

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

MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2023

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

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

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Ms. Kylie Eshelman, Police Officer
Mr. Chris Allen, WPKO Radio
Mr. Jacob Estes, Bellefontaine, OH

Minutes: **January 17, 2023 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the January 17, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The January 2023 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,091.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the January 2023 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Records Committee Report –

Council was provided a copy of the January 23, 2023 records committee meeting. The Ohio History Center has confirmed that they do not request transfer of any items listed on the RC-3 form and the village can proceed with the destruction of the documents.

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided written report of the January 17, 2023 meeting.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof reported on the statistics for 2022 calls for service. The department received a report of an open burn or campfire near the river in the Nature Area. He also noted that Jason Cummins who was working part-time in the summer to help with the upkeep of the parks has taken a full-time position with the school and will likely not be able to offer much time to the village this summer. There are still several unfinished projects that need to be completed such as the installation of all the trail signs that were purchased.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 23-1003 Water Source Protection Committee (3rd reading)

A RESOLUTION CREATING A COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES AND STRATEGIES TO PROTECT THE WATER SOURCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1003 by title on the final reading.

Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

B. Resolution 23-1006 OWDA Interim Financing

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE STORM WATER PROJECT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, abstain.

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

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1006 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, abstain.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Mr. Jake Estes

Mr. Estes announced that he will be running for Bellefontaine Municipal Court Judge on the May 7, 2023 ballot. He provided a brief background about himself and his past experience in law.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Maintenance Team Position

Mayor Reames announced that after two declines of employment offers to applicants, a revised offer was made and accepted by Mr. Gerald (JJ) Frost, Jr. Today was his first day of employment and he will be at the next meeting to be introduced to council.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. United Christian Food Pantry

Council was provided a 2022 annual report from the food pantry.

B. Tax Incentive Review Council

Mayor Reames reported that she has yet to find anyone willing to serve on the council and asked if any of the council members wished to serve. Based on the language in the Resolution, there is question as to whether a council member can serve in this capacity, and it was suggested that the solicitor review and make a final determination before proceeding in this direction.

C. Purchase Order 110-2023; Tresena Hail

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign purchase order number 110-2023.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

D. Voluntary Demolition – Logan Cty. Land Bank

There are six structures in Russells Point that will be razed through funding from the LC Land Bank Voluntary Demolition Program. The land bank has contracted with Heater Excavating for the demolitions. Council was asked to waive the fee for the village tear down permit for these properties.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to waive the fee for the tear down permit for the properties included in the land bank demolition program. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

E. Logan County EMA Meetings

The EMA will be having several meetings over two days regarding the natural hazard mitigation plan that must be attended. The meetings will be divided up between the Mayor, Dianne Gauder, and Chief Freyhof.

F. Lisa Vasser – Part-time Assistance

Due to certain circumstances, Ms. Vasser is unable to be considered an employee of the village and would like to remain as contracted help. In the past, it was determined that contractors must have their own liability policy because they are not covered under the village’s liability insurance policy. This is estimated to cost Ms. Vasser around \$500 per year. Since the duties that she will be performing is limited to office work in the municipal building, Mayor Reames asked if council would consider waiving the requirement for her to obtain liability insurance.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to waive the liability insurance requirement for Ms. Vasser. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 2 nays

G. Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)

Mayor Reames reported that she has been approached by The Landing Tavern and Indian Lake Brewing Company about establishing a DORA in Russells Point. She suggested that council review the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to familiarize themselves with the requirements and legislative authority regarding DORA’s. There were voiced concerns regarding a small section between the two establishments that do not have sidewalks and the safety of pedestrians.

H. CTI Engineering Agreement

CTI Engineering, Inc. provided an agreement to conduct a water treatment plant capacity study at the request of the water superintendent and BPA. The agreement was sent to the solicitor for review. The solicitor noted that the village and BPA needed to be aware of the liability limits in the agreement. She will approve the agreement as to form provided that the village and BPA are aware of the concerns. Council was provided a copy of her notations and the fiscal officer noted that he has already asked that CTI amend the agreement to name the village and BPA as additionally insured, and that CTI maintain the policy in good standing, and direct the insurance

company to notify the village directly if the policy is cancelled for any reason. Council was asked if they would prefer any additional changes based on the information provided by the solicitor. Council discussed the liability limit of \$100,000 and felt that it should be more, however they also agreed that the final decision should be made by the Board of Public Affairs since they are the ones entering into the agreement. Council recommended that the Board of Public Affairs attempt to negotiate the terms to increase the limit of liability from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 23-1204 Next Resolution: 23-1007

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed: _____