

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

**MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2021**

Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held by public teleconference via GoToMeeting.

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Dianne Gauder, Mayor's Court Clerk
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Rick Landis, 230 Warden, Russells Point
Ms. Whitney Schrader, 490 Madison, Russells Point
Mr. Gary Dieter, 128 Chase, Russells Point
Ms. Hannah Diewald, CDC of Ohio

Minutes: **February 1, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the February 1, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the January 2021 bank reconciliation, cash summary and payment register. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank statement. The Village has a pooled cash balance of \$4,925,450.12.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Council was informed that the property and liability insurance renewal is estimated to increase by approximately \$3,000 more than 2020 due to a decrease in our advantage credit which is partially based on past claims. In addition, malicious assailant coverage is no longer part of the overall coverage plan that was originally included in the policy. The village must elect if they wish to continue having this coverage which is estimated to cost around \$500.00 per year.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to continue the malicious assailant coverage through the Ohio Plan. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Maintenance Department Report –

Council was provided a written report from Mr. Reese outlining the various projects the department has been working on since the last report.

Zoning Report –

Council was provided a written report submitted by Ms. Dianne Gauder updating council on various zoning permits issued by the department.

Police Report –

Four new tasers were order and received for the full-time officers, part-time officers will continue to use the older models. All officers attended training and passed their recertifications. The department has been working on the investigation of a burglary the past two weeks. The new code enforcement software has a couple of glitches that are being worked out.

Chief Freyhof reported that there were only a few businesses that have cleaned off their sidewalks after the heavy snow on Monday. Though sidewalks are required to be kept clean and maintained by the property owners he has received several complaints that the State plows just cover them in again with every pass. He added that though there is no good resolution, his thought would be to implement that the village keep the sidewalk clear on at least one side for pedestrians. Dianne Gauder suggested that social media be used to get the word out that property owners are required to maintain their sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians and liability, and also getting together a list of anyone willing to help these owners keep the sidewalks cleared.

Parks Report –

Ms. Hinterschied reported that the new playground equipment was delivered to the municipal building. She asked if council would approve the hiring of a part-time person 10-12 hours per week to maintain the parks as last year. Mayor Reames asked for a motion to approve however no motion was made. More information on the duties and proposed hours will be compiled and reintroduced to council.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Mayor Reames reported on the recent EMS meeting. Council was also provided a copy of a letter received by the townships from the LC Commissioners informing them that they will no longer be furnishing monetary support to the townships for Fire and Ambulance services.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**A. Hannah Diewald, CDC of Ohio

Ms. Diewald reported that several responses to the neighborhood revitalization grant survey has been received. She will be working on compiling the information from the surveys and start working with the engineers to provide estimated costs and prioritizing projects. She will be coming back to council to discuss the projects and get volunteer input for some of the smaller projects that would increase the chances of getting the grant funded.

B. Mr. Gary Dieter

Mr. Dieter asked what the deadline was for the application of the revitalization grant and if the compiled information can be re-prioritized if needed before applying.

Ms. Diewald said that the application will likely be submitted near the middle of June, the final award is determined around September, and construction starting spring of 2022. The compiled information can be re-prioritized.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Streetlight at U.S. Rt. 33 & SR 708

Mr. Iiams reported that he had a complaint about the low visibility due to lighting at the intersection making it hard to see pedestrians in the dark. It was discussed in the past about having more lighting installed and it was questioned as to the outcome. Mayor Reames was unsure of what the outcome was. Ms. Gauder reported that she had some information in a file that she can refer to but believes that the installation of more lighting would require a significant engineering study due to all the utilities in that location.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 21-1188 Next Resolution: 21-950

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed