

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

**MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2017**

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

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

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Mr. Thomas Hendel, PO Box 1309, Russells Point
Mr. Nate Dunham, WPKO/WBLL Radio

Minutes: **April 17, 2017 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the April 17, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Dave Wallace questioned the validity of the vote cast in the meeting by Mr. John Huffman to excuse his wife, Ms. Kelly Huffman from the meeting. Ms. Joan Maxwell noted that she is unaware of any stated criteria for unexcused absences. Mayor Reames addressed that the Codified Ordinances state that members shall be paid for meetings which are actually attended or for meetings for which that member has been excused.

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to table the approval of the minutes until such time the Village Solicitor can make a ruling on the matter and determine if a new vote should be taken. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

Discussion: It was brought to the attention of the council that there was already a motion and a second on the floor to approve of the previous minutes.

Ms. Kelly Huffman moved to withdraw her second on the original motion, and Mr. John Huffman withdrew his motion.

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to table the approval of the April 17, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes pending discussion and recommendation of the Village Solicitor to the validity of the vote cast by Mr. Huffman in favor of excusing his wife, Ms. Kelly Huffman from the meeting.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, abstain;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

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

Reports: **Mayor's Report** –

The April 2017 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,258.25 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to approve the April 2017 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted.

Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Ms.

Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Board of Public Affairs –

A resolution was approved to apply for a CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant with a village match of up to \$20,000. Council was also provided a copy of the grant application as

submitted by Choice One Engineering. It was explained that the \$23,735 as listed in item #6 of the application is the amount requested from County funds. In addition the application proposes that the costs of the asphalt repaving will be paid using the Village's share of sales tax revenue held by the County, contingent on the County Commissioner's approval.

Indian Lake Joint EMS District Report –

Ms. Hendel reported on the recent Indian Lake EMS Meeting.

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Maxwell reported on the recent Fire Board Meeting.

Parks Report –

Mr. Gage Dempster of Boy Scout Troop #121 has completed his Eagle Scout project of rebuilding the dugouts at one of the Leppich Field baseball diamonds. He addressed Council with a brief overview of the requirements and the work involved in completing the project, along with a slideshow of photos taken throughout the construction.

Mayor Reames asked council to consider making a monetary contribution from the park fund of \$100.00 to the Boy Scout Troop in appreciation of their work.

Ms. Kelly Huffman made a motion to approve a donation to Boy Scout Troop #121 in the amount of \$100.00 from the park fund. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

Discussion: It was suggested that in addition to a monetary donation, a plaque be purchased with Mr. Dempster's name, along with the others who donated to the project, to be placed at the ball fields.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 17-1149, IGS Energy Contract for Electric Generation Supply

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A COMMERCIAL GENERATION SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC. IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Ms. Kelly Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 17-1149 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

B. Resolution 17-889, Accepting the OPWC-Clean Ohio Grant

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THE CLEAN OHIO FUND GRANT AWARDED TO THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,337.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 17-889 by title. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ms. Maxwell asked if the police department had any concerns regarding difficulties patrolling in the area. Mayor Reames noted that there have not been any issues to date. Council also questioned if the village would be responsible for any overages in costs related to the project. It was explained that there are contingencies built into the application for such unforeseen costs. Mr. Wallace asked if it would be the village's responsibility to maintain the canoe launch area. Mayor Reames explained that it would be the village's responsibility to maintain the launch since it is a part of the project.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

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

Mayor Reames read the following statement dated May 1, 2017 as provided by Mr. Fuhrman: "I would like to thank the Police Department of Russells Point for solving the crimes in the village and their fast action saving lives, including the Hover family from Orchard Island. Also, for adding two years to my wife's life. My experience with the Russells Point Police Department has been great and the Chief's efforts in Safety Town are important. Also, despite many criticisms of Mary Rutan Hospital, they saved my life. From my observation, the Police Department has always presented themselves professionally and I support a positive vote for the Police Levy."

OLD BUSINESS:

A. GovDeals

Two impounds, two John Deere gators, a cruiser push bar, and miscellaneous fishing gear was sold on the latest round of GovDeals. The sale of all items resulted in \$4,756.00 in revenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. US Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Auxiliary has requested permission to hold their meeting in the Municipal Building during the winter months. The meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Reames has offered to be available to open the building for the meetings if council approves the use. *Mr. John Huffman made a motion to allow the US Coast Guard Auxiliary to use the Municipal Building for their meetings on the second Thursday of each month during the winter months. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.*

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Cardinal Alley – Street Lights

Per the request of a citizen, Mr. Wallace reviewed the placement of street lights in the area of Cardinal Alley. The alley currently does not have any village street lights and gets very little benefit from adjacent roads. Mr. Wallace suggested placing at least one if not two new street lights on the alley between Morse and Fairview. He provided a map to council showing where DP&L poles are currently located, and suggested where the lights would best benefit the alley.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to have two street lights installed on Cardinal Alley based on Miami Valley Lighting's suggestion and approval. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

C. Fatima Apparitions

Council was given a list of events that will be held between May 13, 2017 and October 14, 2017 to commemorate the anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal. These events will be held at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 261 Chase Ave., Russells Point. Mayor Reames noted that two of these events include a processional that may require traffic control by the police department. As discussed in prior council meetings, the memorandum for the establishment of a sister city between Fatima, Portugal and the Village of Russells Point is still in progress.

D. Mayor's Association of Ohio

The Mayor's Association of Ohio will be having a conference June 14-16, 2017. Mayor Reames shared some of the topics of discussion and informed council that she would be attending.

E. Medical Marijuana

Ms. Huffman noted that council should consider if they want to pass an ordinance with regulations regarding the sale of medical marijuana since it is now legal in Ohio.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Dave Wallace. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28p.m.

Next Ordinance: 17-1150 Next Resolution: 17-890

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed