

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

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 30, 2015**

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

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

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliot, Russells Point
Mr. Rob Eshenbaugh, Solicitor
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Mr. Mike Yoder, Logan County Auditor

PURPOSE: The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss potential fall ballot issue.

Council discussed various options to raise funds for the purpose of maintaining the current police force. Discussion covered such topics as estimated revenue that would be generated, the best time to be placed on the ballot, and the number of police officers they would like to maintain.

Chief Freyhof noted that if a 3 mill levy would pass, it would be enough to sustain the current police force. Mr. Yoder noted that a 3 mill levy would cost property owners approximately \$105 more per year based on a \$100,000 home.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion that a 3 mill continuing levy be placed on the ballot for the November 3, 2015 election. 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.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

**A. Resolution 15-811, A Resolution to Prepare a Certificate of Estimated Revenue
A RESOLUTION ASKING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO PREPARE A CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE.**

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to accept Resolution 15-811 by title. Ms. Marie Hendel 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.

Council was provided with a copy of the Certificate of Estimated Revenue prepared by Mr. Mike Yoder, Logan County Auditor, showing a calculated estimate of \$91,000.00, based on a total tax valuation of \$31,322,410.

**B. Resolution 15-812, A Resolution to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation
A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION.**

Mr. John Huffman moved to accept Resolution 15-812 by title. Ms. Libby Stidam 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.

C. **Resolution 15-813, A Resolution in Support of the Police Levy**
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEVY FOR THE RUSSELLS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO.

Mr. John Huffman moved to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Marie Hendel 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.

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to accept Resolution 15-813 by title. Ms. Libby Stidam 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.

Discussion continued regarding the future of the Russells Point Police Department. It has been mentioned in the past that it may be more cost effective to combine forces with the Washington Township Police Department, since the Village is contained within the boundaries of Washington Township. Mr. Yoder noted that if the two police entities were to combine, all current levy funding would combine as well.

A date and time for a levy committee meeting will be determined at the next council meeting.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.*

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, August 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed