

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

**MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 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 Officer
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
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Mr. Doug Mitchell, LC Sheriff Deputy

Minutes: **March 2, 2015**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the March 2, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes with correction to date. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

*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: **Police Report** –

Chief Freyhof reported that the 2012 cruiser repairs will be done this week. He also reported on the various trainings that he and the other officers will be attending. Evidence disposal is nearly complete. Various firearms that have been retained, and have since been forfeited, have been traded for a new Glock handgun that can be used by one of the officers, and a shotgun for one of the cruisers.

Ms. Joan Maxwell noted that people are parking cars in the lot in front of the Roadhouse restaurant on SR 366. This area of the parking lot is to only be used for motorcycles due to the lack of visibility of oncoming traffic at the curve next to the restaurant. Chief Freyhof will discuss the parking issue with the restaurant owners.

Parks Report –

The Mayor and Ms. Sharon DeVault have been researching costs to replace the mulch with more durable, long lasting rubber mulch for the municipal building playground. The walking path at the municipal building is due to be re-sealed. It was noted that there are some sink holes in the path as well. The committee would like to have the holes repaired by the street department employees and have community service workers re-seal the path. The committee has discussed setting up a soccer field in the back section of the park but currently there are drainage issues that would need to be addressed first. The Indian Lake Middle School is starting an inter-mural baseball team and has asked permission to be able to use the fields and concession stand at Leppich Park for their games.

Mr. John Huffman moved to allow ILMS Inter-mural team use of the park and concession stand for their games. 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.

Lands & Buildings Report –

The committee met on March 10th and discussed various needs for the municipal building repairs and upkeep. The primary topic included the replacement of the HVAC system, hiring of an engineer, and/or having an energy survey completed. Electrical issues and cleaning of the exterior of the building were also discussed.

Neighborhood Watch Report –

The Neighborhood Watch will have a bake sale on Friday, May 22, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

Fiscal Officers Report –

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the February 2015 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and the February payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank. The Village has a cash balance of \$2,771,428.06.

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

Code Enforcement Officers Report –

Mr. Brown updated council in regards to recent zoning applications and violations. Questions arose as to why steps have been taken for the removal of a bus shelter near the intersection of U.S. Rt. 33 and Grand Ave. Mr. Brown & Mayor Reames explained that when the LC Commissioners donated the stretch of land to the village as part of the Clean Ohio project, deed restrictions placed on the land stated that there can be no structures on the property. The bus shelter is positioned on what appears to be partially state owned right of way, as well as the restricted property now owned by the village. Neither the state nor the LC Commissioners have any history allowing the structure to be placed in that location. The owner of the structure, Moore Signs, was informed that it needed to be removed, which they plan to comply with the request. After discussion, council agreed to continue with the removal request as planned to have the structure removed.

Street Superintendent Report –

Based on the lengthy discussion in the prior council meeting, Mr. Reese was asked to attend this council meeting to discuss his intended use of the newly acquired gators. Mayor Reames reported that during her discussion with Mr. Reese, she told him of councils concerns of the use, and asked him to attend the next meeting. Mr. Reese replied that if council has concerns over his intended use, his department will not use the gators. Mr. Reese did not attend the council meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. FY2014 CDBG Grant

Confirmation was received from the Logan County Commissioners that Jones & Henry Engineering, Ltd. has been selected as the engineer for the storm drainage improvement project.

B. FY2015 CDBG Grants

In order to be eligible for the 2015 CDBG Grants the village must have at least 51 percent of the residents in the low to moderate income level. Based on the last census, the village is at 50.9%. Since this number is not rounded to the nearest whole number, the village is unable to apply for the grants. This percentage will be used for all future CDBG grants until the next census is performed, or

the village has the right to perform its own income study which can be used to dispute the figures as last reported. The study would consist of all residents’ names placed in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and performing a randomizing function to randomly select residents to be surveyed. The survey must render responses from 300 residents. Mayor Reames asked if council would like to have the study performed, or remain ineligible for future CDBG grants.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to proceed with performing a random survey of the income level of village residents that can be used to dispute the last census. 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.

C. Logan County EMA Mobile Communication Trailer

As discussed some time ago, the LC EMA would like to store their mobile communication trailer in the municipal building. Since this was originally agreed upon with members no longer residing on council, the Mayor wished to confirm that this would still be agreeable to current members.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to allow the storage of the communication trailer providing that space is available without interfering with the village’s needs. 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, nay.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Grants

Information was handed out and will be made available to residents regarding the 2015 CHIP Grants available. The program is designed to assist low to moderate income homeowners with housing related needs such as HVAC replacement, roof repairs, plumbing, etc.

B. IL Community Church Fellowship Hall Polling Location

Due to the recent renovation of the Fellowship Hall, the church would like to have the LC Board of Elections find a different venue for election polling. They have concerns regarding the moving of the Election Boards heavy equipment in and out of the building on the new flooring. If anyone has any suggestions on a different location that the Board of Elections can use, please let them know.

C. Uniform Municipal Tax Revision

Due to the passage of HB5, which becomes effective January 1, 2016, municipalities must update their income tax ordinances to comply with the new regulations. The Ohio Municipal League as well as Central Collection Agency will be developing a sample ordinance that can be used to update the village’s tax ordinance.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 15-1116 Next Resolution: 15-809

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, March 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed