

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 4, 2024**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present. Mr. Steve Reid, present.

Recorder: Ms. Vanessa Stidham, Fiscal Officer

Guests: Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Ms. Dianne Gauder  
Ms. Ann Ellema, 530 Miami Russells Point  
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, Oak Crest Court, Russells Point  
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 290 Elliott Rd, Russells Point  
Mr. Jason Smith, 130 E. Lake Street, Lakeview Ohio (Open Road renewables)  
Mr. Gary Hines, Sunny Cove Resort Russells Point  
Ms. Liz Gibson, 101 W. Elliott Road Russells Point

Minutes: **February 20, 2024 Council Meeting**

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the February 20, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, abstained; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1adstained*

Minutes: **February 26, 2024 Special Council Meeting**

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the February 26, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes as submitted Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, abstain; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 abstain*

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report -**

Council was provided a written report for Mayor's Court. Fiscal Officer Stidham reported the Village had sent almost \$1,000 to the state.

*Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the Mayor's Report as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**Fire Division Report –**

Council was provided a written report for the Fire Division by Ms. Joan Hinterschied.

**Park Board Report –**

Council was provided a written report for the Park Board by Ms. Joan Hinterschied.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied reported the Park Board currently has approximately \$15,500 in funds, collected from United Way, Board of Developmental Disabilities and an unknown donation.

There are two grants coming up that the Village could apply for, one in June (Nature Works) and November (Honda Foundation), both are ODNR grants. A quote was obtained from Choice One to assist with the applications at a cost of \$1,150, which is already in the budget. Nature Works would pay for half the project, estimated at \$150,000, so Village could potentially receive \$75,000. The November grant could be used to match, but Village may or may not be approved. There are also two grants coming available in October that would support the Village's projects. Park Board asks that the Mayor approve the Contract so applications can get started. Resolution will be needed to approve any Contract with Choice One for assistance with grant applications. This will be submitted at next council meeting.

**JMAX Strategic Planning –**

Council was provided tow handouts by SWOT. Ms. Joan Maxwell reported a meeting held February 22<sup>nd</sup> to look at the big picture of the Village: S stands for strength, W stands for weaknesses, O stands for opportunities, T stands for threats. Ms. Joan Maxwell reported that discussion with Choice One in 2015/2016 noted the Village needs identity; a logo and mission statement. This was never completed. A logo was created that emphasized Indian Lake, not the Village. A new logo has been created to emphasize Russells Point with Indian Lake being a bit smaller. Ms. Joan Maxwell asks that the Village adopt the new logo and a mission statement. Fiscal Officer Stidam stated she would speak with the Village's legal counsel and see about a resolution at the next council meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Ms. Mary Jo Forgione spoke regarding yard waste. Fiscal Officer Stidam responded noting that the request is a bit of a chore as the Village cannot get into the municipal building right now, but Mayor will figure something out. Ms. Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer, reported that bags will work and citizens can bring them to the municipal building.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Ordinance 24-1223; Golf Cart-Section 377.04

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 377.04 OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMEGENCY.**

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion. Mr. Greg Iiams requested an amendment to the Ordinance before it goes to vote: Section 4 – “immediately upon signature of the Mayor.”*

*Mr. John Huffman reworded his motion to include amending Section 4 of the proposed Ordinance be amended to read “immediately upon signature of the Mayor.” Mr. Steve Reid retained his second.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

B. Ordinance 24-1225; Bed Tax-Chapter 183

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION CHAPTER 183 OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

*Second Reading*

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion; Ms. Joan Hinterscheid seconded.*

*Mr. Steve Reid asked where Russells Point is allowed to have representation on Indian Lake chamber visitor burrow Mayor Robin Reames responded that isn't stated and that is a conversation to have with the Chamber Board. Discussion occurred that Joan Hinterscheid is on that Board, but not as council. Zoning Officer Dianne Gauder reminded council that the Indian Lake Council stated they would provide a report to council on all matters on a quarterly basis. Mr. Steve Reid stated he would reach out to their Council.*

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to proceed with the second reading. Mrs. Joan Hinterscheid seconded.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, no; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nays*

- C. Resolution 24-1028; Consult Services with Taylor Thompson  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR THOMPSON TO PERFORM CONSULTATION SERVICES AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND DECLARING AN AMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO**

*Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Joan Hinterscheid seconded the motion.*

*Mr. John Huffman asked if Taylor Thompson could be kept on payroll. Fiscal Officer Stidham advised Ms. Thompson no longer on payroll and could not be on VRP payroll as Ms., Thompson is on payroll elsewhere and cannot be enrolled for two OPERS. This is just part of the process and will be very short term.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Farmers Market

Mayor Reames advised that Farmers Market meeting will be held March 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Robin Reames has suggested the Farmers Market use village space at the Municipal Building which costs the Village nothing but no decision will not be made until meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Steve Reid expressed his concern that this was a bad decision as it is asking Farmers Market to move out of the business district, it is hurting businesses. Fiscal Officer Stidham explained it was just an offer but if Farmers Market decides to move, Council will need to approve the move. Farmers Market's missions is to get fresh fruit / vegetables to those who can't get them. Most of those folks reside this side of Route 33. However, this is a decision of the Farmers Market Board, not the Village.

- B. Eclipse Meeting

Mayor Reames advised she had discussions with the health department regarding temporary camp site permits and was advised that if someone is offering a temporary camp site to friends / family, is on public water / sewer system, and is not being compensated tents can be erected without a temporary campground permit.

Mr. Dave Wallace expressed concerns as there will be lots of media, a 3-day event with over 20,000 people and the Village does not have the manpower to enforce it. Mr. John Huffman stated the ordinance states no camping on a residence. Mayor Robin Reames stated the Ordinance restricts tents and needs to be changed.

C. Lands, Buildings and Facilities

Mr. Steve Reid reported he has a quote for the electric sign out front and would like to see progress. Fiscal Officer Stidham advised those present on the LBF Committee that she will be sending out an email to set up an evening meeting

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Committee Meetings

Zoning Officer Dianne Gauder announced there is a zoning ordinance / appeals hearing to be held on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to consider a commercial zoning request. Sun Wood, d/b/a Indian Head Restaurant has requested three specific variances: (1) front set back regulations; (2) rear set back regulations; and (3) that they be permitted use on non-continuous vacant lot for placement of commercial dumpster / parking.


**ADJURNMENT:**

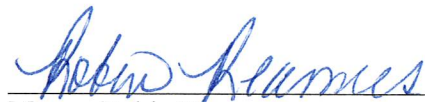
*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Joan Hinterscheid.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 24-1233    Next Resolution: 24-1033

Next Council Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm. (meeting was canceled for tornado) Next meeting April 1,2024

  
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Fiscal Officer, Vanessa Stidam

  
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Mayor, Robin Reames

Date Passed: April 1 2024