

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

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2015**

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

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was to propose a new Clean Ohio Project that would affect both the Village of Russells Point and Washington Township

Roll Call: COUNCIL: Ms. Marie Hendel, present; Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. John Huffman, absent; Ms. Joan Maxwell, absent; Ms. Libby Stidam, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES: Mr. Rick Beck, present; Mr. Jim Hurley, present; Mr. Don Lewis, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Patrick Beam, Bassett & Associates
Ms. Kamille Becker, 15350 Pusheta Rd., Wapakoneta
Mr. Ron Becker, 15350 Pusheta Rd., Wapakoneta
Mr. Jim Biery, 8790 St. Rt. 273, Belle Center
Mr. Mike Bow, M&K Engineering Co.
Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Mr. W.R. Dickson, 9296 St. Rt. 235, Lakeview
Ms. Kay Daugherty, 10505 Seminole Shore, Huntsville
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, 204 Oak Crest Ct., Russells Point
Mr. William Forgione, 204 Oak Crest Ct., Russells Point
Mr. Tim Hart, 10594 CR 286, Huntsville
Mr. Dave Helgeson, 8690 SR 273, Belle Center
Mr. Bill Holtsberry, 416 Maple St., Russells Point
Mr. Dave Lieter, 8925 Shady Lane, Belle Center
Ms. Rae McCarty, 9819 Blackhawk Dr., Lakeview
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Dr., Russells Point
Mr. John Norton, 104 Grand Ave., Russells Point
Mr. Pat Parish, 280 S. Oak St., Lakeview
Mr. Jason Richter, Street Department
Ms. Pam Rogers, 7127 Clark Dr., Russells Point
Mr. Ryan Shoffstall, Box 477, Lakeview
Mr. Bill Simms, 7662 Sir Francis Drake Ave., Russells Point

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Patrick Beam provided an outline of the Clean Ohio Funds that are available and the proposed project.

Clean Ohio Grant:

- Over \$3.7 million available to local communities within our district.
- Deadline for application for funds is January 28, 2016
- Local match must be at least 25% of the estimated cost of the project.
- Grant must include acquisition of land.

Project:

- Mr. Ron Becker is offering over 18 acres of land, part of which will be donated to the Village of Russells Point and part donated to Washington Township
- Mr. Becker is also offering to finance the cost of applying for the Clean Ohio Grant.
- Estimated value of land can be used as the required match. Current value is unknown.

- The grant amount could be reduced so that the value of the land covers the required match.
- Project area would consist of an approximate five acre lake and two miles of new walking trails.
- New trails could potentially be connected to two other trail systems in the future.
- Dirt removed to make the lake would be used to raise the adjacent land that would still be owned by Mr. Becker, which could lead to future development of the property for the purpose of a hotel or rental housing.

COMMENTS:

Council, Trustees and citizens were given the opportunity to ask questions, voice their concerns and their support for the project.

Concerns Included:

- Potential costs associated with upkeep of the project area
- Safety & liability of the project area
- Field debris backing up through a culvert under U.S. Rt. 33
- No guarantee of future development of hotel

Support:

- Hotel/Lodging is needed in the community
- Revenue for the area businesses

CONCLUSION:

The Village Council and Township Trustee will make their final decisions on whether to proceed with the application of Clean Ohio Funds at their next regularly scheduled meetings.

Mr. Rick Beck, Trustee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jim Hurley, Trustee seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed