

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2021

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, absent; Mr. John Huffman, present; Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present.

Mr. John Huffman moved to excuse Ms. Hinterschied from the meeting. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, nay; Ms. Kelly Huffman, nay; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, nay.

The motion failed: 0 yeas – 5 nays

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Dianne Gauder, Mayor's Assistant
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Dave Wallace, 251 Chase, Russells Point
Ms. Pat Cochenour, BPA Member

Minutes: **June 7, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to approve the June 7, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the May 2021 bank reconciliation, cash summary report and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$5,122,172.54.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Maintenance Department Report –

Council was provided a written report from Mr. Reese outlining the various projects the department has been working on since the last report. Mr. Iiams asked if the faded No Parking signs on Main Street have been replaced that he mentioned some time ago. In addition, he reported that the signs identifying Biff's Way was eliminated when they replaced road signs and should be returned as this is a dedicated road. Mayor Reames will discuss this with Mr. Reese.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof reported that Safety Town went well with 25 kids attending. There were no issues to report during the St. Mary of the Woods Festival but there were three or four arrests over the weekend. He will be applying for a 50/50 grant for new body cameras but the new online system has made it more difficult to apply than in the past. The department received a

donation of a new radar. He has also been working with other departments regarding which roads will need to be closed during the Chamber of Commerce Fireworks on July 3, 2021.

Parks Report –

The area around the new playground equipment has been reseeded, the remaining new park benches have been installed in the Nature Area, and the village has received good comments on the upkeep of the Leppich ball fields. The cost of the contract with Attaboy for the community concert will be covered by a donation from Teri Frymyer of Choice Properties Real Estate.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied joined the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Zoning Report –

Council was provided a written report submitted by Ms. Gauder updating council on various zoning permits issued and in process.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Mayor Reames reported on the recent EMS meeting held on June 9, 2021. This is the last year for the current 3-mil levy and a committee was formed to place a new 2.5-mil reduced levy on the ballot.

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided a written report on the June 15, 2021 meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 21-1188; Contract with Dinkler Law (third reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LYNNETTE DINKLER, DINKLER LAW OFFICE, LLC, FOR SERVICES OF VILLAGE SOLICITOR.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 21-1188 by title on the third reading. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Sharon DeVault

Ms. DeVault reported a property one or two house north of the Municipal Building property with very high weeds in front of their windows in the flower beds, but their yard is kept mowed. She wasn't sure if there was anything that could be done regarding the weeds.

Also, the property at the corner of Elliott and SR 708 has had several trash bags sitting in the parking lot.

B. Dave Wallace

Mr. Wallace reported that Indian Lake Boatlifts has pulled a section of his barge to the end of Burkhart. There are water and sewer mains in that area that go to the Yacht Club island and thought that the village should watch that to make sure that it doesn't cause damage. In addition, it is an eyesore and blocks anyone else from having access for fishing or anything else.

Ms. Gauder noted that Mr. Tim Reese and Fire Chief Mark Gibson both went to the site to assess the situation. They reported that the barge is in the lake and they do not see that it would cause any damage or interfere with any safety services. The barge is located in the area for permitted work on a boathouse at the neighboring property. Mr. Wallace added that the other section of the barge has been pulled up on the village property. Chief Freyhof will take another look at it tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Contractor Registrations

The Mayor stated that many contractors, depending on their field, need to register with multiple agencies including the village in order to do certain work. It seems that in most cases this is repetitive and not well received by some contractors. Many residents are unaware that contractors need to be registered and many are not concerned. Some residents are under the impression that if a contractor needs to be registered, that the village will help them in the event that there is an issue with the contractor’s performance. She felt that residents should have the right to use any contractor they wish and that they should be responsible for ensuring that the contractor is insured. In addition, many contractors hesitate to work in the village to do a one-time small job requiring them to go through the registration process and pay a fee. The contractor registration fees have generated an average of around \$2,600 per year. The Mayor asked if this registration process is something that we want to continue with or change our ordinances to remove the requirement.

Discussion included the labor and costs involved in the registration process, the problems with enforcing the requirement, the stop work orders that cost residents time to complete their projects, etc. It was also discussed that our ordinances provide exceptions that an unregistered contractor can be used in emergency situations, but residents can define emergency differently. State mandated changes to the collection of local income tax regarding contractors has also reduced income to the village and made it nearly impossible to track. The benefit of the registration is to help protect residents by ensuring that contractors are insured in the event of an accident as most residents fail to do this themselves.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to draft legislation to remove the contractor registration requirements. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 2 nays.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Kelly Huffman.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 21-1190 Next Resolution: 21-957
Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed