

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

MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2024

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present. One vacant council seat.

Recorder: Ms. Taylor Thompson, Fiscal Officer

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Chief of Police, Mr. Joe Freyhof
Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Ms. Dianne Gauder
Indian Lake Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau Chair, Rick Core
Indian Lake Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau President, Amber Fagan
Indian Lake Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau Chair, Michelle Grandi
Mr. Steve Reid, 600 High Ave., Russells Point
Ms. Rebecca Smith, 130 Wilgus Ct., Russells Point
Mr. Steve Wenzlick, 130 Wilgus Ct., Russells Point
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point
Ms. Liz Gibson, Elliot St., Russells Point
Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, 223 E. Elliott Rd., Russells Point

Minutes: **December 18, 2023 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the December 18, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The December 2023 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$799.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the December 2023 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided written report of the December 19, 2023 meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. **Amber Fagan, Indian Lake Area Chamber and Visitors Bureau**

Ms. Fagan spoke to council regarding the short term/hotel tax funds that currently are distributed to the Logan County Chamber and Visitors Bureau. She feels it is very important for the money that is generated at Indian Lake continues to stay in this region. It was reported that in the past ten

years, zero percent of the hotel tax collected by Logan County has been spent in the Indian Lake region. In 2023 the way-finder signs were placed in community by the Logan County Visitors Bureau, but Indian Lake Visitors Bureau paid for the signage. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the result if the county would impose a county wide bed tax that would include short term rentals.

B. Ms. Dianne Gauder

Ms. Gauder believes the village should inform the solicitor of the proposed tax by the county, and to verify if the county is able to override the village STR/Hotel tax.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 24-102; Gov. Deals 2024 Sale of Surplus Property

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS VILLAGE PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT

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

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 24-1023 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; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

B. Resolution 24-1024; Final Appointment of Nicholas Jarman, Police Officer

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THE MAYOR’S FINAL APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS JARMAN AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO 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; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 24-1024 by title. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

C. Ordinance 24-1221; Amend Temporary 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 MARCH 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

The vote was called a second time:

<i>Mr. Huffman- himself</i>	<i>Mr. Greg Iiams- himself</i>
<i>Ms. Maxwell- Mr. Greg Iiams</i>	<i>Ms. Hinterschied- Mr. John Huffman</i>
<i>Mr. Reid- Mr. John Huffman</i>	<i>Mr. Dave Wallace- Mr. Greg Iiams</i>

The vote was called a third time:

<i>Mr. Huffman- himself</i>	<i>Mr. Greg Iiams- himself</i>
<i>Ms. Maxwell- Mr. Greg Iiams</i>	<i>Ms. Hinterschied- Mr. John Huffman</i>
<i>Mr. Reid- Mr. John Huffman</i>	<i>Mr. Dave Wallace- Mr. Greg Iiams</i>

Mayor Reames broke the tie with a vote for Mr. John Huffman.

Mr. John Huffman was declared the President Pro-Tem for 2024.

C. Council Rules

Mr. Greg Iiams suggested that the 2024 council rules section B, f. and e., be switched to allow citizens comments before ordinances and resolutions.

Ms. Joan Maxwell requested section B, #19, be changed at the suggestion of the solicitor from newspaper of record to the village website. This has already been published for the year.

Mayor requested section B, #14, include LUC, EMS, Park Board, IJFD be included in monthly reports.

Mr. John Huffman requested that section B, #12-13, be changed to state each council member shall receive 2 excused absences, approved by the mayor prior to the meeting, and at least 3 weeks in advance. In addition, one emergency call-in with no explanation in an open meeting.

Mr. Greg Iiams requested #5, c., be removed completely.

Council agreed these items needed to be sent to the solicitor for review.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to approve the original council rules until requested changes are finalized. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

D. Well #4 Rebuild Quote

Council was provided a written quote from Moody’s of Dayton for well number four rehabilitation.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the quote and purchase order.

Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Steve Reid asked if this item is something that has been in progress with the water plant. Mr. Greg Iiams advised that this is an on-going project and each well is examined and re-certified.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

E. Body Armor Grant

Chief Freyhof requested to pursue a Bureau of Worker Compensation grant. It would be a 25% match if awarded.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to authorize the Chief to pursue the body armor grant Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

F. Mayor Report

Mayor Reames gave an oral report to council. The village was audited by the Bureau of Workers Compensation recently. The auditor has concerns about inmate providing labor and what agency insures them. Taylor is working on this with the county. Mayor has some ideas for the Parks department to generate revenue. Council was reminded that sunshine law training needs to be completed. There is an eclipse meeting at the municipal building on January 9, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. Electronic signage for the municipal building was also discussed. Mr. Steve Reid requested that Ms. Dianne Gauder review the village sign ordinance to make sure this sign will fall within those specifications.

G. Finance Meeting

A finance committee meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22, Section G (1), to consider compensation of public employee or elected official at 8:11 p.m. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iams made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:44 p.m. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Steve Reid, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to increase Garold Frost and Sue Pitts wages to \$21.00 an hour and to give all remaining staff \$1.00 an hour increase, beginning the first full pay period in January, 2024. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. John Huffman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 46 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 24-1222 Next Resolution: 24-1025

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

Mayor, Robin Reames

Date Passed: _____