

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 16, 2023**

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

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

Mayor Reames advised council that Ms. Shannon Stinemetz will not be present at the next meeting due to her daughter being inducted in the National Honor Society. There was some discussion as to if Ms. Stinemetz should be excused before the meeting takes place.

*Mr. John Huffman moved to excuse Ms. Shannon Stinemetz from the next council meeting. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz abstained from the vote.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

Recorder: Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point  
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point  
Mr. Steve Reid, 600 High Ave., Russells Point  
Mr. Dave Klauer, 614 Grand Ave., Russells Point  
Ms. Melissa Wagoner, 6109 McCalla Rd., Lewistown  
Mr. W.C. Wagoner, 6109 McCalla Rd., Lewistown  
Mr. Cody Seeger, 8395 Indian Dr., Lewistown  
Mr. John Bergman, 146 Wilgus Ct., Russells Point  
Ms. Vickie Bergman, 146 Wilgus Ct., Russells Point  
Police Chief, Mr. Joe Freyhof  
Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Ms. Dianne Gauder

Minutes: **October 2, 2023 Council Meeting**

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the October 2, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the September 2023 bank reconciliation, cash summary report and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$5,667,139.99

*Mr. Greg Iams moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**Police Report** –

Chief Joe Freyhof presented a call log to council and informed them that the call volume is starting to slow down, as it normally does. The Police Department had 3 hit-skip accidents in one week. Safety Town at the Indian Lake Elementary was very successful. All the local agencies came together for this program and a total of 109 kids benefitted from this program. The Homecoming Parade was a huge success and Chief Freyhof was very impressed with the community's support, despite the rain. The Police Department has more of a steady schedule now between the three officers. Interviews for the fourth position are being held next week. At the Finance Committee meeting, Chief plans to present a 1-3-5-year plan.

**Zoning Report** –

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

Ms. Gauder was asked to attend the meeting to give an update on the Cobblestone Hotel. Ms. Gauder reported that ground breaking is scheduled for the first week in November and the Mayor, in addition to, all council members are invited. The investor group has been provided with their emails and will be in touch. Ms. Gauder also informed council that the setting of sewer and water lines on the relocated Washington Avenue went smoothly. The contractor used a “hot tap” method to connect to the main line, which prevented a boil water alert, sample testing, press release and no interruption to water customers. The contractor found a leak while connecting into the main water line and assisted with its repair. Ms. Gauder is looking for quotes on street lights from Miami Valley Lighting for the relocated Washington Avenue. The park restroom has a Certificate of Occupancy and is ready for use. Mayor Reames inquired to see if there is a locked timer that can be put on the restroom to keep the bathroom secure.

**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** –

Council was provided a written report from the meeting and the minutes. Mr. Dave Wallace reported that a new squad vehicle was pushed back to March of 2025 because of worker strikes. The money was put into a certificate of deposit. There were 149 runs in the month of September. Health insurances are up for renewal. The DeGraff Fire Chief is working with other entities to see what they can do to get back up and running. Their licenses have to be re-applied for. Mr. Wallace reported that if the squad services someone in the DeGraff area, we are only paid \$40.00 for this service. This is an agreed upon rate. A lengthy discussion about the fee and it was suggested that the EMS speak to their attorney regarding the rate.

**LUC Report** –

Mr. Greg Iiams provided council with a written report. Mayor Reames requested that Mr. Iiams, on her behalf, inquire about if they have worked with “Tiny” homes.

**Parks Board Report-**

Council was provided meeting minutes from the Park Board. Ms. Joan Hinterschied reported that she has received her first donation for the splash pad in the amount of \$10,000.00. She went for her interview on Tuesday to request funds from the United Way. Ms. Hinterschied also reported that the Board of Developmental Disabilities Foundation has a 501(C)(3), non-

profit administrative group, that will handle all of the deposits and bills regarding the splash pad. They can also take donations on the Village's behalf and these donations are tax exempt. More discussion for fundraising was discussed. The handicap ramps for the pavilion were installed today. Mayor Reames discussed the solar eclipse that will be happening in 2024 and wants to look into reprieving our tent ordinance for that certain time period. This will free up our safety services and allow them to do their job. Mayor believes the influx of people will be large and wants the village to capitalize on this event.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. Ordinance 23-1214; Amending and Restating section 505.08 Nuisance Conditions Prohibited**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 505.08, TITLED NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED, TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PREMISES.

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1214 by title on the second reading.*

*Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, nay; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr.*

*Dave Wallace, nay; Ms. Joan Hinterschied, nay; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, nay.*

*The motion fails: 2 yeas- 4 nays*

**B. Ordinance 23-1215; Authorized Signatories**

AN ORDINANCE ADDING AND DELETING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES ON ALL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was discussed that ordinance will have to be brought to council every year if the President Pro Tem were to change.

*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. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;*

*Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 23-1215 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;*

*Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**C. Ordinance 23-1216; AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SPECIAL PURPOSE FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION,**

REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 03-953, (PASSED DECEMBER 1, 2003 AND 20-1182, PASSED OCTOBER 19, 2020, OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;*

*Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 23-1216 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;*

*Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**D. Resolution 23-1016; Donnell McCarthy Enterprise Lease Agreement**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CUSTOMER AGREEMENT WITH FP MAILING SOLUTIONS AND SALES ORDER AGREEMENT WITH DONNELLON MCCARTHY ENTERPRISES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENTS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor informed council that she was not aware our office items were so old. Donnell McCarthy Enterprises has agreed to let us keep the older items and we potentially could sell them on GovDeals.

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

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1016 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

A. Mr. Steve Reid

Mr. Reid introduced himself as the Lieutenant of the Indian Joint Fire Department and talked about their upcoming levy. If the new levy passes the department has agreed to let a current levy in place be dissolved in 2024. This will ultimately decrease taxes. Mr. Reid also informed council and guests, this levy is strictly for operational purposes. There is a free pancake breakfast at the firehouse this coming Saturday. Everyone was welcomed to attend.

B. Mr. W.C. Wagoner & Mrs. Melissa Wagoner

Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner wanted to know if council had been approached by a solar panel company who is trying to build Solar Farms in Washington Township. Mayor Reames has not been approached by any company, at this time. Mayor Reames asked to hear the Wagoner's concerns about the solar panels. The concerns are what health issues these panels may cause and how to dispose of them properly. The fear of polluted drinking water and the unpleasant view of the many panels. A lengthy discussion about the panels was held. It was concluded to take their concerns to the county commissioners and it is believed this company can be stopped.

C. Mr. Cody Seeger

Mr. Seeger expressed his concerns with the solar panels and cited the workers who build these panels have caused destruction in other towns. He fears the crime rate and vandalism will grow in our local area.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Hotel PUD Updated

This was reported under Zoning Report.

B. Water Meter Replacement Bid Packet

Council was provided a written copy.

C. Rudolph/Reed – BPA

This was a tabled item from the previous meeting.

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to remove this item from the table. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr.*

*Dave Wallace, yea; Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Quote of Snow Plow

Council was provided with a quote from Compton Power Equipment. A mower deck was appropriated in the budget for 2023. This item will not be purchased and instead a plow head is requested. There was some discussion about the truck for the attachment.

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to amend appropriations, if needed, and to approve the purchase. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr.*

*Dave Wallace, yea; Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.*

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

B. Donnellon & McCarthy officer equipment

Discussed under Resolutions

C. Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting was discussed and scheduled for Monday, October 30,2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Next Ordinance: 23-1217 Next Resolution: 23-1017

Next Council Meeting: Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Taylor Thompson

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Mayor Robin Reames

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