

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

MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2020

Due to COVID-19 and the stay at home order this meeting was held by public teleconference via GoToMeeting.

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. Dianne Gauder, Mayor's Court Clerk
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Mr. Adam Sorenson, Crisis Intervention Team

Minutes: **July 20, 2020 Council Meeting**

Ms. Kelly Huffman moved to approve the July 20, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz 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

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The July 2020 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,644.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied moved to approve the July 2020 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell 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

BPA Report –

Council was provided a written report outlining discussions held in the prior board meeting.

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

This report was provided in writing by Ms. Joan Maxwell. Council had no questions.

Park & Recreation Report –

Tyler Avila has completed a lot of work on the ball fields in preparation of a baseball tournament. The next park board meeting will be held Monday, August 10th at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting will be held at the municipal building as well as via teleconference. Ms. Joan Hinterschied is applying for a Community Grant in the amount of \$500 through Dicks Sporting Goods for two tether ball sets and two basketball backboards and nets. She is also working on applying for the donation of another backboard and net through Walmart.

Police Report -

Chief Freyhof introduced Adam Sorenson from the Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services and Chair of the Crisis Intervention Team. Mr. Sorenson spoke of a six-month

Public Health and Safety Team Grant that was received from the CDC. He explained the purpose of the grant and how the money will be used to reduce the opiate use disorder. They also received a grant for the Crisis Intervention Team to recognize law enforcement officers who do a good job helping those with persistent mental illness. Russells Point Police Officer, Kyle Myers went through the Crisis Intervention Team Training in the fall and has applied the training in the field with success. Officer Myers was recognized with a CIT Officer Award for his outgoing efforts and applying his training in the field.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Municipal Building Property Drainage

Mr. Weidner informed council that he received a quote of \$3,000 to determine the valuation of the MacDonald property adjacent to the southeast corner of the municipal building property. The valuation is for the fifteen foot easement that is needed to complete the drainage project.

B. Traffic Light Inspection/Repairs

Security Fence Group recently completed the annual inspection of the traffic light controller at U.S. Rt. 33 and S.R. 708. Their report indicates that the controller and MMU are approximately twenty years old and that any failure would result in replacement. In addition, one of the batteries is leaking acid. The cost to replace the controller was quoted at \$5,825 (Econolite Controller) or \$5,375 (Eagle Controller).

C. Code Enforcement Department

Mayor Reames explained that she would like to split the duties of code enforcement and zoning. Dianne Gauder will continue to do perform the zoning duties and the police department will be taking on the duties of code enforcement. By assigning the code enforcement duties to the police department, this will allow more personnel, more community outreach, and will allow for an additional police officer leading to a goal of a full-time police department. She explained that if we employ another officer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for 32 hours per week, including retirement benefits and health insurance is estimated at around \$27.31 per hour, and approximately \$19,226 for the remainder of 2020. Based on the unencumbered balance in the code enforcement department that could be used to fund the additional officer, less potential expenditures for the department, there may be a chance that appropriations may require a slight increase. Mayor asked council for their thoughts on the proposed idea. Ms. Hinterschied questioned as to whether the officer would be in addition to a part time code enforcement employee, to which Mayor Reames explained that a part-time code enforcement/zoning officer would no longer be needed taking this approach. Ms. Hinterschied reiterated, and the mayor confirmed that it would be one hire at 32 hours per week.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied made a motion to allow the split of zoning/code enforcement duties and hire an additional police officer as proposed. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay

D. HVAC System

Ms. Maxwell asked for an update on the replacement of the HVAC system. Mr. Weidner explained that Atlas Butler and Lochard have both been in to look at the current system and that he is waiting on their quotes. Currently multiple fans are being used to direct the cool air from the conference room area to the council chambers.

NEW BUSINESS: None

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. John Huffman.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.*

Next Ordinance: 20-1182 Next Resolution: 20-940

Next Council Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed