

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

**MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2023**

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

Roll Call: Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present; Ms. Joan Hinterschied; absent. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz; absent.
Ms. Shannon Stinemetz was excused for this meeting in the October 16, 2023 meeting minutes.

Mr. John Huffman moved to excuse Ms. Joan Hinterschied from the meeting. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion failed: 1 yea – 3 nays

Recorder: Fiscal Officer, Ms. Taylor Thompson

Guests: Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Dianne Gauder
Mr. Norman Cole, Chase Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Ms. Aubrey Ward, Waldo, OH
Mr. Kris Allen, WPKO Radio
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point
Ms. Linda Long, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point
Mr. Lee McCarty, 129 Chase Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Samantha Sawmiller, 130 E. Lake Street, Lakeview
Mr. Mike Ruppert, Lima, OH
Mr. Aaron Brown, Lima, OH
Mr. Jason Smith, 130 E. Lake Street, Lakeview

Minutes: **October 16, 2023 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the October 16, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The October 2023 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,305.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the October 2023 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

- A. **Ordinance 23-1214; Amending & Restating section 5058.08 Nuisance Conditions Prohibited**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 505.08, TITLED NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED, TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PREMISES.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1214 by title and to amend section 1. (b) to exclude the words “and cats”. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

- B. **Resolution 23-1017; Water Meter Replacement Tentative Bid Award**
A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY AWARDING WATER METER REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SUBJECT TO FUNDING APPROVAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 23-1017 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- A. **Mr. Norman Cole**
Mr. Cole thanked council for passing the ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Amending September 18, 2023 Minutes**
At the recommendation of the Village Solicitor, the minutes need to be amended to show her presence by phone on September 18, 2023.
Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to amend the September 18, 2023 council minutes as corrected. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.
The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.
The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Ohio Municipal League Update**
Council was provided a copy of the Ohio Municipal League updates. Ms. Joan Maxwell suggested council be provided the web address for the update on the agenda in lieu of a printout.

B. Water Shed Meeting Update

Mayor Reames attend the Water Shed meeting on October 18, 2023. A weed prevention plan is in place for 2024. Dr. Jennifer Jones presented and Mayor commended the way she is able to present the information in a way that is easy to understand. The plan for next year is available on ODNR's website.

C. Insurance Renewal

Council was provided a copy of the medical insurance plans and their premiums.

D. Tiny Homes

Mr. Greg Iiams gathered information on "Tiny Homes" as requested by Mayor Reames. Mr. Iiams reported that there is no real definition of a Tiny Home under Ohio Legislation. The home can only be a maximum of up to 500 square feet. A lengthy discussion ensued about these homes.

E. Signs

Mr. John Huffman asked about random signs being placed on random corners of the village. The Mayor stated that only political and real estate signs can be placed in the right-of-way. If business place signs around town, they need to get a zoning permit. An elected official has the right to remove signs that are not placed properly or without a permit. If signs are removed, please bring them to Ms. Dianne Gauder.

F. Ms. Dianne Gauder

Ms. Gauder thanked council for coming to the ground break of the Cobble Stone Hotel today. She asked everyone to be aware of the area as a lot of material and equipment will be coming through.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Greg Iiams.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.*

Next Ordinance: 23-1216 Next Resolution: 23-1018

Next Council Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

Mayor, Robin Reames

Date Passed: _____