

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

**MINUTES
January 20, 2014**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Tom LaDow, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Janice Moore, present; President Pro-tem, Mr. Steve Reid, absent.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliot, Russells Point
Mr. Nate Dunham, WPKO Radio
Mr. Joe Freyhof, RP Police Chief
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Dr., Russells Point
Mr. David Wallace, 251 Chase, Russells Point

Minutes: **January 13, 2014**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the January 13, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes with the correction adding Ms. Joan Maxwell to the list of Council members that were administered the oath of office. Mr. Tom LaDow seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports: **Fiscal Officer's Report** –

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the December 2013 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and the December payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank. The Village has a cash balance of \$2,548,634.57. Since it was the end of the quarter and year, Council was also provided with a final appropriation and revenue status report.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Police Report

Chief Freyhof provided Council with an activity report for 2013 with a breakdown of the various types of calls for service. He also advised to be aware of an email scam addressed to Embarq email users requesting personal information.

The police department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,252.00 for the purchase of two mobile and two portable radios however details of the award, such as Village match requirements, are not yet known. The cost for writing the grant, per agreement, is 8% of the award amount or \$260.16 payable to Gatchell Grant Resources, LLC. A request for a waiver of the Village match will be submitted.

The Chief also updated Council on the status of the impounded automobiles that can possibly be placed on GovDeals.

Parks & Recreation Report

Quotes are being obtained for upgrading the electrical wiring in the concession stand as well as rehabbing the bleachers and dugouts at Leppich Field. The committee will also be

determining how many residents would be interested in having a community garden. The committee will meet again on February 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

**A. Resolution 14-794, A Resolution to Prepare a Certificate of Estimated Revenue
A RESOLUTION ASKING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO PREPARE A CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE.**

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman moved to accept Resolution 14-794 by title. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Council was provided with a copy of the Certificate of Estimated Revenue prepared by Mr. Mike Yoder, Logan County Auditor, showing a calculated estimate of \$94,000.00.

**B. Resolution 14-795, A Resolution to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation
A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION.**

Mr. John Huffman moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman moved to accept Resolution 14-795 by title. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

**C. Resolution 14-796, A Resolution in Support of the Police Levy
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEVY FOR THE RUSSELLS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE MAY 6, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.**

Ms. Janice Moore moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Ms. Janice Moore moved to accept Resolution 14-796 by title. Mr. Tom LaDow seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Council Rules

Council Rules will remain tabled until President Pro Tem, Steve Reid is able to attend.

B. Habitat for Humanity Property

After the deed is reviewed, a resolution will be prepared for Council to approve the final transfer of the property to Habitat for Humanity.

C. Moving Ohio Forward

The Logan County Commissioners Office has been distributing bid packets for the removal of several structures around Logan County including five structures in the Village of Russells Point. The street department is currently working on the removal of a structure located at 222 Marshal Street which was not a part of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Additional Funds Available From Ohio Public Works Commission

Mayor Reames informed Council that OPWC has approximately \$700,000.00 open in grant money. The Rudolph family, who donated the land for the Indian Lake Great Miami River Open Space Project, would like the Village to consider putting additional trails in the project area. Bassett & Associates has roughly estimated the additional cost to be \$100,000.00. The Village would be required to match the OPWC funds by 35%, in which the Rudolph family has offered to pay a considerable amount of. The Village would have to pay for the additional engineering costs which are estimated to be around \$5,000.00.

B. Water Plant Wells

It was reported that well #2 has been pumping sediment into the filtration system. The well was immediately eliminated and the plant is currently running on the remaining two wells. If it is determined that the well is going bad, there will need to be a geological study performed and a new well drilled.

C. Codified Ordinances

Solicitor Eshenbaugh will be contacting Walter Drane to determine how often we should be submitting our ordinances for codification.

D. President's Day - February 17th Council Meeting

Council agreed to keep the February 17, 2014 meeting as scheduled.

E. Auxiliary Officer Pay

Mr. Tom LaDow made a motion to appropriate \$10,000.00 to the police fund to be used strictly for payroll and related expenses of Auxiliary Officers. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

F. Golf Cart Ordinance

To reopen the issue of allowing golf carts within the Village of Russells Point it was suggested that discussions be referred to the Ordinance & Rules Committee. Solicitor Eshenbaugh will forward all previous drafts of the ordinance to the council members for review.

G. Garage/Yard Sales

It was suggested that the Village offer a weekend Village wide garage sale that is free to all residents sometime in the spring. This would be followed by a weekend offering dumpsters for residents to dispose of remaining items. Mayor Reames will talk to the Washington Township Trustees at their next meeting to see if they would be interested in offering the same services at the same time.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 14-1101 Next Resolution: 14-797

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, January 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
- C. Park Board: Monday, February 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed