

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**August 5, 2024**

Mayor Reames called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Ms. Joan Hinterschied, absent; Mr. John Huffman, Present Mr. Greg Iiams, Present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Present; Mr. Dave Wallace, Present. Mr. Steve Reid, Present.

**RECORDER:** Vanessa Stidam Fiscal Officer

**GUESTS:** Rebekah Smith, BPA Russells Point  
Jill Boggs Burst, BPA Russells Point  
Ann Ellsman, Russells Point  
Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer  
Jason Smith 315 E Main St, Russells Point  
Kim Warner 106 North St, Russells Point  
Dan Tynan Water Super Russells Point

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*John Hoffman made a motion Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

*No Discussion*

*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.*

*Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas-0 Nays*

**REPORTS:**

**Fiscal Officer Report:** Fiscal Officer Vanessa Stidam gave her full report June 2024.

Pooled Bal \$5,550,722.89

Revenue \$421,265.94

Expenses \$452,496.39

General \$2,655,585.73

Water \$2,088,859.70

Remaining \$775,047.01

Ending Pooled Balance for VRP \$5,519,492.44

*Greg Iiams made a motion to approve Final statement as submitted, John Hoffman seconded the motion.*

*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.*

*Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas-0 Nays*

**Water Report:** Dan gave verbal report. Well 5 had electrical problems that have since been fixed.

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Two wells are needed at all time to give the Village the water it needs. If well pump runs at less then 20% it can't be rebuilt. Well 3 and 4 have been running.

In 2023 Budget I had funds to get it rebuilt. 85% of the screen was plugged with four feet of slug. We only have two running wells at this time. We will have well 4 rebuilt this stated on July 30 2024.

EPA sent a letter that was positive. They liked the upgrade for the flow we needed. We are at a flow of 430 that is much better than last year that was 288 a day.

EPA likes that the meters are being replaced. Water loss is at 39.2% this had to be done.

This is hard work for everyone. Mark from EJP worked with Sue and Vanessa. 451 have been installed but only 356 are reading. Dan has been attending free class for water treatment license.

A grant for 10,000 was awarded to the Village. We will take that to the BPA because we have to pay for this then be reimbursed. The total cost is \$9,040.00 for new presser logger.

This will not help with Hydrants, but it will help.

All of this will be a BPA action no approval needed from Council at this time. This was explained by the Mayor. This will come from water funds.

This has taken so long because we had this for the meters to be replaced and now we are wanting to use it for a new item. The logger is what we will use it for.

BPA will do all the handling of Well repairs moving forward. Dan has stated well 5 will be redone next year.

Mayor informed all of us of the work Dan has done to get the Plant running better.

**Mayors Court Report:** As you can see it is more than last year. We have four officers this year and they are out doing a good job.

*John Hoffman made a motion to approve Mayors Court report,, Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.*

*Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas-0 Nays*

**Police Report:** Chief Freyhof reported the issues at Main and Clermont. Chief reported that people are running the stop at the intersection. A resident suggested that we get an LED stop sign. Chief has two quotes one 30x30 and 36x36. Chief would like council to consider adding this to the 2025 budget. The police officers are watching this intersection closely. The LED is \$1700 and \$2400 both have flashing lights. This will need to be East and West on Main Street only. Dave Wallace would like to see this happen now.

We have used all the funds for signs because of the tornado damage. We should get EMA funds maybe as soon as Friday.

*Dave Wallace made a motion and Joan Hinterschied second the motion.*

*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.*

*Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas-0 Nays*

Chief added golf cart permits are out lived, with no records of violations. The time it takes is not worth it to continue. This is a rule and everyone seems to be following it. Most cross at the light.

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Chief would like to omit the permit processes not the Ordinance. Revenue goes into the General fund. Mayor requested that we see what funds it generates before we make a dissection.

Roads are also being closed by Helms and we are unaware. Dan is meeting Justin tomorrow and this will be discussed with him. Steve questioned who is overseeing this project. Mayor let all of us know that Justin Rice is in charge.

Tim Reese is the Village project lead. Chief would like to go to the meeting with Helms and Sons. This was something Jeff was overseeing and then he left.

Chief updated council that he has an update on the stolen boat. It was a black Chevy express van.

