

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2022

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, absent; Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present. Since Ms. Hinterschied had not notified the Mayor or Fiscal Officer of her absence, council chose to allow additional time before determining whether her absence will be excused.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Jeff Collier, 471 Wedge Isl., Russells Point

Minutes: **June 6, 2022 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the June 6, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the May 2022 bank reconciliation, cash summary report and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$5,109,573.51.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied joined the meeting at 7:05 during the report.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstain

Maintenance Department Report -

Council was provided a written report from Mr. Reese on the recent activities of the department. The Mayor reported that they have also started spraying for mosquitos.

Police & Code Enforcement Report -

Chief reported that he has found a part-time officer, Mr. Jason Snipes, to fill the position left vacant by Officer Koewler. Mr. Snipes is currently a full-time officer with the Village of Ada and is only interested in a part-time position. He still has no word on the delivery of the new cruiser but the IL EMS has shown interest in purchasing the 2017 that will be replaced. Due to short staffing, council will be presented with a mutual aid agreement with the Village of Jackson Center Police Department which can be helpful with the fireworks and future festivals if needed.

Zoning Report -

Ms. Gauder provided council with a written report of the permits that has been issued or in process since the last report.

BPA Report –

Council was provided a written report outlining various projects the water department has been working on.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Mayor Reames gave an oral report on the recent EMS meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 22-982; Appointment of PT Officer Snipes

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF JASON SNIPES AS A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 22-982 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Wallace asked how many hours this officer will be working. Chief explained that it would be less than 32 hrs. per week and would likely only be 10-20 hours to start.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

B. Resolution 22-983; Establishing OneOhio Opioid Fund

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, TO ESTABLISH THE ONEOHIO OPIOID FUND AND AMEND THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

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

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 22-983 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

C. Resolution 22-984; Mutual Aid Agreement with Jackson Center Police

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER AND THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY VILLAGE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, nay;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.

The motion tied: 3 yeas – 3 nays

Due to a tie vote, Mayor Reames cast her vote as yea, and motion passed.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 22-984 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, nay;
Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.*

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 2 nays

D. Ordinance 22-1201; Amending Chapter 1519 - Fireworks

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1519.04 POSSESSION, SALE OR DISCHARGE PROHIBITED, EXCEPTIONS OF CHAPTER 1519 FIREWORKS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea;
Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 22-1201 by title. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea;
Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, nay; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Mr. Jeff Collier, 471 Wedge Isl., Russells Point

Mr. Collier reported that he owns one of the three houses on Wedge Island. The other two houses are being rented out as short-term rentals. There is only one way on/off the island and he has been blocked in on several occasions having to ask renters to move their vehicles so that he could get out, adding that there were around eleven cars there two weekends ago. He is also concerned about the security and the value of his home with these short-term rentals. In addition, the rental owner has posted a yard sign at the entrance of the island advertising/denoting the Air BNB. He asked what the regulations were regarding a short-term rental business in a residential area, and whether the signage was permitted.

Chief Freyhof stated that they must maintain a ten-foot clearance for emergency vehicles and to call the police department if there is an issue. He also advised Mr. Collier that he can request house checks if he plans on being gone for an extended period of time.

Mayor Reames will discuss the parking and signage issue with the zoning officer, however there is nothing prohibiting a short-term rental.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Planning Commission Appointment

Mayor Reames reported that she discussed the proposed appointment of Ms. Mary Herring to the Planning Commission with the Solicitor. Since Ms. Herring is a board member serving on the Board of Public Affairs, she cannot serve on the Planning Commission.

B. OPWC Paving

The proposed roads to be paved have not been determined.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Railroad Trestle Removal – Mussel Study

It was determined that mussels were located in the project area and relocation will be necessary. Stone Engineering has requested a scope of work to be performed and the area that water will

need to be diverted during the trestle removal. Reichert Excavating has been notified to prepare the information. The mussel study report will be sent to council via email.

B. Solar Farms & Windmills

Mr. Wallace stated that a representative from the LUC attended a recent meeting of the Washington Township Trustees to discuss changes in the township’s zoning codes regarding solar farms and windmills as well as other topics. He asked if this is something that the Village should look into, and if anyone from the village been attending LUC meetings for updates.

Mayor Reames said that the village does not attend the LUC meetings on a regular basis however, they provide important information to all members via email. The village does have legislation regarding windmills, and she attended a meeting regarding solar farms but would like to get further information before discussion.

C. Hotel & Short-Term Rental Tax

Mr. Weidner reported that he has developed the necessary forms that will be needed for the registration and monthly tax reporting. He has also been preparing a list of all of the short-term rental locations in the village based on VRBO and Airbnb websites and other advertisements. Owners are required to register by August 6th and start collections on all transactions beginning August 1st with the first monthly report due by September 15th. Notification was placed in the Bellefontaine Examiner, a full-page information sheet will be placed in with the June water bills, and all information and forms have already been posted on the Village’s website.

D. Quest Open House

Quest Federal Credit Union will have an Open House on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 4-7 pm.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 22-1202 Next Resolution: 22-985

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed