

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

**MINUTES
August 5, 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: Mr. John Coleman, 7477 Waterbury Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Nate Dunham, WPKO Radio
Ms. Ann Elleman, 530 Miami, Russells Point
Ms. Carrie Ellington, Bellefontaine Examiner
Mr. Joe Freyhof, RP Police Chief
Ms. Kelly Huffman, 618 High, Russells Point
Ms. Christine Hunt, 239 Wilgus, Russells Point
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Mr. Tom LaDow, 125 Holly Lane, Russells Point
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Dr., Russells Point
Mr. Mike Myers, 601 Lincoln Blvd., Russells Point
Mr. Don Spath, 6712 Rd. 95, Huntsville
Mr. Dave Wallace, 251 Chase, Russells Point
Ms. Sheng Yao Lin, 223 St. Rt. 708, Russells Point
Mr. Steve Zirkle, 239 Second St., Russells Point

Minutes: **July 15, 2013**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the July 15, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes. 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.

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The July 2013 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$175.50 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. Steve Reid moved to approve the July 2013 Mayor's Report as submitted. 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.

Police Report –

- 2009 CHRP Grant - Chief Freyhof referred to his letter to Council dated August 5, 2013 in regards to the 2009 CHRP Grant. Through various correspondence with the Lead Grant Monitoring Specialist with the Department of Justice it has been determined that if the Village does not fulfill its one year obligation to employ an officer at the Village's expense, could lead to a suspension from future federal grants. In addition, the Village could be forced to refund all grant monies distributed to the village from the DOJ for this grant as well as the 2012 grant. Chief Freyhof will be working to hire a replacement for the remainder of the one year term to fulfill the grant requirements.

- JAG Training Grant – Due to scheduling limitations for training, an amendment to the grant was approved to allow the remainder of the funds to be used to purchase training equipment and supplies.
- Funds obtained from GovDeals – Mayor Reames stated that there was a misunderstanding of how the, approximate \$3,000.00 police revenue from the sale was to be used. The police department wished to use these funds to pay for additional training, as well as replace their current tasers. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to appropriate the expense of the training at a cost of \$1,270.00 including lodging for the two week course. Council will review the request for new tasers at a later date.

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Mr. Leonard informed Council that the board approved the purchase of a new rescue vehicle. Delivery will be in approximately four months.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Ms. Maxwell noted that the board is finalizing the land acquisition of a parcel of property across the street from the current location.

Neighborhood Watch –

The neighborhood watch group constructed five games for kids to be played at the recent Harborfest to help raise money for the organization. Their next meeting will be held August 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 13-1094, Agreement with Verizon for Temporary Tower

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY CELLULAR PHONE TOWER IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.

Mr. Dave Leonard 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.

Discussion: Council noted that some of the wording within the body of the ordinance made reference to the permanent site near the water tower, making it unclear that this agreement is strictly for the temporary tower and the permanent tower will be decided at a later date. It was decided that by changing the wording in the 6th Whereas, would better identify the site in question.

The ordinance will be changed from:

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has determined the location of said tower on the Village property;

Changed to:

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has determine the location of the temporary tower on the Village property located at 433 St. Rt. 708, Russells Point as shown in exhibit A of the contract.

Mr. Dave Leonard moved to accept Ordinance 13-1094 by title, with above changes, and approval of the Village Solicitor. Ms. Sharon DeVault seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Sharon DeVault, yea; Mr. John Huffman, nay; Mr. Dave Leonard, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Janice Moore, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, nay.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 2 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- A. Mr. Don Spath, 6712 Rd. 95, Huntsville and Mr. John Coleman, 7477 Waterbury Rd., Russells Point
As organizers of the recent event “Wooden Keels & Vintage Wheels”, they wished to thank the Mayor, Council and Police for their cooperation during the event.

Mr. Coleman was asked to update Council as to the restoration of the Harborside Bridge. This organization is working to raise \$225,000.00 to restore the bridge over the harbor. Reconstruction of the bridge and sidewalks will start in September of this year.

B. Ms. Christine Hunt, 239 Wilgus, Russells Point

Ms. Hunt noted that the Russells Point Harbor Festival was a great event.

C. Mr. Greg Iams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point

Mr. Iams asked if the Village generated any revenue from the mass renewal of wedding vows that was held during the recent Harbor Festival. He noted that if the Mayor issues or signs a certificate as Mayor or affixes her mayoral seal to the certificate, they are acting as a Village official and the Village's marriage fee should apply and be collected.

Mayor Reames stated that this was a Chamber of Commerce fundraiser and not a legal marriage. Neither she nor the Village collected any money and all certificates of participation were made and issued by the Chamber of Commerce.

D. Ms. Kelly Huffman, 618 High Ave., Russells Point

Ms. Huffman didn't understand why the Village would have concern over allowing the Police Department to spend the money that was raised through GovDeals and placed in their fund. Mr. Weidner explained that the money raised through GovDeals would reduce the amount of cash that needs to be transferred from the general fund to the police department to subsidize their expenses, and that the general fund's expenses are nearly equal to their income for the current year.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Clean Ohio – Indian Lake/Great Miami River Project

The Planning Commission met earlier in the evening to approve the property deed transfer for the project. Mr. Pat Beam, of Bassett Associates, has been working on the advertisement to solicit bids for the first step of the project.

B. No Parking on East Side of Grand Avenue

The signs have not yet been installed.

C. Bids for 149 Clermont

Mayor Reames informed Council that there were no bids received for the sale of 149 Clermont.

D. Clemans-Nelson Personnel Policy

Mr. Weidner informed Council that since the hiring of Clemans-Nelson at the beginning of June this year, they have contacted him periodically to request copies of various documents/policies that the Village currently has. As Clemans-Nelson had originally told the Village, the process of constructing the policy would take approximately six months. Mr. Weidner noted that during a recent conversation, they are nearing completion of a rough draft.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Logan County EMA is updating their Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council was given a copy of the project packet that was completed by Mr. Kranenburg, Code Enforcement Officer, and submitted to the Mitigation Core Group who will review and prioritize the projects submitted from various entities around Logan County for placement in the plan.

B. Logan County Board of Elections Polling Sites

Mayor Reames informed Council that the Logan County Board of Elections has approached the Village showing interest, once again, using the Municipal Building as a polling site as was done in prior years. They are looking to consolidate various polling locations.

C. Chinese Restaurant Parking Lot and Storm Sewer Installation

Mr. Kranenburg, Code Enforcement Officer, supplied Council with information, estimates and diagrams related to the installation of a required storm drain in the parking lot on the property located at the corner of Madison Avenue and S.R. 708. The new storm drain would need to cross St. Rt. 708 to tie into the existing west side basin, which is in need of replacement by the Village. It was suggested by the contractors that estimated the work, to place an additional basin on the east side of St. Rt. 708 to help alleviate runoff from U.S. 33 and the gas station.

Mr. Kranenburg helped Mr. & Mrs. Lin, owners of the property, relay their request to Council. If a new east side basin is installed to benefit the Village, Mr. & Mrs. Lin asked that the Village share the cost involved in placing the drain tile, and the cut and repair of the road crossing SR 708 to tie into the existing west basin. The cost of the basin in the parking lot and tile to go to the new east side basin will be the sole responsibility of Mr. & Mrs. Lin. The cost of new basins on both sides of SR 708 will be the sole responsibility of the Village.

Council discussed various questions regarding the project, including the need for a new east side basin, shared cost, etc. It was determined that before any final decisions are made, that the contractors will be asked to attend the next Council meeting to discuss their suggestions for an additional basin.

The Fiscal Officer also noted that if the Village wishes to incur half the cost as suggested, all budgeted funds for the street department will need to be used and additional monies will need to be appropriated to allow for other expenses through the remainder of the year. He also noted that the current expenses for the year exceed the revenue received in the street fund.

D. Rules & Ordinance Committee

Council was provided a copy of a letter from the Code Enforcement Officer requesting that the Rules & Ordinance Committee meet to address questions, and suggested changes to various ordinances. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

E. Finance Committee Meeting

A Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. to review the current budget and the preparation of a one, three, and five year plan.

F. Initiative Petition – Golf Carts

On August 1, 2012 an initiative petition was filed with the Village Fiscal Officer to have the failed golf cart ordinance placed on the ballot. As required by the ORC, the Fiscal Officer will hold the petition for inspection for ten days at which time it is then forwarded to the Board of Elections for review and placement on the ballot.

G. Paving Repairs on Aiken Street

Council asked when the repairs will be made to the road and driveway that was trenched by the water department during a recent dig on Aiken. Mayor Reames will discuss this with the water department.

Ms. Sharon DeVault moved to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 13-1095 Next Resolution: 13-787

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, August 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
- C. Finance Committee Meeting: Friday, August 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
- D. Neighborhood Watch: Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- E. Ordinance & Rules Committee Meeting: Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed