

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2022

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Chief Joe Freyhof
Ms. April King, WPKO Radio
Mr. Bryon Litton, 156 Bristol Circle, Russells Point

Minutes: **May 16, 2022 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the May 16, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes with the following correction to reflect Mr. Wallace's vote as Nay:

Mr. Greg Iams made a motion to accept Resolution 22-981 by title. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The May 2022 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,334.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the April 2022 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Park Board Report –

Council was provided a copy of the minutes from the May 24, 2022 meeting.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied made a motion to allow the park board to use the municipal building playground area for a "Park Day" with food trucks and a musician on July 16, 2022. The event will be at no cost to the village or residents.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Finance Committee Report –

Council was provided a copy of the minutes from the May 19, 2022 meeting.

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided written report of the May 17, 2022 meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 22-1198; Lodging Excise Tax (third reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION CHAPTER 183 OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 22-1198 by title on the third reading.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Iiams commented that the ordinance is poorly written and hard to understand the amounts being charged and the division of the proceeds. Mr. Weidner explained that owners of hotels and short-term rentals are responsible for charging their customers a 3% convention tax and an additional 3% for village excise tax. The Fiscal Officer will be responsible for collecting the entire 6% tax which will be deposited into the General Fund and remitting 3% to the LC Convention & Tourism Bureau annually. There was also discussion regarding the difficulties of the collection process which will be a continuous effort to ensure compliance. It was also explained that this is not a tax to business owners, this is a tax that is to be passed on to their customers (an occupancy tax) and remitted to the village.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, nay; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.

The motion tied: 3 yeas – 3 nays

Due to the tie vote, Mayor Reames cast her vote as yea, and the motion passed.

The Ordinance will go into effect in 30 days.

B. Ordinance 22-1199; Amending 2022 Appropriations

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, STATE OF OHIO DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 22-1199 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

C. Ordinance 22-1200; Codified Ordinance Updates

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2022 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays
Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 22-1200 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point

Ms. DeVault reported that there will be a Fox Island Playground Dedication on Saturday, June 11th starting with a parade at 11:00am and dedication starting at noon.

B. Bryon Litton, 156 Bristol Circle, Russells Point

Mr. Litton voiced concern regarding a residence in his immediate neighborhood. He reported the resident has multiple dogs that continually get off their leashes, trash in the yard, automobile with expired plates, they are loud and obnoxious, there where people living in a camper on the property last summer, and there is domestic abuse in the home. This has been an ongoing issue and the police department is aware of the situation but he seldom sees any patrolling in the area, things are out of hand and something needs to be done.

Chief Freyhof said there has been 38 calls for service at the location in question in the last two years. The owners have been issued multiple warnings and notices of violation, and have been cited for their loose dogs. The department suspects domestic abuse however the victim refuses to press charges. He suggested that Mr. Litton and other neighbors call and report their complaints so that they are documented as calls for service. In the meantime, officers have been advised to patrol the area more often.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Liquor Permit Transfer Approval

Council was provided a notice from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control regarding a permit transfer from Mimis At The Lake to Lulus At The Lake. The notice provides the village the opportunity to request or waive a hearing regarding the transfer.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to allow the transfer without a hearing. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

B. Planning Commission Appointment

Mayor Reames made a recommendation to council to appoint Ms. Mary Herring to the open position on the Planning Commission. Mr. Iiams asked if there would be a conflict since the open position must be filled by a citizen, and Ms. Herring resides on the Board of Public Affairs. Mayor Reames will check with the Solicitor.

C. OPWC Paving

Council was provided information from the LC Engineers meeting on March 10th regarding the OPWC Paving fund. The information included estimated costs for various types of paving work. The estimated OPWC grant funding allotted to the village is \$73,535.80. Mayor Reames reported that prep work to have the various alleyways paved is not a permitted expense under the grant funding and Mr. Reese is getting quotes for this. They are also working on determining which roads will be disturbed due to various construction projects in the village. Ms. Joan Maxwell asked that they look into repairing E. Wilgus to Wilgus Court.

D. Electric & Natural Gas Aggregation Programs

Council was provided information on Government Aggregation Programs for electric and natural gas from Palmer Energy. Council agreed to have a representative from Palmer Energy attend the council meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 to discuss the program and procedure in more depth.

E. Mosquito Fogging

Mayor Reames will get with Mr. Coy to start fogging for mosquitos.

F. TR 52 / Elliott Rd. Culvert Replacement

Since the appropriation amendment was approved, Reichert Excavating will be notified to proceed with the replacement of the culvert on TR 52.

G. Approval of Purchase Orders

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the purchase orders required for the various projects as outlined in the Financial Meeting Minutes. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 22-1201 Next Resolution: 22-982

Next Council Meeting: Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed