

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

**MINUTES
November 18, 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; Pres. Pro-tem, Mr. Steve Reid, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Ben Breen, 353 West Main St., Russells Point
Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Mr. Joe Freyhof, RP Police Chief
Mr. Ralph Furhrman, 730 Grand Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Kelly Huffman, 618 High Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Christine Hunt, 239 E. Wilgus, Russells Point
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Mr. Joel Kranenburg, Code Enforcement Officer
Mr. Tom LaDow, 125 Holly Lane, Russells Point
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Dr., Russells Point
Ms. Linda Myers, 614 Miami Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Pam Rogers, 7127 Clark, Russells Point
Mr. Dave Wallace, 251 Chase, Russells Point

Minutes: **November 4, 2013**

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the November 4, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion.

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

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

Reports: **Fiscal Officer's Report** –

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the October 2013 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and the October payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank. The Village has a cash balance of \$2,496,262.16.

Mr. Dave Leonard 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.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof wished to thank everyone for their support and help with the police levy. Due to the defeat by only six votes, it is the intention of the levy committee to make another attempt to get the levy passed in the May election.

He also updated Council on the winterization of the cruisers; the upcoming self-defense training class the department will be conducting; interviews that will be conducted next week for the completion of the Department of Justice Grant as well as auxiliary; and their recent participation in direct to threat training.

The Neighborhood watch will have their next meeting Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and the yearly Christmas dinner will be held Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Ms. Pam Rogers, 7127 Clark, Russells Point

Ms. Rogers asked about a new drug fad, called “Skittles Parties”, she had heard about in the media. Chief Freyhof stated that it is a party where kids raid prescription medications from medicine cabinets, throw them in a pot, and everyone picks one. He also noted another drug called “Krocodile” that is heroin mixed with gasoline. Currently these types of parties and drugs are not a problem in this area.

B. Ms. Linda Myers, 614 Miami, Russells Point

Ms. Myers asked if dumpsters would be available again this year for leaves, and what are residents supposed to do with brush from the recent wind storm. Mayor Reames explained that dumpsters were on the agenda for later in the meeting. After a brief discussion of Council, it was decided that an area in the rear of the Municipal Building will be temporarily sectioned off to allow residents to place their brush from the storm.

C. Mr. Dave Wallace, 251 Chase Ave., Russells Point

Mr. Wallace cautioned everyone regarding a downed line near the post office drop box.

D. Mr. Ralph Fuhrman, 730 Grand Ave., Russells Point

Mr. Fuhrman asked if the village will be doing anything about the tree trunks left from the storm earlier this year. He noted a few properties that have large sections of tree trunks laying in their yards that have not been cleaned up. The Code Enforcement Officer will look into seeing if they are in any violation of the Village’s ordinances.

E. Ms. Melissa Miller

Ms. Miller asked if anything further had been decided regarding the paving of the lot where the ice/water machine is located. She was advised that there are no ordinances specifying that a lot must be paved for a vending machine; this is at the discretion of the Code Enforcement Officer.

F. Mr. Ben Breen, 353 W. Main Street, Russells Point

Mr. Breen questioned the height of a brick fence that was replaced at 366 West Main Street, stating that it was built two inches higher than the previous wall.

Council advised Mr. Breen that no ordinances have been violated. The height of the fence is still below the allowable height; there are no setbacks that need to be followed since the fence is on the side of the house, not the front; and the fence is within the property lines.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Leaf Dumpsters

Two dumpsters will be placed in front of the Municipal Building starting Friday, November 22, 2013, to allow residents to dispose of leaves, with a pickup and replacement on Monday, November 25, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Indian Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

The Village received an invitation to the dinner that will be held on December 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

B. Planning Commission Meetings

It was decided that there will be no further Planning Commission meetings until the new year.

C. Benefit Bowl-A-Thon

The Washington Township Trustees will be conducting a fundraiser Bowl-A-Thon at TP Lanes in Bellefontaine, Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The proceeds are to benefit a Washington Township employee whose home was destroyed by fire.

D. Village Owned Lot

The Village owns a parcel of property located on Fairview Ave. that is a non-conforming lot. The Village was advised to keep the parcel due to underground utilities running through the property. It was suggested that Council consider using the property as a community garden.

E. Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Russells Point Church of God will be having a free dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Steve Reid moved to go into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss personnel related issues. 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.

Mr. John Huffman moved to go out of Executive Session at 8:46 p.m. 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.

No further action was required.

Mr. Dave Leonard moved to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Janice Moore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 13-1098 Next Resolution: 13-793

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, November 25, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

C. Indian Lake EMS Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed