

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

**MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2018**

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

Oath of Office: Before roll call Mayor Reames administered the oath of office to Pat Cochenour, BPA; Greg Iams, Council Member; and John Huffman, Council Member.

Ms. Kelly Huffman was elected to a new term on council but was unable to attend this meeting, and will be sworn in at the next meeting.

Roll Call: Ms. Marie Hendel, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iams, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Tonya Coblentz, 610 High Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Solicitor
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Ms. Joan Maxwell, 155 E. Wilgus, Russells Point
Mr. Steve Reid, 600 High Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Libby Stidam, 413 Fairview Ave., Russells Point

Resignation of BPA Member: Mr. Greg Iams provided council with a written letter resigning his position with the Board of Public Affairs.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Greg Iams from the Board of Public Affairs. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, abstain; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 3 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstain.

Minutes: **December 18, 2017 Council Meeting**

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to approve the December 18, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, abstain; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 3 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstain

Reports: **Mayor's Report** –

The December 2017 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,766.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. Dave Wallace moved to approve the December 2017 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Mr. Greg Iams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Maxwell reported on the recent fire board meeting. She also reported that the department used 44,000 gallons of water.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

The Mayor reported that there was no meeting to report on, however the committee that was established to develop a personnel policy manual for the EMS would like to review the manual that is in place for the Village.

Police Department Report –

Chief Freyhof provided council with a written report of the department's calls for service and significant purchases and revenues for 2017. He also reported that he would like to start a Twitter feed for the department, and increase the storage fees for impounds from \$15.00/day to \$25.00/day to be more in line with charges from other storage facilities.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 18-897; Sale of Surplus Property (GovDeals)

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

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

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 18-897 by title. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Vacancy – Board of Public Affairs

Mayor Reames asked if there were any citizens in attendance that was interested in filling the vacancy on the BPA due to the resignation of Mr. Greg Iiams. Ms. Libby Stidam and Mr. Steve Reid both voiced interest in the open seat. Mayor Reames stated that the vacancy does not need to be filled at this meeting, that the two candidates can be considered and appointed at the next meeting.

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to fill the vacancy, without waiting until the next meeting. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

Mr. Eshenbaugh pointed out that per council rules, the Mayor makes appointments with the advice and consent of council. Mr. Wallace withdrew his motion. Mayor Reames stated that she would like to postpone her recommendation to council until the next meeting.

B. Vacancy – Council Member

Mayor Reames asked if there were any citizens in attendance that was interested in filling the vacancy on Council. Ms. Joan Maxwell was the only citizen that was interested in the vacancy. Again Mayor Reames stated that council has thirty days to fill the vacancy if they wished to postpone any decision until the next meeting.

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to fill the vacancy this evening. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to appoint Ms. Joan Maxwell to the vacant seat effective immediately. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Mayor Reames administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Maxwell.

C. Mr. Steve Reid

Mr. Reid added that the Police Chief and the department need to be commended for making Russells Point one of the safest towns in the area and deserves the support of council.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Medical Marijuana

Council further discussed the pros and cons of allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in the village. Mr. Eshenbaugh suggested that council establish a moratorium on the matter until such time more research is done and a final decision is made. He added that the moratorium can be passed with no deadline and that council can lift the moratorium at any time through proper legislation. He also suggests that this legislation be passed through three readings, not as an emergency. Council agreed to have the solicitor draft a moratorium with no deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Blanket Purchase Orders

Council was provided a listing of the blanket purchase orders and the amounts established for 2018. The Fiscal Officer added that the listing does not include blanket purchase orders for village shared costs of benefits. Since some purchase orders are in excess of \$5,000 the Mayor asked for council's approval to sign the purchase order requests.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to approve of the blanket purchase orders. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

B. Election of President Pro-Tem

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion nominate all council members. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Mayor Reames asked if any members wished to decline their nomination and have their name removed from the ballot. All members with the exception of Mr. John Huffman declined their nomination and Mr. Huffman was declared the President Pro-Tem for 2018.

C. Council Rules

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to temporarily adopt the 2017 Council Rules without changes. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

D. Fire and EMS Board Appointments

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to temporarily appoint Ms. Joan Maxwell to the Indian Joint Fire District Board and Mayor Robin Reames to the Indian Lake EMS Board until the next council meeting. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

E. Lands & Buildings Committee

The committee scheduled a meeting for Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to go into executive session at 8:13 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. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:31 p.m. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to revise the current contract with Mr. Roger Brown, Code Enforcement Officer to reflect an hourly rate increase to \$17.00 per hour. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to allow the Fiscal Officer to hire Ms. Terry Lones at \$15.00/hour to perform the duties of Water Clerk on a temporary basis until a replacement is found. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. John Huffman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 18-1159 Next Resolution: 18-898

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed