

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

MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2021

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Chief Joe Freyhof, RP Police Dept.
Ms. Dianne Gauder, Clerk of Court
Ms. Libby Stidam, BPA Member
Ms. Pat Cochenour, BPA Member

Minutes: **April 19, 2021 Council Meeting**

Ms. Kelly Huffman moved to approve the April 19, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea;
Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.*

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The April 2021 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,616.50 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the April 2021 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea;
Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.*

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided a written report on the April 20, 2021 meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. **Ordinance 21-1188; Contract with Dinkler Law (first reading)**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LYNNETTE DINKLER, DINKLER LAW OFFICE, LLC, FOR SERVICES OF VILLAGE SOLICITOR.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 21-1188 by title on the first reading. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea;
Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.*

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

B. **Resolution 21-952; Contract with Attaboy Entertainment**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ATTABOY TO PROVIDE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

FOR A VILLAGE SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENT IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 21-952 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Ms. Sharon DeVault

Ms. DeVault informed council that the harbor bridge is now open to the public and that the Hitmakers Concert has been cancelled again this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Property Forfeiture

Mayor Reames reported that per the notice from the LC Common Pleas Court, the Village only had ten days to file a petition to take ownership of the two lots. Since no petition was filed the parcels will be turned over to the State. For future reference, she was able to find out that the Village would not be required to pay the back taxes on the property. If any other properties become available it may require that a Special Council Meeting to determine if Council wishes to take possession and pass legislation to meet the deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Liquor License Renewal

Council was provided a list of current liquor licenses issued in Russells Point and a copy of the letter from the Ohio Dept. of Liquor Control providing opportunity to object to the renewal of any of the permits.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to allow for the renewal of the current liquor permits without objection. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion tied: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Marijuana Dispensary

The Village has been approached by someone who would like to open a marijuana dispensary. In 2018 legislation was presented to council prohibiting the sale of medical marijuana which subsequently failed. Also, in 2018 council did pass legislation imposing a moratorium for one hundred eighty (180) days. There has been no other legislation presented since.

The Mayor has contacted the City of Wapakoneta who currently has a dispensary as well as a cultivation site. They reported that they have not had any issues with the establishments and that permitting was handled as any other business.

C. Marijuana Initiative

An initiative petition is currently being circulated to obtain signatures to decriminalize marijuana in the Village of Russells Point. The language in the new petition is identical to the proposed ordinance presented to the Board of Elections in 2019 at which time it was determined by the LC

Prosecutor that petitions proposing no penalty for a criminal prohibition is an administrative action rather than legislative and is therefore not appropriate for the ballot.

D. Donation of Paint

Council was asked if they would have any problem with donating various old cans of paint that have been stored in one of the maintenance department bays to the Indian Lake High School. Council had no objections to the donation.

E. ODOT Crack Sealing

ODOT will be doing crack sealing along areas of U.S. Rt. 33, SR 708, and SR 235 between May 17 and May 28th.

F. Neighborhood Revitalization Grant

Council was provided an outline of the various project estimates as well as information discussed with the engineer and CDC of Ohio. Public Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, May 6th and Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss all of the projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to go into executive session at 7:29 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22, section G1 to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and include the presence of BPA Chair, Libby Stidam; BPA Member, Pat Cochenour and Fiscal Officer, Jeff Weidner. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied was excused from the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:37 p.m. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to establish the starting wage for the full-time licensed class 1 or higher operator of record at \$23.00 per hour with a \$1.00 per hour increase after the six-month instruction period and a favorable review. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion:

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to approve of the following hourly wage increases to be effective the current pay period. Chief Freyhof – 30% increase; Dianne Gauder – 20% increase; Tim Reese – 16%; Jeff Weidner – 10%. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion:

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

A. Tree on Utility Lines

Mr. Huffman asked what could be done regarding a dead tree that is leaning and hanging over utility lines at 920 State Route 708. Ms. Gauder explained that the tree is on private property and the owner cannot afford to have the tree removed. She added that a notice of violation could be

issued for a safety hazard and if the property owner does not comply, the village could have the tree removed and assess the cost to the property taxes. Ms. Gauder and Chief Freyhof will discuss the options further.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 21-1189 Next Resolution: 21-953

Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed