

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

**MINUTES
March 3, 2014**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Tom LaDow, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; President Pro-tem, Mr. Steve Reid, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Pat Cochenour, 347 Westview, Russells Point
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 E. Elliot, Russells Point
Ms. Andrea Fernandez, 134 E. Aiken, Russells Point
Mr. Joe Freyhof, RP Police Chief
Ms. Sue Hurley, United Christian Services
Mr. Greg Iiams, 211 Clermont, Russells Point
Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin Dr., Russells Point
Mr. Chris Morris, United Christian Services
Mr. Mike Myers, 601 Lincoln Blvd., Russells Point
Ms. Pam Rogers, 7127 Clark Dr., Russells Point
Mr. David Wallace, 251 Chase, Russells Point

Minutes: **February 17, 2014**

Correction to New Business A: Reworded to state ...\$100.00 per month to offset utility costs...

Mr. Steve Reid moved to approve the February 17, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes with correction. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, abstain; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstain.

Reports: **Mayor's Report** –

The February 2014 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$973.50 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the February 2014 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell updated Council with highlights from the previous fire board meeting.

Police Report

Chief Freyhof updated Council on plans for Safety Town, Bike Rodeo, Medication Take Back and other various upcoming projects.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Eshenbaugh updated Council on various things that he has been working on including the Habitat for Humanity deed transfer, CAUV taxes for the Clean Ohio property and a contract & resolution for the United Christians Food Pantry.

He also reminded everyone that all Council members are to attend records training at least once during their four year term.

With the recent death of Council Member Janice Moore, Mr. Eshenbaugh noted that Council must appoint a replacement within 30 days. A notice will be placed in the newspaper announcing the vacancy and requirements to serve on Council, so those interested may come forward. If Council does not fill the seat at the next scheduled Council meeting, a special meeting will need to be held.

It was clarified that the first draft of the Clemans Nelson employee policy manual will be review by Mr. Eshenbaugh and Mr. Weidner and then re-submitted to Clemans Nelson for the initial changes prior to review by Council.

Board of Public Affairs –

There were no quotes submitted for the initial bidding of the aeration pump improvements. Minor changes were made by CTI Engineers and the project will be advertised and opened again for bids. Mr. Albert is working with the Ohio EPA on the initial steps to have a new well drilled.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Ms. Melissa Miller, 7102 Hardin, Russells Point

Ms. Miller noted that her cell phone (Straight Talk Cellular) seems to be dropping calls frequently since the temporary Verizon tower has been installed. She was wondering if there had been any other reports of residents with the same type of issue. During discussion it was noted that Straight Talk uses various carriers' cell towers and the dropped calls could be caused by the recent abandonment of the nearby Nextel tower. It was also suggested that she make sure that her phone has the latest updates installed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. United Christian Food Pantry

The Village Solicitor will be working on preparing a rental agreement between the Village and the food pantry. The Fiscal Officer will check to see if any additional insurance will be required. The electrical outlets may need to be split so that not all refrigerator/freezers are running on the same circuit. The food pantry will assume the cost of the electrical upgrade as needed.

B. Moving Ohio Forward

Evan Landscaping out of Cincinnati was the winning bidder for the Logan County Commissioners, Moving Ohio Forward Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Police Uniforms

Sergeant Fenwick asked Council to consider an optional uniform consisting of a polo type shirt and pants. The new uniform would be more comfortable, cooler and display a more relaxed but professional atmosphere around the community. Chief Freyhof noted that the cost for the new uniforms could be sustained by his current budget.

Mr. Steve Reid moved to allow the purchase and use of the alternative uniform with any additional requirements and restrictions set forth by the Police Chief. Mr. Tom LaDow seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Tom LaDow, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 14-1104 Next Resolution: 14-797

Scheduled Meetings:

- A. **Council Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
- C. Park Board Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed