

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

**MINUTES
September 16, 2013**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Sharon DeVault, present; Mr. John Huffman, absent; Mr. Dave Leonard, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Janice Moore, present; President Pro-tem Steve Reid, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Dale Albert, Water Superintendent
Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Ms. Beth Fraley, 208 Second St., Russells Point
Mr. Joe Freyhof, RP Police Chief
Mr. Ralph Fuhrman, 730 Grand Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Christine Hunt, 239 E. Wilgus, Russells Point
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Mr. Tom LaDow, 125 Holly Lane, Russells Point
Ms. Verida Mallory, 485 Madison, Russells Point
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Dr., Russells Point
Mr. Mike Myers, 601 Lincoln Blvd., Russells Point
Mr. Dave Wallace, 251 Chase, Russells Point

Minutes: **September 3, 2013**

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the September 3, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Dave Leonard seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

September 9, 2013 Special Meeting

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the September 3, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Dave Leonard seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, abstain; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstain

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

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the August 2013 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and the August payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank. The Village has a cash balance of \$2,425,139.70.

Ms. Janice Moore moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Parks & Recreation Report –

The Park & Recreation Committee will meet at the Municipal Building on October 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to determine what is to be accomplished during the scheduled work-weekend of October 12 & 13, 2013 from 10:00 to 4:00.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 13-789, Clean Ohio Excavation Agreement

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RD JONES EXCAVATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL CONTRACT WORK FOR THE INDIAN LAKE-GREAT MIAMI RIVER OPEN SPACE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.

Mr. Steve Reid moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to accept Resolution 13-789 by title. Ms. Sharon DeVault seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Resolution 13-790, Abatement for Gravel Parking Lot

A RESOLUTION TO ABATE FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1184.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ENFORCE THIS RESOLUTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Janice Moore moved to waive the three reading rule. Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, nay; Mr. Dave Leonard, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Ms. Janice Moore, nay; Mr. Steve Reid, nay.

The motion failed: 0 yeas – 5 nays.

The motion to waive the three reading rule failed. No further action was taken on Resolution 13-790.

C. Ordinance 13-1096, Renaming Morris Street to Morse Street

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 68-394, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO AND RENAMING MORRIS STREET TO MORSE STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.

Ms. Sharon DeVault moved to accept Ordinance 13-1096 by title on the first reading. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Ms. Pat Cochenour, BPA Chairperson

During the September 9, 2013 meeting of the Board of Public Affairs, the committee discussed the potential location of the Verizon cell tower directly in front of the water plant. Ms. Cochenour noted various concerns about the location such as; repair of nearby current wells and water lines, prohibiting future wells and lines in that area, as well as aesthetics. The BPA voted unanimously to voice their concerns and position on the matter to council, and ask that they consider a different location for the tower.

B. Mr. Dave Wallace, 251 Chase Ave., Russells Point

Mr. Wallace reported that Miami Valley Lighting is working on the repair of several of the village's street lights in lots of ten. He also commended Ms. Dianne Gauder, Mayor's Assistant, for keeping an up to date list of those repaired and those still in need of repair, as well as quickly notifying MVL of new repairs as they are reported.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Moving Ohio Forward Grant

The County has received bids for the Phase I demolitions and has ordered title searches for the Phase II properties which will take approximately 30 days. They will then order asbestos testing of all units which is estimated taking 30 days, with hopes to have Phase II units bid by late October.

B. Grand Ave. No Parking

The No Parking signs are in place and residents have been made aware of the new parking restrictions. As of October 1, 2013, the police department will start to enforce to No Parking violations.

C. Storm Sewer Cleanout

Mayor Reames informed Council that the Logan County Water Pollution Control District has agreed to jet the storm sewer lines located on the west side of SR 708 just south of U.S. Rt. 33 in an effort to clear any debris in the lines, and eliminate the immediate need to replace the lines. At the same time the Street Department will be replacing the catch basin.

D. Verizon Tower

Mr. Dale Albert, Contracted License Holder, attended the meeting to support the Board of Public Affairs position on the location of the tower. Mr. Albert suggested that the tower be placed behind the water plant, noting that future expansion of wells and lines would less likely take place in that direction. It was determined during discussion that Verizon had only taken one soil sample on the property. Council asked that Mr. Albert as well as the Verizon representative attend the next meeting to further discuss the location. They also requested that Verizon Engineers be contacted to request that they perform a soil sample on the west side of the water plant prior to the next meeting, so that a more informed decision can be made.

E. Police Department Update

Chief Freyhof reported that the Neighborhood Watch will offer trainings over the next three months at a greatly reduced rate in an effort to draw new members for the group. Trainings will include CPR, unarmed self-defense, and first aid training.

He also wished to clarify, in the event the police levy passes, what the money will be used for. The intended use of the levy funds will be to retain the current full time police officer that is currently funded through a grant. This will give continued support of three full time officers and reduce the need for transfers from the general fund. It was suggested that a cookout be held during the October 11, 2013 bake sale to help raise money for advertising expenses to promote the levy.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Clean Ohio Meeting

The Clean Ohio Committee will hold a meeting Monday, September 30, 2013 at 12:00 noon to discuss having a ground breaking ceremony for the Indian Lake Great Miami River Open Space Project.

B. Finance Committee Meeting

The committee will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. to continue discussions of a 1-3-5 year plan.

C. Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat will be held Wednesday, October 31, 2013 from 6:00 to 7:30.

D. October Curfew

Mr. Dave Leonard moved to set the curfew at 8:00 p.m. for the month of October for those under 18 years of age, as has been done in the past. Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

E. Handicap Parking

An Ordinance will be presented to Council at the next regular meeting that will allow handicap parking in certain, otherwise prohibited areas in the Village.

F. Washington Township Breakfast Meeting

The Washington Township Trustees will be holding a breakfast group meeting on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in which all Council members are invited.

G. Planning Commission

The September 17, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting has been cancelled.
Mayor Reames also notified Council that Mr. John Huffman wishes to resign from the Planning Commission and noted that the replacement should be a citizen of the village.

H. Personnel Issues

*Mr. Steve Reid moved to go into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss personnel related issues.
Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;

Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to go out of Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;

Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Steve Reid moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Sean Reese effective September 20, 2013. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;

Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.

H. Foundation Grant

Mayor Reames informed Council that Gatchell Grant Resources is searching for a grant that would help incur the cost of purchasing a programmable electronic sign to place in front of the municipal building.

Mr. Steve Reid moved to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Sharon DeVault seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 13-1097 Next Resolution: 13-791

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, September 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

C. Indian Joint Fire Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2013

D. Indian Lake EMS Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2013

E. Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2013

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed