

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 1, 2019**

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

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

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliott Rd., Russells Point  
Mr. Mike Vektorino, WPKO Radio  
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief  
Ms. Terri Giles, 121 Burkhart Ave, Russells Point  
Mr. Jack Reid, 285 Orchard Isl. Rd., Russells Point  
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Drive, Russells Point  
Mr. Scott Simon, 37 W. Broad St., Columbus

Minutes: **March 18, 2019 Council Meeting**

*Mr. Dave Wallace moved to approve the March 18, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

Reports: **Mayor's Report** –

The March 2019 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$731.00 was presented to Council for approval.

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the March 2019 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**Police Report** –

Parr Safety is expected to have the new cruiser outfitted by the end of the week. Parr is also looking for a used cruiser to replace the 2012 Dodge Charger.

**BPA Report** –

The board worked on updating their work list for jobs that have been completed and those that need to be done.

**Strategic Planning Committee Report** –

The committee reported on the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion included the location of the yard waste dumpster and clean up in the rear of the municipal building. The next meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup> and include the lands & buildings committee and Tim Reese.

**Indian Joint Fire District Report** –

Ms. Joan Maxwell reported on the March 19, 2019 Fire District meeting.

**Indian Lake EMS Report –**

Mayor Reames reported on the recent Indian Lake EMS meeting.

**Park & Recreation Report –**

The committee met before the council meeting to work on a list of things that need to be done to clean up the parks. The committee will start meeting regularly before each council meeting.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. Ordinance 19-1169; Amend Chapter 1177.17, Fences & Walls (Second Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1177.17 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO.**

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 19-1169 by title on the second reading. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**B. Ordinance 19-1170; Authorizing sale of 149 Clermont**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 149 CLERMONT AVENUE, RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO, AND DECLARING SAID PROPERTY TO NO LONGER BE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.**

As discussed in the prior meeting, Solicitor Zets confirmed that the sale of real property cannot be done through GovDeals, and must be done through a bidding process. The fiscal officer reported that the village has invested approximately \$1,981 in the property since receiving it through forfeiture in 2012. This includes legal costs to get the property transferred to the village, real estate taxes to date, and an additional five hours of time allotted for the solicitor to file the necessary paperwork if the property sells. The estimate does not include the cost of advertisement when the village tried to offer the property for bid in 2013. The fiscal officer will try to determine those costs as well.

Council also had questions regarding zoning requirements and if the lot would need to be paved or if gravel is acceptable. Mr. Brown will be at the next council meeting to answer any questions. Council did not take any action on this matter.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. TREX Liquor Permit Request**

Mr. Scott Simon, TREX attorney for Mr. Silwani was in attendance to explain the transfer procedure and answer any questions that council may have regarding the TREX request.

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to remove the TREX Liquor Permit Request from the table for further discussion. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

Mr. Simon explained that council would need to decide if they wish to allow Mr. Silwani to apply for the permit. If council allows the application, the Division of Liquor Control reviews the TREX application which takes several weeks. If the application is accepted, official notification from the Division of Liquor Control is provided to the council giving them 30 days to accept the transfer or request a hearing. The village is also given the opportunity to request a hearing for any liquor permit on an annual basis. Though the State limits the number of liquor permits based on the population of the subdivision, there is no limit on how many TREX permits the village can allow. The Division of Liquor Control will also require two inspections on the building. Mr. Simon also reported that permit

sellers often will not discuss a purchase until the legislative authority has granted the TREX application.

Mayor Reames reported that she has spoken with some of the neighbors around the proposed restaurant to get their thoughts. It was a general consensus that they welcome a new restaurant serving beer and wine but showed some concern of hard liquor being served and the possibility of being open as late as the permit allows.

It was noted that there is nothing prohibiting Mr. Silwani from changing the business from a restaurant to a bar. As requested in the prior meeting, council has not received a more definitive business plan, drawings, or contacted the code enforcement officer. Without the requested information, the following motion was made:

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to table the TREX request for 30 days until the requested information is obtained. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**B. Sidewalk Repairs – CJ Engineering Proposal**

The village received a quote from CJ Engineering to perform a field assessment, provide an engineer’s estimate, and assist with grant applications to repair, replace, and install sidewalks starting at Mansfield St. south to Main St., then again south of U.S. Rt. 33 along SR 708 to the U.S. Postal Facility. The proposed scope of the project would not exceed \$400. If a grant application is accepted, these fees could be recovered through the grant.

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to allow the Mayor to accept the proposal from CJ Engineering and allow the expenditure not to exceed \$400.00. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**C. Sign Ordinance Amendments**

Council was provided a copy of Solicitor Zets comments regarding our current sign ordinance and copies of sign ordinances from the cities of Powell and Gahanna. The solicitor suggested that council review these documents and give their opinions before he proceeds with any changes. To allow ample time to review the documents, council will resume this discussion at the June 17, 2019 council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Liquor Permit Renewals**

The village received notice from the Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control regarding the renewal of liquor permits issued in Russells Point. Council members were asked if they had any objection to the renewal of any of the permits.

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to approve of the permit renewals without objection. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**B. ODNR Permit**

ODNR is requesting a permit to replace an existing dock on state owned property at the harbor. The new dock will be ADA handicap accessible, and a ramp will also be installed allowing wheel chair access from the lower dock level to the village sidewalk. Council was asked if they would like to waive the permit fee.

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the permit fee for the access ramp and dock. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. John Huffman.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.*

Next Ordinance: 19-1171    Next Resolution: 19-917

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

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Mayor Robin Reames

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Date Passed