

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

**MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2015**

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

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

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliot, Russells Point
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Village Solicitor
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Mr. Thomas Hendel, PO Box 1309, Russells Point
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Dr., Russells Point
Mr. Jason Richter, Street Department
Ms. Janice Rogers, 134 W. Wilgus, Russells Point
Ms. Pam Rogers, 7127 Clark Dr., Russells Point
Mr. Scott Stover, 107 Walnut St., Russells Point

Minutes: **November 2, 2015**

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the November 2, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report** –

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the October 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 \$2,963,963.86.

He also informed council that the information has been submitted for the Checkbook.com website and that preliminary quotes show that there will be no increase in health insurance costs for 2016.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

BPA Report –

Ms. Pat Cochenour reported that the board has received a letter of resignation from one the water/street laborers and the village will need to work on replacing the individual. She also recommended that council re-appoint Ms. Ann Elleman and Mr. Greg Iiams to the Board of Public Affairs to maintain continuity in the board. These two seats will be vacant as of January 1, 2016. After discussion, Mayor Reames noted that according to the ORC, the Mayor appoints the members, subject to the confirmation of the legislative authority, and she is not ready to make an appointment at this time.

Storm Water Committee –

The committee met to discuss what information needs to be prepared for an open meeting with the public. They also discussed that if the Police Levy passes, this would free up enough money in the General Revenue Fund that could be transferred to a Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of storm water projects and maintenance in lieu of charging residents through a utility fee.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 15-1124, Establishing a Capital Projects Fund

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to accept Ordinance 15-1124 by title on the second reading. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Ordinance 15-1125, Amended 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, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to accept Ordinance 15-1125 by title. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

A. Ms. Melissa Miller

Ms. Miller thanked the village for making the necessary paving repairs on Lincoln Boulevard.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. ODNR Trail Grant

The village has received confirmation that the application for ODNR funds that were applied for to place an additional trail near the river of the John & Mary Rudolph Nature Area has been denied. It was noted that Patrick Beam, Bassett & Assoc., would like to apply again next year.

B. Clean Ohio Grant – Becker Property

A meeting with the Village Council and Washington Township Trustees has been set for Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building to discuss the project. Mr. Beam of Bassett & Association and the Becker's will attend to answer any questions.

C. Ms. Janice Rogers

As requested in the previous council meeting, Ms. Rogers was placed on the agenda to address council in regards to her property located at 316 Westview and the settlement agreement with the Village of Russells Point. Council was given a copy of a letter from Ms. Rogers, dated November 13, 2015, inspection reports from Beasley Architecture & Design and CJ Engineering, as well as meeting minutes from the Logan County Health Department.

Ms. Rogers provided a sequence of events & steps that have taken place since she purchased the property. She also addressed her agreement with the village, the accident and death of her lawyer, as well as the pending lawsuit with Rainbow Environmental. She stated that once the lawsuit with Rainbow has been settled, she has intentions of applying for a variance to change the structure to a storage building rather than a residential structure. Due to the death of her attorney and the pending lawsuit with Rainbow Environmental, Ms. Rogers asked that a new settlement agreement be established between her and the village allowing additional time to remedy the non-compliance issues.

Council advised Ms. Rogers that they would take it under advisement.

Later in the meeting Mr. Scott Stover, 107 Walnut, Russells Point noted that his property faces Ms. Rogers. He stated that though he sympathizes with Ms. Rogers, the property needs to be cleaned up.

D. Traffic Light Repairs

Repairs have been completed. The amount of work required for the repair was much less than initially quoted. It was also noted that there may still be an issue with the crosswalk light changing. Chief Freyhof will keep an eye on it and contact Capital Electric if it seems to be working improperly.

E. Police Department

Chief Freyhof reported that one of the part time officers will be taking some time off and asked for any suggestions council may have to help fill the gap. He also listed some equipment that could be sold or traded to raise funds to help offset the purchase of a new SUV cruiser.

F. Revised Income Tax Ordinance

The Solicitor noted that the revised income tax Ordinance is almost complete and should have it ready for the first council meeting in December. The Ordinance will need to be passed before January 1, 2015.

G. Energy Audit

Evans Energy will be completing the audit tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Thanksgiving Holiday

In addition to the Thanksgiving Holiday, council was asked if they would like to close the offices the following day and allow the use of banked time, as it has been done in prior years.

Ms. Libby Stidam made a motion to allow the offices to be closed on Friday, November 27, 2015 and allow employees the use of banked time. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Neighborhood Watch

The November 19, 2015 meeting time has been changed to 6:00 p.m.

C. Banked Leave Time

Most employees have brought their leave balances to within the requirements of the new policy manual; however, there are still a few that have overages.

D. Use of Municipal Building

Council voiced concern over not being informed of the use of the building for a meeting of the Ohio Canal Society on Saturday, November 14. There were also concerns regarding village costs to have one of the employees available to open and man the building for security during the meeting.

Mayor Reames noted that council has always been asked for approval of the use of the building if it was an ongoing use; however as in the past many events have taken place in the building without

prior approval. It was suggested that a policy be written regarding the use of the building and establishing a fee to cover expenses.

E. Christmas Decorations

The Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce will be decorating the tree at the intersection of U.S. Rt. 33 and Fairview Ave. Since the Village now owns the property, council agreed that the electric bill should be changed from the Neighborhood Watch and placed in the Village's name.

Ms. Marie Hendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 15-1126 Next Resolution: 15-818

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. Special Council Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Council Meeting: Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, November 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed