

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2021

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

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

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. Libby Stidam, BPA Chairperson

Minutes: **April 5, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to approve the April 5, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays – 2 abstains

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the March 2021 bank reconciliation, cash summary report and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$5,053,436.94. Since it was the end of the first quarter council also received copies of the revenue and appropriation status reports.

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

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

The motion passed: 6 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.

Zoning Report –

Council was provided a written report submitted by Ms. Gauder updating council on various zoning permits issued by the department.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof reported that there will be a medication take-back day this weekend. The department has issued five new notice of violation warnings and approved a couple of extensions. Officer Koewler served his last full week with the department and will be starting training with the Army.

Parks Report –

The park board reviewed the work to be done at the various parks. They have arranged 8-10 High School Seniors to do some work at the ball fields on May 10th. The community build for the new playground equipment installation will be completed with the help of twenty-one volunteers and another five volunteers will be helping with food and drinks. Future park board meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

BPA Report –

Ms. Stidam reported that the water department has had three water line repairs in the last couple of weeks. The board has been working with the Mr. Albert, VRP Operator of Record, and the Village of Lakeview on resolving two outstanding EPA violations. The board has received confirmation from the EPA that all violations have been adequately resolved.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Mayor Reames reported on the recent EMS meeting and council was provided a copy of the March 10, 2021 meeting minutes.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**A. Chief Joe Freyhof

Chief Freyhof stated that he takes great exception to the \$80,000 salary (approximately \$25,000 more than the prior EMS Chief) that the IL EMS board approved for Chief Strayer after having only thirty days of administrative experience. He added that the Village paid thousands to have an outside company do a salary survey to help determine the average pay for various positions and help develop pay scales, yet council has done nothing with the information. Based on the information received the average salary for a police chief was \$58,000 in 2019 compared to \$46,000 for Russells Point, and the Police Chief for Jackson Center made \$53,000 in 2019 with no college education. He would like to know what justifies such a high salary for the EMS and not the Village of Russells Point.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to reassess the salaries of all village employees. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay.

B. Sharon DeVault

Ms. DeVault asked the Mayor how the EMS arrived at the wage for the Chief's position. The Mayor responded that the board considered past hourly wages including overtime opposed to salary and it was also taken into consideration that they will not be hiring an assistant chief.

OLD BUSINESS:A. Neighborhood Revitalization Grant

Council was advised of the cost estimates for seven projects that are being discussed for inclusion in the grant application. Mayor Reames informed council that some modifications were discussed with the engineers to decreased the estimated cost of some of the projects. Public meetings have been scheduled for May 6th and May 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building to allow residents to provide their input on the proposed projects.

NEW BUSINESS:A. Property Forfeiture

The village received notice from the LC Common Pleas Court that two lots located on Lake Avenue are available to the village through forfeiture. Mayor Reames is waiting on confirmation from the County Prosecutor as to what the cost would be to take the properties. It is unsure as to

what the current procedure is and whether the village would be required to pay the outstanding property taxes totaling \$14,926.41.

B. Village Logo

Currently the village does not have an official logo. This has been discussed in prior Strategic Planning Committee meetings and various designs were presented and discussed. Due to the COVID pandemic, SPC meetings have not been held for any further discussion on the matter. Ms. Joan Maxwell has continued work on the design and a copy was presented to council for their input. There were a couple of minor suggestions, but the overall graphic design was well liked. Mr. Weidner will put the design in vector form and the SPC committee will review the final product and make their recommendation to council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22, section G1 to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and include the presence of BPA Chair, Libby Stidam and Fiscal Officer, Jeff Weidner. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:34 p.m. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied made a motion to establish an additional position for a full-time licensed class 1 or higher operator of record. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion:

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A. John & Mary Rudolph Nature Area

Ms. Kelly Huffman asked if there were plans to spray the nature area for undesirable vegetation in the nature area. Mayor Reames reported that the area was to undergo a controlled burn this past weekend but conditions were unfavorable so this will not happen until this fall. She also reported that the maintenance team is working to find out what kind of spray should be used so that this can be done without subcontracting. Council agreed that this should be done as soon as possible and to proceed with subcontracting the spraying to JB Vegetation until further information is obtained to do it ourselves.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 21-1188 Next Resolution: 21-952

Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed