

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**December 4, 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 Iiams, present; Mr. John Huffman, absent;  
*Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to excuse Mr. John Huffman from the meeting. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 1 nay*

Recorder: Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

Guests: Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Dianne Gauder  
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point  
Maintenance Team Member, Mark Coy  
Police Chief, Joe Freyhof  
Ann Elleman, 530 Miami Ave., Russells Point  
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point  
Ms. Linda Long, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point  
Ms. Samantha Sawmiller, 130 E. Lake St., Lakeview  
Mr. Jason Smith, 130 E. Lake St., Lakeview  
Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Director, Ms. Krista Oldiges

Minutes: **November 20, 2023 Council Meeting**

*Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to approve the November 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays*

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The November 2023 statement for Mayor's Court showing village revenue in the amount of \$1,735.00 was presented to council for approval.

*Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the November 2023 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

**Indian Joint Fire District Report** –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided a written report of the November 21, 2023 meeting.

**Police Report** –

Council was presented a written report for the department.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. Resolution 23-1019; Splash Pad Research and Grants**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING RESEARCH AND GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR SPLASH PAD CONSTRUCTION AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY

*Mr. Greg Iiams moved to accept Resolution 23-1019 on the second reading. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

Ms. Joan Hinterschied gave some information to council on the two different types of splash pads. First, a recyclable water method requires a storage tank underground and a certified water operator. The other method is a pump and dump. The water is not recycled using this method. Ms. Hinterschied also gave information on local splash pads who use the pump and dump method. The Village of West Liberty dumps their city water from the splash pad into a local creek. They are able to use this process due to low levels of chlorination.

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

*The motion failed: 2 yeas – 3 nays*

**B. Resolution 23-1020; Aggregation for Municipal Properties**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO THE AGGREGATION FOR ELECTRIC POWER FOR VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTIES, IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1020 by title. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 1 nay*

**C. Resolution 23-1021; USDA Grant Fund Acceptance**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1021 by title. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

**D. Resolution 23-1022; USDA Loan Acceptance**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGING IMPROVING AND/OR EXTENDING ITS STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT FACILITY TO SERVE LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1022 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

**E. Ordinance 23-1217; Amend 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, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1217 by title. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

**F. Ordinance 23-1218; Income Tax -Amendments (HB 33)**

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, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1218 by title. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- A. **Ms. Krista Oldiges**  
Ms. Oldiges from the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD), voiced her support for the splash pad. The LCBDD has offered a donation of \$10,000.00 towards the project and to help write any grants. She stated that their board often rents the splash pad in West Liberty, Ohio. Some families travel from Indian Lake to their events.
- B. **Ms. Dianne Gauder**  
Ms. Gauder advised council that a few parents who are interested in the splash pad, have stopped by the municipal building for information. These parents are not comfortable letting their children swim in the lake due to the chemicals that have been used for the over growth of weeds. Ms. Gauder advised them to attend the council meeting.
- C. **Mary Jo Forgione**  
Ms. Forgione asked what was planted in the white poles behind Low Bobs. Mayor Reames advised it is part of a flood plain conservation program to help foster the growth of that property.
- D. **Ms. Sharon DeVault**  
Christmas tree lighting was a huge success. Ms. DeVault also asked why in chapter 183.04, is the Logan County Visitors Bureau receiving the 3% bed tax. Why is it not going to the Indian Lake Visitors Bureau?  
There was some discussion between council and the Mayor in regards to reaching out to the solicitor to have this changed.
- E. **Chief Joe Freyhof**  
Chief gave an oral report on his department. The Progressive Christmas dinner will be held this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Protection from the department was provided at the annual Christmas tree lighting. A crash report and written reprimand has been completed for the crash involving Officer Styles. The insurance company is going to provide a salvage value in the amount of \$15,426.00. Chief discussed the purchase of a Dodge Cruiser that was planned for 2024. This vehicle will not be available until late summer/late fall. The department will be attending the Shop with a Cop event that is put on by the Fraternal Order of Police on December 16, 2023.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:****OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Medical Insurance, 2024- Corrected Information**  
Ms. Taylor Thompson reported that the medical plan previously selected for 2024 is significantly higher than originally quoted. Waypoint Benefit Solutions gave information for medical rates based on the 2023 employee census, which is incorrect. Waypoint was provided a 2024 census from employees in early November. Council was provided the correct rates for each medical option for 2024. There was a brief discussion regarding the differences in plans.  
*Ms. Joan Hinterschied made a motion to accept the Anthem policy for 2024. 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*

B. **Key Fobs/Security System**

Council was provided an additional quote from Security Professional Unlimited to provide a keyless entry system. There was discussion about the changes that would have to be made. It was approved at the previous meeting to use Habitec Security for the keyless entry and it was agreed to remain with that decision.

C. **Park Restroom**

Mr. Wallace asked if the restroom is winterized. Mayor advised she would get with Mr. Tim Reese in regards to this or Mr. Wallace may.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Pavement Analysis**

Mayor provided council with a quote for a pavement analysis that needs to be budgeted for in 2024.

B. **LED Sign**

A LED sign was budgeted in 2022. The Mayor has reached out for quotes from different companies. Due to inflation, the cost has risen from quotes previously received. No action has been taken on this appropriation in quite some time. There was some discussion regarding increasing this amount the procedure of it.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 23-1219 Next Resolution: 23-1023

Next Council Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Taylor Thompson

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Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_