

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 5, 2015**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; Ms. Marie Hendel, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Roger Brown, Code Enforcement Officer  
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliot, Russells Point  
Mr. Nate Dunham, WPKO Radio  
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Village Solicitor  
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief  
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point

Minutes: **December 15, 2014**

*Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the December 15, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.*

Reports: **Mayor's Report** –

The December 2014 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$185.00 was presented to Council for approval.

*Ms. Kelly Huffman moved to approve the December 2014 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.*

**Park Board** –

Ms. DeVault reported that the replacement parts for the large piece of playground equipment has been ordered and will take approximately six weeks to be delivered.

**Police Report** –

Chief Freyhof reported that the village received a grant for a new radar unit at no cost. He also reviewed the 2014 activity report for the police department.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

A. **Resolution 15-807, GovDeals Internet Auction**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS VILLAGE PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

*Ms. Kelly Huffman made motion to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.*

*Ms. Ms. Joan Maxwell made motion to accept Resolution 15-807 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS: None**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Sanitary Sewer Shutoffs**

In regards to the sewer shutoff issue at 533 Grand Ave. that was discussed in the prior council meeting, Mayor Reames updated council on the situation. The resident has paid the past due charges for the sewer bill and service has been restored to the customer. The sewer department will be notifying the village of all shutoffs so that it can be monitored to help keep this from happening in the future. The health department is working with the resident in regards to the clean up.

**B. Winter Weather**

A new plow and emergency lights has been placed on the new GMC Yukon and is ready for the upcoming snow fall. The dump truck is also stocked and ready for plowing.

**C. Ice From Possible Water Leaks**

It was reported that ice has formed on Wilgus near Rite Aid, as well as the intersection of Lincoln & Garfield. It is possible that this is caused from leaks in the water system. This will be reported to the Water Superintendent for inspection.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resignation of Council Member Mr. Tom LaDow**

Council was provided a copy of the written letter of resignation from Council Member Tom LaDow. *Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Tom LaDow. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.*

Council agreed to advertise the council seat vacancy so that anyone interested in the position has the opportunity to come before council.

**B. Election of President Pro-Tem**

Mayor Reames nominated all Council Members. The following members wished to have their names removed from the ballot: Ms. Kelly Huffman, Ms. Joan Maxwell, and Ms. Marie Hendel leaving two members, Mr. John Huffman and Mr. Dave Wallace. Mayor Reames closed the nominations. Mr. Weidner passed out ballots for the election.

The results of the vote: *Mr. John Huffman – 3 votes; Mr. Dave Wallace – 2 votes.*

*Mr. John Huffman was declared the new President Pro-Tem for 2015.*

**C. Council Rules**

Mr. Eshenbaugh is in the process of updating the Council Rules. Until such time the rules have been updated, council agreed to continue using the rules currently in place.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion accept the Council Rules as currently written with no changes. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.*

D. Committee Assignments

Council agreed to postpone the 2015 committee assignments until the next council meeting.

E. January 19, 2015 Council Meeting

Mayor Reames asked if council would like to reschedule the January 19, 2015 meeting due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. Council agreed to keep the meeting as scheduled.

F. Village Health Insurance

Mr. Weidner informed council of the proposed 30% increase in the village's health insurance. He reminded council that premiums have actually decreased every year for the last three years, with an approximate 20% decrease last year alone. The proposed increase would bring premiums back up to where they were around three years ago. He is also getting comparable quotes from other insurance companies, but currently the best deal is to take the 30% increase. He asked council how much involvement they would like to have in choosing which plan to commit to. Council agreed that they would leave the decision to the Fiscal Officer and Mayor.

G. Verizon Tower

Mr. Eshenbaugh reported that Verizon is still waiting on state permits to be finalized before they will be able to start working on the new permanent cell tower. Construction is estimated to be started this spring.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Kelly Huffman.*  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 14-1115    Next Resolution: 14-808

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

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Mayor Robin Reames

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Date Passed