

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

**MINUTES  
July 15, 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: Ms. Gloria Cauley, 7499 Mingo Way, Russells Point  
Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point  
Ms. Ann Elleman, 530 Miami St., Russells Point  
Ms. Carrie Ellington, Bellefontaine Examiner  
Mr. Gary Elliott, Russells Point  
Mr. George Forsythe, Russells Point  
Ms. Beth Frahley, 208 Second St., Russells Point  
Mr. Joe Freyhof, RP Police Chief  
Mr. Ralph Fuhrman, 730 Grand Ave., Russells Point  
Mr. Rob Furlong, Sergeant, LC Sheriff's Department  
Mr. Mike Hennon, Verizon Wireless  
Ms. Christine Hunt, 239 Wilgus, Russells Point  
Mr. Bill Holtsberry, 416 Maple, Russells Point  
Ms. Deb Holtsberry, 416 Maple, Russells Point  
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point  
Ms. Carolyn LaCourse, Fantasy Island, Russells Point  
Ms. Sue Leonard, #74 Anchor Lane, Russells Point  
Mr. Mike Myers, 601 Lincoln Blvd., Russells Point  
Ms. Rosie O'Boyle, 10202 Seminole Shore Dr., Huntsville  
Ms. Denise Ralston, Sassafra Point, Lakeview  
Mr. Dave Wallace, 251 Chase, Russells Point

Minutes: **July 1, 2013**

*Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the July 1, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. John Huffman 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: **Fiscal Officer's Report** –

Mr. Weidner referred Council to the June 2013 Bank Reconciliation, Cash Fund Reports, and the June payment register. The bank reconciliation shows the Village books reconciled with the bank. The Village has a cash balance of \$2,350,235.33. Since it was the end of the second quarter, Council was also provided with a copy of the appropriation and revenue status.

*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.*

**Parks & Recreation Report –**

- The electric meter base that was to be placed at Leppich Field for the concession stand may require a commercial permit to be installed.
- A new source has been found to supply the shredded rubber mulch for the Municipal Building Playground at nearly half the cost of previous purchase.
- The grounding of the shelter house at Sunnyside has yet to be completed.
- The next meeting will be held August 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

**VERIZON WIRELESS TOWER PRESENTATION:**

**Sergeant Furlong of the Logan County Sheriff's Department** encouraged Council to strongly consider allowing Verizon Wireless to place a temporary and eventually a permanent tower on Village property. He noted that all emergency personnel rely on Verizon for their communications. There are currently two towers within a five mile radius; however it has been determined that the wavelengths from these towers are altered and reflected by the large body of water, causing intermittent signals strengths and system overloads. The current tower situated behind the water plant is not structurally safe. This tower also houses repeaters for the Fire and Sheriff's Departments.

**Mr. Mike Hennon of Verizon Wireless** added that they are currently searching for a location to place a temporary tower to enhance signal strength around the lake until a permanent tower has been erected. Verizon technicians have determined that the best area for a tower to help the most customers would be within the Village of Russells Point. They have suggested that a temporary tower be placed at the south-east corner of the Municipal Building, with the permanent tower placed behind the water plant. Soil samples will need to be collected prior to a final decision of location.

Mr. Hennon explained that a temporary structure will require an area of approximately 40 ft. by 40 ft., will be surrounded by fencing for safety, and that electric poles may need to be placed within the area to provide power to the equipment. It was estimated that the temporary tower would be in operation approximately 14-16 months until the new permanent tower is complete. Since Verizon can change their frequency, this would not affect the transmission from the radio station.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

*Mr. Steve Reid made a motion to limit each citizen's comments to three minutes each. Mr. Dave Leonard 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.*

- A. **Mr. Dave Wallace:** Mr. Wallace has talked to other IT personnel regarding the reception associated with Verizon wireless and has been told that the new tower will more than likely not resolve all the issues in surrounding areas.
- B. **Ms. Denise Ralston:** Ms. Ralston wanted to know how quickly a new tower will be placed in the area. Mr. Hennon advised that once a site is determined and agreed upon, they will start construction of the temporary tower, with hopes of having it completed by the end of the summer season.
- C. **Mr. Gary Elliott:** Mr. Elliott asked if council will be voting on this issue tonight. He was informed that council will be voting to allow Verizon access to do their required soil samples only.
- D. **Ms. Rosie O'Boyle:** Ms. O'Boyle wanted to know if the placement of a tower in Russells Point will have any effect on reception in the areas of Long Island and O'Connors. Mr. Hennon was unsure what effect, if any it would have in that area.
- E. **Mr. Bill Holtsberry:** Mr. Holtsberry asked if Verizon has made any effort to re-direct their signal from the existing towers to increase reception. Mr. Hennon was unaware of what attempts have been made to alleviate the problem.
- F. **Ms. Debby Holtsberry:** Ms. Holtsberry wished to thank everyone for working to resolve the issue.
- G. **Ms. Gloria Cauley:** Ms. Cauley asked that everyone consider the importance of this tower and noted that, although the temporary tower may not be aesthetically pleasing, it is temporary.
- H. **Mr. Greg Iiams:** Mr. Iiams advised that Verizon take all necessary measures of locating underground lines before determining a location of a temporary tower behind the municipal building, noting that

