

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 18, 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 Iams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Roger Brown, Code Enforcement Officer  
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott, Russells Point  
Mr. Tim Reese, Street Superintendent  
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Dr., Russells Point  
Terri Giles, 121 Burkhart, Russells Point  
Ms. Libby Stidam, BPA Member  
Mr. Sari Silwani  
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief

Minutes: **March 4, 2019 Council Meeting**

*Ms. Kelly Huffman moved to approve the March 4, 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 Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the February 2019 bank reconciliation, cash summary reports, and payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank statement. The Village has a pooled cash balance of \$4,137,171.41.

*Mr. Dave Wallace moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

Council was also informed that the Ohio Plan Insurance through Stolly Insurance will cost an additional \$149 more than originally quoted due to the increased number of police officers.

**Police Report –**

Chief Freyhof reported that the 2005 Crown Vic cruiser will be stripped of various equipment, some of which will be used for the new cruiser. The 2008 Charger had two broke engine mounts and a cooling system leak. It was also found that the frame rails are rusting which may result in safety issues if the car is in an accident. Once the new cruiser is received, the Charger will be placed in a limited use rotation and will only be used for such things as parades and fire works until a decision is made as to whether to replace it. Chief Freyhof is checking various sources for a used cruiser to replace it.

**BPA Report –**

The board passed resolutions modifying the rules and regulations of the water department, as well as the water rates. This was done to include regulations and rates regarding transient units.

**Strategic Planning Committee Report** –

The committee prepared a list of various projects, discussions, and concerns from prior council meetings that are incomplete as to an outcome.

**Indian Lake EMS Report** –

Mayor Reames provided a copy of the February 27, 2019 meeting minutes.

**Code Enforcement Report** –

Mr. Brown reported on recent zoning permits, notices of violation, and contractor registrations. He also informed council that he has issued a notice of violation for various issues at 533 Grand Ave., including foundation, concrete, and landscape violations. This is also the property that received violations in the past of dispensing sewage onto the ground, using a generator for electric, and most recently had a water leak which left water running out of the front door of the home. It is believed that the property is now vacant. The health department will be notified as well.

He also reported that Mr. Jack Beatley has been in contact with Ms. Gauder and himself regarding his request to vacate the end of Burkhart Ave. which separates a property that is owned by him and a property owned by his family's trust. Council reviewed a map of the proposed vacation as provided by Mr. Beatley. There were concerns of vacating the roadway due to drainage lines that discharge into the water at that location, and noted that this has been discussed in the past that picnic tables could be placed in that location or even placement of one or two boat docks.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to vacate the end of Burkhart Ave. as proposed. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion failed: 0 yeas – 6 nays.*

Mr. Brown and Mayor Reames met with engineer Cale Jacobs to discuss various village sidewalk improvements. Mr. Jacobs suggested applying for District 13 OPWC funding to repair sidewalks on the east side of SR 708. He will be putting a proposal together for council's review. Solicitor Zets is still reviewing the information regarding sidewalk repairs that was passed by the City of Bellefontaine.

**Maintenance Department Report** –

Recent high winds caused a tree to come down over the road near the intersection of Grand and Marshall which required workers to clear the road. The department has been working on cleaning and organizing the work bays. Two storm sewers near the end of Wilgus by the proposed PUD project was inspected. Though the catch basins are not in good shape, with the help of the fire department, they were able to flush water through the system. It was found that one of the catch basins is in good working order with water heading East to the Slough. The second basin is undetermined as to the direction of flow and holds water. The dump truck and toolcat repairs reported in the previous meeting have been completed. Mr. Reese also reported that the skidloader is leaking hydraulic fluid and is expected to have high repair costs due to the labor involved. Since the sale of the street sweeper, the department has not looked at or discussed any further a replacement.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. **Resolution 19-915; Agreement with Fishel Downey Albrecht Riepenhoff, LLP**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FISHEL DOWNEY ALBRECHT RIEPENHOFF, LLP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

*Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. 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. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 19-915 by title. 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. Resolution 19-916; Establishing a Board of Recreation**

**A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NEED FOR AND ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF RECREATION AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. 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.*

*Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to accept Resolution 19-916 by title. 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. Ordinance 19-1169; Amend Chapter 1177.17, Fences & Walls (First 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. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 19-1169 by title on the first reading. 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.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Radio Station Walls**

Mayor Reames asked that council consider a way to thank the Ohio Hi-Point JVS students that worked to extend the radio station walls to the ceiling in council chambers.

**B. TREX Liquor Permit Request**

Mr. Silwani provided council with two proposed preliminary layouts of the interior of the building where he would like to open a restaurant. In addition, he also provided an aerial display of the property layout with a hand drawn area showing location for parking for the business. Current parking would allow for ten vehicles. He reported that the building has an estimated occupancy of ninety-nine with plans to include outdoor dining on a wraparound deck.

He has located a preliminary liquor permit but needs approval from council in order to TREX the permit into the village. Mr. Silwani reported that his goal is to get a D5 (sale of liquor, beer, and wine until 2:30 a.m.) and a D6 (Sunday sales until midnight) permits for the establishment, though he does not intend to be open until 2:30 a.m. Mr. Silwani also reported that if he does not receive permission to TREX a liquor permit, he has no other plans for the structure and would most likely sell it.

Mayor Reames reminded council that a motion was made in the previous meeting to table the request for 30 days. If council wished to take any action that they would need to remove it from the table.

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to remove the TREX liquor permit from the table for further discussion and action. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion failed: 2 yeas – 4 nays.*

*No action was taken, and the subject was laid back on the table.*

Mr. Silwani stated that he does not want to spend additional funds for final planning if the village is not interested in allowing the TREX application. Council asked that a more definitive business plan and drawings be provided.

C. GovDeals

The recent GovDeals auction is complete. Three of the four vehicles listed were sold. The Chevy Impala that did not sell will be reposted with a lower starting bid.

D. Records Disposal

The police records that were approved for disposal has been taken to Logan County MRDD for shredding and certification of disposal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. 149 Clermont Property

Mayor Reames informed council that someone is interested in purchasing a piece of village owned property at 149 Clermont. Though the property is a non-conforming lot, the interested party would like to purchase it for a parking area that can be used for visitors to the Lady of Fatima Statue. The village attempted to sell the property in 2013 but failed to receive any bids. Mayor Reames will be checking to see if it is permissible to sell the property via GovDeals or if this needs to be done by sealed bids.

B. Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy

Mayor Reames made a recommendation to council to appoint Ms. Libby Stidam to fill the vacant seat (due to the resignation of Ms. Ann Elleman) on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

*Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the Mayors recommendation to appoint Ms. Stidam to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.*

Next Ordinance: 19-1170 Next Resolution: 19-917

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, March 25, 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