

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

*****AMENDED***
MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2023**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present; Ms. Joan Hinterschied, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Mr. Greg Iams, present; Mr. John Huffman, absent.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to excuse Mr. Huffman from the meeting. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Recorder: Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

Guests: Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Dianne Gauder
Police Chief, Joe Freyhof
Mr. Steve Reid, 600 High Ave
Ms. Deanna Fry, WPKO Radio
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd
Ms. Linda Long, 202 Oakcrest Court
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, Oakcrest Court
Ms. Lynnette Dinkler, Village Solicitor -(VIA telecommunications)

Minutes: **September 5, 2023 Council Meeting**

Correction: Mr. Dave Wallace requested to change the recorder to Ms. Taylor Thompson, Fiscal Officer, and remove Jeff Weidner.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to approve the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as corrected. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Greg Iams moved to go out of Agenda Order and go into executive session at 7:06 p.m., pursuant to ORC 121.22, Section (G)(3), and to allow the presence of Chief Freyhof and Ms. Dianne Gauder. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iams made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:17 p.m. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

Mr. Greg Iams moved to resume the meeting. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the August 2023 bank reconciliation, cash summary report and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$5,613,673.48.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea;
Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Police Report –

The 2017 cruiser is at Wrens Service Station being repaired and needs four new tires. Chief spoke with the Fiscal Officer and there was enough money on a purchase order, so no change in the budget. The department has been receiving multiple calls about kids climbing on the new basketball rim and changing the height of it. The crank was removed and placed inside the Municipal building and looking into installing more cameras out there, if possible. It is starting to quiet down around the area due to school and sports being in session. There was an overdose in the Township that we assisted with and Narcan was used. Last Saturday, a man with mental health issues broke into a home in 600 Lincoln and started remodeling it. Officer Styles took him to the hospital, and the guy left the hospital against medical advice. We arrested him. Trunk or Treat is on Thursday, October 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There is a homecoming parade meeting this Thursday.

Zoning Report –

Ms. Gauder provided council with a written report of the permits that have been issued or in process since the last report.

Maintenance Report –

Council was provided a written report for the department.

Water Report-

Council was provided a written report for the department.

IL EMS Report –

Mr. Dave Wallace gave an oral report. The EMS received a Federal Grant award for keeping employees during Covid. The Mayor wants the information on this to see if we can help employees at the Village. They also received a smaller grant from the State for overalls that are anti-rip when they are using saws. There was some more discussion and confusion on what was being reported. The Mayor requested that Mr. Wallace obtain some more information.

LUC Report –

Mr. Greg Iiams informed council that Bokescreek Township was awarded a grant for a three-thousand-gallon tanker. This maybe something to look into for the future. Mr. Iiams asked Mr. Scott Coleman what the Duff's were doing on State Route 235, West of Honda. He stated it was their new quarry.

Parks & Recreation Report –

Ms. Joan Hinterschied that the first splash pad meeting was held. She obtained two quotes from two different companies. For a 1,100 square foot facility, 1,500 square feet of spaced is needed. Two businesses have approached Ms. Hinterschied and want to do fundraising with their employees to help fund the project. The Superintendent of the Board of D.D. is willing to help write the grant. Ms. Hinterschied is getting in touch with Choice One Engineering (COE) on this and looking into a new lift for a changing station in the new restroom, which is A.D.A. compliant. If we can get it approved, the board of D.D. will pay for it. There is an application available on cell-phones for families to search for handicap accessible areas. There was open discussion about the splash pad. Ms. Joan Maxwell had questions regarding the water method. Ms. Hinterschied explained that there are two methods. The first is a recycling method. The other is new in, old out, which has lower maintenance costs. The water will be timed as there will be a time set for it to come on in the morning and shut off for the day. There are also sensors in the splash pad called eyelets and as the child walks by the eyelets, the water comes. They can be timed from eight to fifteen minutes. Mr. Iiams asked if there needs to be an engineering study. Ms. Hinterschied has already met with COE twice on this project and will confirm. A Facebook survey went out about the splash pad. Two hundred and ninety-three people voted. There were only four no votes. The pricing quotes came in around one hundred and nineteen thousand and ranged to one hundred and eighty-six thousand.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied made a motion for Council to approve the fact finding for a splash pad. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 1 nay

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 23-1013; Storm Water Bid Award- Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc.

A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY AWARDING STORM WATER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SUBJECT TO FUNDING APPROVAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 23-1013 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

There was discussion about the Bid and question as to why Reichert Excavating’s price came in so high. Ms. Dianne Gauder informed council that sometimes companies will do this as to let the Village know they still want to work for them, but maybe are unable to take on this project currently, without the cost of hiring and training new employees.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. BPA- Rudolph/Reed Request

The Mayor informed council of a letter that was written by Mr. James Rudolph asking the BPA board for additional material costs assistance. Mayor spoke with board chairman, Libby Stidam, about the various factors of this request. By her calculation, the costs for the storm water and water materials calculated to be around one hundred and five thousand dollars. The BPA agreed to purchase an additional three thousand five hundred and fifty-four dollars worth of material for the fire hydrants. This planned unit development is going to be one of the largest economic developments since the amusement park. Mayor wants to develop good relationships and good faith with these investors and believes that the BPA members should have supported them more. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Iiams argued that more funding has gone into the Water Treatment Plant due to the Hotel and planned unit development. A Water Capacity study had to be done to ensure the Hotel could be supported and utilities needs can be met. Washington Avenue was vacated. The Mayor was not aware of additional funding that was spent and asked that Ms. Stidam be invited to the next council meeting to discuss this. Mr. Steve Reid asked to speak as a chair for the Planning Commission. Mr. Reid stated that the economic development from this area will generate revenue for the Village for many generations to come. It is the Village of Russells Points duty to provide adequate utilities. There was lengthy discussion on this matter. Ms. Gauder informed council that there will be another Dollar General on State Route 366, across from Indian Meadows. This will be a Dollar General Market. The Dollar General in our village will remain open.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Next Ordinance: 23-1214 Next Resolution: 23-1014

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

Mayor, Robin Reames

Date Passed: _____