**IJFD report:** Two people are being looked at Derek Gillespie and Bruce Huhn. This is just what we know at this time.

**Parks Update:** Joan H wanted to give update on the splashpad. Fundraising has been unbelievable. The Indian Lake Brewer rents a dunk tank. We have 12 celebrities to do this. We have 11 to match this. We will have baskets to raffle off and Golf Cart world has given us a golf cart that could make up to \$15,000, if we sell all tickets. We will have a gun raffle that should make us \$4000.00. We have others and support is pouring in. Mary Rutan Hospital is going to pledge @\$10,000.

Dunk Tank will be August 24<sup>th</sup> and everyone is invited.

Steve added that this is for all the community not just Russells Point. He feels we may only have to ask the Village to add \$10,000 for the Splash Pad.

We should have way more than the 25% of the project. We have 16,000 in the bank.

This is all a guess, but we are doing wonderful.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Kim Warner would like to address council. She was looking at the Village site and taking minutes is crazy. She would like to see us video the meeting.

Mayor informed all that per open meetings and public records act. This has been addressed with legal and we wish to keep it the way we do it.

Kim let council know that the last page of some ordinances is missing on line. 1229/1232/1225/1230

Mayor suggested that we look into that and see why.

Kim would also like to have council reply to her emails. She suggested that council just lets her know they got the email.

Steve verified that page 3 is missing. Kim would just like transparency. Greg made the statement this is costly. Codifications is done annually.

No one else wanted to address council.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance No:24-1243- Emergency** An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No 24-1232: Temporary amendment of the Personnel Policy Manual Concerning the March 14,2024 Emergency Response for the Village of Russells Point.

*John Hoffman made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.*

*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.*

*Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea*

*John Hoffman made a motion to approve by Ordinance by title. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.*

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*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.  
Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea: Mr. John Huffman, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas-0 Nays*

### **Ordinance No:24-1244-Emergency** An Ordinance amending Section 4.8 of the Personnel Policy Manual for the Village of Russells Point.

*John Hoffman made a motion to wave the three-reading rule. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.  
Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.  
Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea: Mr. John Huffman, Yea*

*John Hoffman made a motion to approve by Ordinance by title. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.*

*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.  
Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea: Mr. John Huffman, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas-0 Nays*

### **OLD BUSINESS:** Amend the Council rules for the Tree Commission.

*John Hoffman made a motion to amend the rules to add Tree Commission,. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.  
Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea: Mr. John Huffman, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas-0 Nays*

### **NEW BUSINESS:** Jill Boggs Brust to the BPA.

*John Hoffman made a motion to approve the appointment, Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.  
No Discussion*

*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea.  
Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea: Mr. John Huffman, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas-0 Nays*

Jill was sworn into the BPA with her Oath of Office.

Vanessa wanted to update that the Golf cart permits have just been ordered and the cost was over \$2,000.00. This order was approved and placed 17 days ago and it is too late to cancel them. The last set lasted the VRP 10 years.

Dianne said she would show the revenue that the Golf carts bring in.

AUP Audit went well and all of the council should have a copy in email.

Mayor stated we should all be proud of our Audits.

Steve Reid would like to talk about the appointment and rates of the Solicitor Daniel Bay.

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Mayor stated that he is doing a great job. Dianne is happy with him and Joe and Vanessa have no complaints. His rates are the same as Dinkler Law. Daniel has not said that he worked with Highland so we may have to have this diverted- If it needs to go to a liability.

*Steve Reid made a motion to proceed with requesting Daniel Bay to be our full-time solicitor with the rates he has provided. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

*Discussion:* John Hoffman would like to wait for another month and proceed with the three-reading rule. Steve Reid agreed not an Emergency.

*Vote: Mr. Greg Iiams, Nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea. Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 5 Yeas-1 Nays*

Logan Co Visitors Bureau- Completed the unveiling of the core hole boards. It was very nice and a lot of people showed up for this.

On last Saturday at 9:30 we had two full rows of cars using our pickleball court and other items.

Dave asked if Jack brake signs have been ordered. Mayor said 6 will be ordered. We will have a spare. This will cover 708,366 and 720.

FO Vanessa Stidam let them know the order has not been placed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Joan Hinterschied made a motion to adjourn Greg Iiams seconded it All in favor-Yea*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Next Ordinance: 24-1245 Next Resolution: 24-1041

Next Council Meeting: Monday August 19, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

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Vanessa Stidam \_\_\_\_\_ On File

Recorder: Vanessa Stidam FO \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed: August 19 2024