

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

**MINUTES  
June 17, 2013**

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

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

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point  
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Solicitor  
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief  
Mr. Ralph Fuhrman, 730 Grand Ave., Russells Point  
Ms. Kelly Huffman, 618 High Ave., Russells Point  
Ms. Christine Hunt, 239 Wilgus, Russells Point  
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Drive, Russells Point  
Mr. John Stemple, Washington Township Trustee  
Mr. David Wallace, 251 Chase, Russells Point

Minutes: **June 3, 2013**

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the June 3, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.*

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

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

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report** –

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the May 2013 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and the May payment register. The bank reconciliation shows the Village books reconciled with the bank. The Village has a cash balance of \$2,474,401.97.

*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. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**Indian Joint Fire District Report** –

Mr. Leonard reported that the board had a routine meeting. He also noted that the tornado siren that is tested every Friday at noon is controlled by Logan County.

**Parks & Recreation Report** –

Dayton Power & Light has been working on determining the location to set new poles to run electric to Leppich Field for the concession stand. The Logan County Solid Waste District helped to clean up some of the debris and removal of trees around the ball diamonds. The committee has also purchased the supplies needed to ground the shelter house at the Sunnyside Park and is looking into the cost to rehab all the picnic tables at the parks.

**Police Report** –

Chief Freyhof has been working with the Shriner's regarding the parade lineup for the Russells Point Harbor Festival in August. The street closure that will be required for the parade has been approved by the State.

A trail cam has been purchased, and will be used for surveillance.

Three Auxiliary candidates were interviewed; however the candidates did not follow through with the initial requirements of a physical training test.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. Ordinance 13-1089, 2013 Amended Appropriations**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, STATE OF OHIO DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

*Ms. Sharon DeVault moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

*Ms. Sharon DeVault moved to accept Ordinance 13-1089 by title. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**B. Ordinance 13-1090, Sale of 149 Clermont**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 149 CLERMONT AVENUE, RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO, DECLARING SAID PROPERTY TO NO LONGER BE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.**

*Ms. Janice Moore moved to waive the three reading rule. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

*Mr. Steve Reid moved to accept Ordinance 13-1090 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**C. Resolution 13-783, Accepting CDBG Grant for Drainage System**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACCEPT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AWARDED TO THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.**

*Ms. Sharon DeVault moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

Discussion: Council was also given a copy of the award letter which stated that the County Commissioners elected to fund priority 2 and 4 flood and drainage activities. Council was interested in knowing what other priorities (projects) were submitted by the Village but not accepted. Mayor Reames noted she will supply the additional information at the next meeting.

*Ms. Sharon DeVault moved to accept Resolution 13-783 by title. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**D. Resolution 13-784, IL Great Miami River Land Donation**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE THE DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE VILLAGE FOR THE INDIAN LAKE-GREAT MIAMI RIVER OPEN SPACE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.**

*Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to waive the three reading rule. Mr. Dave Leonard seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

*Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to accept Resolution 13-784 by title. Ms. Sharon DeVault seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**H & R BLOCK PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Kelly Huffman, Senior Tax Advisor for H & R Block presented Council with information and estimated costs in respect to their interest in obtaining the job of Tax Administrator for the Village. The estimated cost was quoted at five percent (5%) of gross annual receipts as well as an estimated yearly cost of two percent (2%) or \$4,000.00 whichever is greater for incidental fees such as, but not limited to, postage, software renewal, and form printing. Council was given the opportunity to ask questions in regards to their business, policies and procedures.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**A. Mr. John Stemble, Washington Township Trustee**

Mr. Stemble reported that Township Road 52 that leads to the water plant is slated to be chip sealed in the near future. Council was curious if there has been any further discussion regarding annexing this road into the Village limits. Mr. Stemble stated that the trustees had decided not to allow the annexation and suggested that a letter received from Mr. Jim Duff played a part in that decision. Council asked Mr. Stemble to supply Council with a copy of the letter.

Mr. Stemble also informed Council and citizens of his intentions of running for re-election for Township Trustee and asked for their support.

**B. Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Drive, Russells Point**

Ms. Miller inquired if there were anymore discussions regarding the development of a farmers market. Ms. Miller was told that due to the costs involved of employing an individual to run the market that the idea has been put on hold.

**C. Mr. Ralph Fuhrman, 730 Grand Ave., Russells Point**

Mr. Fuhrman suggested that the Village consider enforcing stiffer penalties for those refusing to keep their grass cut. He noted that the 700 block of Lake Street is considerably high and nothing has been done.

Mayor Reames informed Mr. Fuhrman that the Village must follow the ordinances in place. This includes issuing citations once the grass reaches a certain height as specified in the Ordinance giving them the allotted time to correct the issue. In most cases those land owners that do not comply, are behind on their real estate taxes and the penalties that are assessed to taxes are seldom recovered, suggesting that a stiffer penalty will not change compliance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Replacement Flags and Poles for Main Street

The estimated cost of replacing the damaged flags and poles is around \$380.00. It was suggested that the Village get an estimate on wooden or heavy wall aluminum poles that would be much sturdier to withstand the weather.

B. DP&L Energy Affinity Program

The DP&L Energy Community Savings Program will have a fixed price increase from 6.25 cents to 6.49 cents/KWh on June 23, 2013. Those already enrolled in the program will continue to receive the lower rate until their enrollment is up for renewal. Any residents wishing to be placed on the program should sign up before June 23<sup>rd</sup> to obtain the lower rate.

C. Moving Ohio Forward

Of the 18 structures listed for tear down, 5 residents have signed voluntary tear down permits, and 6 others have been purchased and are slated to be rehabbed.

D. Parking on Grand Ave.

It was determined that the Village passed Resolution 04-720 stating that parking on the East side of Grand Ave. was prohibited. Though this resolution was passed, the Village did not carry out the placement of signs or the enforcement of the decision. The correct placement of No Parking signs will be determined and placed in the appropriate locations. Letters will be sent to the residents living in the area giving them ample notification of the change. It was also suggested that the Police Chief and Solicitor determine a time period of which only warnings will be issued, once the signs are in place, to allow residents time to become accustom to the change.

E. Correct Spelling of Morris/Morse Street

In 1968 Ordinance 394 was passed renaming a section of High Street to Morris Street. All street signs and maps have been spelled Morse rather than Morris. An ordinance will be written to correct the spelling of the street name to Morse to match documentation on file.

F. Stump Grinding at 111 Sunnyside Ave.

A quote was obtained for \$100.00 from J & R Tree Service to have the stump removed from the Village right of way at 111 Sunnyside Avenue. Council advised that the Code Enforcement Officer check to see if the removal will damage the pavement prior to proceeding.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Sale of 149 Clermont

Council will determine a minimum bid for the sale of 149 Clermont once they have had time to review the lot size and any costs incurred since the time the property was obtained by the Village.

*Mr. Steve Reid moved to adjourn the Meeting.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 13-1091 Next Resolution: 13-785

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, July 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, June 24, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

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Mayor Robin Reames

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Date Passed