there are sewer lines in the general vicinity. He also suggested that Verizon may be able to use the results of the soil testing that was obtained prior to the addition of the water plant for their permanent structure site and also advised council to make sure any future contract states that the tower is not left abandoned in years to come.

- I. Ms. Sue Leonard: Ms. Leonard asked Sergeant Furlong if they have checked into other carriers for the department's service. Sgt. Furlong stated that Verizon has the best coverage for the county, with 80% of the population using their service. She also commented that allowing the tower on Village property may cause future problems with private companies wanting to do the same. Mr. Hennon stated that there increasing numbers of government entities asking to have the towers place on their property to increase their revenue for the lease of the land.
- J. Mr. Ralph Fuhrman: Mr. Fuhrman noted that ATT has great coverage around the area, and asked why Verizon doesn't consider placing transmitters on their towers in lieu of constructing new. Mr. Hennon stated that the location of the ATT towers are not in the correct position to compensate the weak area.
- K. Mr. George Forsythe: Mr. Forsythe added that some carriers work in the area, but once you leave the area, coverage is spotty.
- L. Ms. Beth Frahley, Ms. Christine Hunt and Ms. Carolyn LaCourse: All wished to thank everyone for trying to obtain a solution to the coverage problem.
- M. Chief Freyhof: Chief Freyhof again noted the importance of the tower for the health, safety and welfare of the area residents and communication of emergency personnel.
- N. Mayor Reames: Mayor Reames wished to thank Chief Freyhof and Sergeant Furlong for initiating a solution to the problem and thanked Verizon and area citizens for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns.

#### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

##### **A. Ordinance 13-1093, Verizon Site Access**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.**

*Ms. Sharon DeVault 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.*

*Ms. Janice Moore moved to accept Ordinance 13-1093 by title. Mr. Steve Reid 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.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **A. No Parking on East Side of Grand Avenue**

Mayor Reames informed council that there is approximately 875 ft. of length along Grand Ave. that will be a no parking zone. The no parking signs will be placed at the beginning and end of the area as well as three to four intermediate signs. Once the signs are installed, they will be covered until such time that all residents are made aware of the pending change.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. July 10, 2013 Storm**

On July 10, 2013 a "State of Emergency" was declared in Russells Point after an early afternoon storm took down trees, large limbs, and electrical lines causing some streets to be closed and residents without power. By late evening, many of the roads were re-opened and power was restored to most residents; however a large amount of debris from trees still needed to be cleaned from the right of way areas. Logan County Waste Management in conjunction with the Logan County Engineers Office helped to clear the right of ways on Friday, July 12, 2013. Residents were provided an area in

front of the Municipal Building to allow disposal of brush and tree limbs from their properties. The “State of Emergency” was lifted early Monday, July 15, 2013.

B. Chief Freyhof

The Chief reminded Council of the upcoming St. Mary of the Woods Festival as well as the Keels & Wheels event this coming weekend and the temporary road closures.

He also informed Council that the Train-the-Trainer Grant will only cover classes taken prior to August 31, 2013. Some of the courses that were slated to be taken were not offered until after the closing date of the grant. In addition, the funds generated from the sale of unused police equipment was placed in the 2901 fund, however it has not been appropriated to spend. He would like to have the funds appropriated to allow the additional training.

The Fiscal Officer explained to Council that funds generated from the GovDeals sale is actually reducing the amount of money that will need to be transferred from the general fund to subsidize the police fund; and that the general fund’s expenses (including transfers) are nearing the total generated revenue, year-to-date, with other large expenditures yet to come.

Chief Freyhof stated that he would forego his request for additional funds for training based on the information from the Fiscal Officer, as he did not wish to put any further strain on the general fund.

In regards to the unused funds from the grant, the Chief noted that he can apply for an amendment that, if approved, would allow him to use the funds to purchase equipment and supplies for training purposes. He will be working on submitting the proposal the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for approval.

*Mr. Dave Leonard moved to adjourn the Meeting.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 13-1094    Next Resolution: 13-787

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, August 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, July 22, 2013 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