

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

**MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2016**

President Pro-Tem, John Huffman called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Reames joined the meeting immediately after.

Roll Call: Ms. Marie Hendel, absent; 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: Mr. Roger Brown, Code Enforcement Officer
Mr. Joe Cramer, 488 Madison Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Mr. Nate Dunham, WPKO Radio
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliot, Russells Point
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point

Minutes: **January 18, 2016**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the January 18, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. Ms. Libby Stidam seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstain

Reports: **Mayor's Report** –

The January 2016 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$347.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Ms. Kelly Huffman moved to approve the January 2016 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Code Enforcement Officer –

Mr. Brown updated council on recent zoning applications and violations.

Indian Joint Fire District Board –

Ms. Maxwell reported on the recent Indian Lake Fire Board meeting. It was noted that a clerical error in the recent levy renewal, changing the language from a 1.25 mil levy renewal to a 1.0 mil renewal will result in an estimated loss in revenue of \$57,000.

Lands & Buildings Committee –

Council was informed of the outcome of the recent energy audit with Evans Energy. Evans Energy will be obtaining two other quotes to complete the work suggested in the audit. Mr. Huffman has been working on getting prices for new flags and banners for comparison.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof reported that the ODNR Grant for boating education classes he had applied for has been awarded to the village. The grant is for \$10,147.17 with a village match of \$2,537.17. A resolution will need to be prepared to accept the grant.

He also reported that the Washington Ball Association has been unable to generate funds to pay for the cost of the insurance required by the village.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Street/Water Laborer Position

Mayor Reames noted that Sean Reese, prior employee of the street/water departments has submitted his application for the open position. Since only some of the aspects of the position would be supervised by his father, Mr. Tim Reese; council was asked if they would like to make any exceptions to allow consideration of Sean's application, or change the position to be supervised by another individual. Council asked that this be thoroughly researched with the Solicitor as well as Clemans Nelson before making any decisions.

B. Clean Ohio Becker Project

The grant application has been completed and submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission.

C. Oklahoma Trip – Indigo Sky Casino

Investors working with the Indian Tribe looking to develop land in Washington Township invited the Mayor and Chief of Police from Russells Point out to Oklahoma to visit their existing casino. The group also invited the Lakeview Mayor and a Trustee and Chief of Police from Washington Township including other private entity officials from the Indian Lake Region. Mayor Reames and Chief Freyhof will not be accepting the invitation as it has been determined to be against Ohio Ethics Laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Street Lighting Contract – Miami Valley Lighting

Effective January 1, 2017 the village will no longer receive the 5% discount as set forth in the current street lighting agreement. This is due to the sale of its competitive retail electric service provider (DPLER) to IGS Energy.

B. Quote for Tile in Municipal Building

A quote from Crazy Larry's Warehouse Carpet was provided to council for review. The quote is for removing carpet in various areas of the municipal building and replacing it with tile. Council asked that additional quotes be obtained for comparison.

C. LUC Traffic Meeting

Mayor Reames reported on a recent meeting of the LUC Regional Transportation Planning Organization. The meeting allowed the Mayor to voice safety concerns regarding various locations in the village.

D. Golf Carts

Mr. Wallace asked that an exception be made for an area resident to allow them to cross U.S. 33 with their golf cart, as that is the only entrance to their property where the golf cart is stored. Council disagreed, and it was suggested that the property owner use Taylor Street (a dedicated street, though it is not paved) to get to the property, or they can use a trailer to haul the golf cart to the storage facility.

E. Amendment to Council Rules

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to amend section B, #13 of the council rules to require monthly reports from the Street Superintendent, the Mayor, and Police Chief in addition to those already listed. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

F. Rubber Mulch for Municipal Playground

It was overheard on the CBS Evening news that there were health concerns of using rubber mulch. The informant was not certain of the outcome but it was suggested that the village obtain further information before purchasing the mulch for the playground. Ms. DeVault will look into it.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Kelly Huffman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 16-1130 Next Resolution: 16-824

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, February 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed