

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
August 15, 2016**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Marie Hendel, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. John Huffman, present; Ms. Kelly Huffman, absent; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Libby Stidam, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

*Ms. Libby Stidam made a motion to excuse Ms. Huffman from the meeting and seconded by Ms. Marie Hendel.*

*The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea. The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays.*

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Nate Dunham, WPKO Radio  
Ms. Ann Elleman, Russells Point  
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Solicitor  
Mr. Thomas Hendel, Russells Point  
Mr. Greg Iams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point  
Mr. Nate Smith, Bellefontaine Examiner

Minutes: **August 1, 2016**

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the August 1, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the July 2016 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank statement. The Village has a pooled cash balance of \$3,094,643.35. Mr. Weidner also reported that he received the check from Ohio EMA for reimbursement of the approved costs associated with the 2015 flooding.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.*

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

**BPA Report -**

Mr. Iams reported that the board has approved the cost of an additional camera being added to the new security system for the filtration area of the water plant. The department has also located the shutoff valve that leads to the municipal building. Due to the location of this valve and water line, the proposed location of the new shelter house will need to be moved approximately three feet or more to the East.

**Police Report -**

Mayor Reames reported that Chief Freyhof would like to meet with the finance committee to discuss what can be done to keep the third full time officer after the grant runs out.

**EMS Report -**

Ms. Hendel reported on the recent EMS meeting. Three committees were formed to review the bylaws, finances, and site clean up.

**Parks & Recreation Report -**

The Leppich Field boulder has been delivered and placed, the new plaque thanking Ms. Morey for her donations is now in place, and the committee is working on setting up a clean-up day for the fields. The last of the benches have been received for the John & Mary Rudolph Nature Area. The County will be contacted to see if plans need to be changed due to the shifting of the placement of the shelter house at the Municipal Building.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. Ordinance 16-1139, Amending Chapter 1181 of Codified Ordinances - Paving (first reading)  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1181 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF  
THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, LOGAN  
COUNTY, OHIO**

Council was asked if they have had enough time to review the changes made to the paving ordinance, and if they were ready for a first reading. Council again had a lengthy discussion regarding allowing gravel in various situations, and that the revision allows the Code Enforcement Officer to approve the use at his discretion. It was also questioned as to whether commercial properties can be treated differently than residential when it comes to allowing gravel. Some of council felt that the ordinance should go to the Rules & Ordinance Committee for further review and changes.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to accept Ordinance 16-1139 by title. Ms. Marie Hendel seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Marie Hendel, yea; Mr. John Huffman, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Libby Stidam, nay; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.*

*Motion Failed: 2 yeas – 3 nays.*

Solicitor Eshenbaugh asked that council hold off on scheduling a committee meeting until he has had the opportunity to review the question of treating commercial and residential properties differently.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. LMI Survey**

The survey will be mailed with the next water bill.

**B. Yard Waste**

A committee will be formed and will include two council members along with the Village of Lakeview to discuss the financial details, location, etc. for the project. It was also suggested that the committee get an estimate for the cost of fencing in the event that they are unable to place the waste container near the water tower.

**C. Storm Water Phase I**

Mr. Weidner wrote a letter to the LC Commissioners asking that they rearrange the payment order of the final funds. It was originally scheduled to make the payment using the remaining grant funds, then using the \$30,000 (GRF) village match, with the balance of the funds using the village's sales tax money held by the County. By rearranging the payment order, and paying 100% of the paving costs from the sales tax money, with the remaining balance to be paid by the GRF, would potentially save the general fund nearly \$18,000 that could then be used for cleaning and camera of the remaining storm sewer system. The letter will be reviewed at the next LC Commissioners meeting that will be held tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. County Sales Tax Levy

The renewal of the LC Sales Tax Levy will be on the ballot this November. Proposed changes to the ballot language provide a higher percentage of the income to go to the Villages, and will also allow the funds to be used for storm water management.

B. Labor Day Holiday Schedule

Offices will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day. The regularly scheduled council meeting was changed to Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

C. Delinquent Property Tax List

Council was provided with a list of properties within Russells Point that have delinquent property taxes. Eight of the properties may qualify for Sheriff's Sale.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Marie Hendel.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 16-1140 Next Resolution: 16-830

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, August 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

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Mayor Robin Reames

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Date Passed