizon Wireless Temporary Tower Agreement

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CELLULAR PHONE TOWER IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Libby Stidam 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 accept Resolution 15-814 by title. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

Discussion: It was noted that the 4th Whereas should be changed to read: Verizon Wireless has constructed a temporary cellular phone tower in order to provide better cellular phone service to FIRST RESPONDERS while a permanent tower is constructed at another location in the Village. Council also questioned why a new agreement is required if the FCC has granted a six month extension to leave the temporary tower positioned in its current location until February 2016.

After discussion, Mr. John Huffman wished to withdraw his motion until further information is obtained to explain the current need for a new agreement.

B. Resolution 15-815, Logan County Building Authority Agreement

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LOGAN COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY TO PERMIT THE LOGAN COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT

Discussion: Council agreed that before voting on this resolution, they would like to have further information of the agreement, and would like to hear from either the LC Commissioners or the LC Building Authority. Mayor Reames will see if someone is available to attend the next meeting.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

A. Mr. Ralph Fuhrman, 730 Grand Ave., Russells Point

Mr. Fuhrman noted a lack of communication regarding the proceedings in prior council meetings. He stated that other entities such as Lakeview have an outline of the proceedings published in the Indian Lake Current, but he rarely sees anything regarding Russells Point's meetings.

Mayor Reames stated that some news outlets such as WPKO Radio and the Bellefontaine Examiner have reporters that attend and report on the meetings. When time allows, or as requested, the Mayor will submit post meeting notes to the Indian Lake Current for publication.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Stop Light Loop Repairs

A quote will be requested from Capital Electric and Security Traffic Signals (formerly Bright Street) for the repair of the traffic light loop at the intersection of SR 708 and US Rt. 33.

B. Storm Water System Repairs

Joe Hotz and Mike Kafara from Jones & Henry Engineering was in attendance to explain the need for an additional \$89,350 over the already committed \$30,000 match for the CDBG Grant to complete the project as submitted. They proposed financing options for the additional expense if needed. Construction for the project needs to be completed by August 31, 2016 to comply with the grant. Due to several questions in regards to the CDBG grant, council requested that Mr. John Cleek attend the next meeting so they can better understand their options on how to proceed with the grant.

C. Playground Equipment Repairs

A quote in the amount of \$1,590.00 was submitted by Total Recreation Solutions to repair both playground sets at the Municipal Building. The quote includes replacement parts, freight and installation.

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the expense. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Lands/Building Meeting

A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2015 to further discuss energy conservation audits and the sealing of the Municipal Building parking lot and walking path.

B. Sea Wall Repair

Mr. Wallace noted that a sea wall located at the north end of Warren Ave. is deteriorating and starting to crumble. The Mayor will have someone look into who is responsible for the repair.

C. Labor Day Council Meeting

Council agreed to move the September 7th meeting to Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. due to the holiday.

D. Permits for IL High School Homecoming Parade

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive any required permit fees associated with the Homecoming Parade. 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.

E. Parking Area for John & Mary Rudolph Nature Area

This area is not owned by the village; however there is an easement in place. Mr. Wallace voiced concern as to whether the drive should be paved to meet the Village's ordinances or at least a paved approach.

F. Roena Brown Property Cleanup

Due to non-compliance to zoning violations, Mayor Reames and community service workers have nearly completed the cleanup of the Roena Brown property at 108 Fairview. During the cleanup process several small trees and brush were removed from the property and placed behind the Municipal Building. The village will have the brush chipped and removed. Any associated costs will be assessed to the property taxes. Mr. Wallace showed concern of the removal of trees and the limitations on how much the village can do to a property and still be able to assess the costs to taxes. Solicitor Eshenbaugh said the village has leeway and would defer that to the employee's/Mayor's discretion. It was also noted that the overgrowth of the trees made it difficult to gain access to the water meter on the property.

G. Asphalt Damage – Lincoln & Garfield

Mr. Albert of the water department issued a letter to the Board of Public Affairs stating that this intersection has been checked several times for a water leak to determine if this was the cause of the asphalt damage. His report states that no leaks have been confirmed in the area.

Ms. Kelly Huffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 15-1120 Next Resolution: 15-816

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed