

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
December 5, 2022**

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

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

*Mrs. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to excuse Mr. John Huffman from the meeting. Mrs. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

Recorder: Dianne Gauder, Clerk of Court/Mayor's Assistant/Zoning Officer/Floodplain Admin.

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, Russells Point, Ohio  
Mrs. Libby Stidam, (Chair, VRP Board of Public Affairs)  
Ms. April King, WPKO Radio  
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief  
Ms. Kylie Eshelman, Huntsville, Ohio  
Robin Rosebrook, Kenton, Ohio  
Eric Rosebrook, Kenton, Ohio  
Deborah Miller, Kenton, Ohio  
Cody Bailey, Huntsville, Ohio

Minutes: **November 21, 2022 Council Meeting**

*Mrs. Shannon Stinemetz moved to approve the November 21, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mrs. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The November 2022 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$587.00 was presented to Council for approval.

*Mr. Greg Iams moved to approve the November 2022 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

**Finance Committee Report** –

Mr. Jeff Weidner provided written report of the December 1, 2022, meeting. There was no discussion.

**Police Department: Swearing-In Police Officer Kylie Eshelman -**

Chief Freyhof introduced Kylie Eshelman as the newest Police Officer for the Russells Point Police Department. Ms. Eshelman is from Kenton, Ohio. She is eager to begin her training and service to the Russells Point community.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution 22-1000 Amending Resolution 21-696

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 21-969 CERTIFYING UNPAID CHARGES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT UNDER ORC NO. 731.51 AND AUTHORIZING THE LOGAN COUTNY AUDITOR TO AMEND THE DELINQUENT AMOUNT ON THE 2021 TAX DUPLICATE AS DEFINED BELOW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Mr. Greg Iams moved to waive the Three-Reading Rule. Mrs. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 3 yeas – 2 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iams moved to accept Resolution 22-1000 by title. Mrs. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

Discussion: Mayor Robin Reames explained that the penalty of \$500 of the amount was not for actual expenses to the Village. Ms. Dianne Gauder explained the Tax Duplicate Certification process and how this assessment failed to appear prior to the timing of the Sheriff's Sale. Ms. Gauder also stated purchaser has been renovating numerous properties in the Village and investing in the community. Mrs. Joan Hinterschied and Mr. Dave Wallace expressed concerns about setting a precedent for future requests.

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

*The motion passed: 3 yeas – 2 nays*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

A. Ms. Sharon DeVault (Indian Lake Historical Society)

Ms. DeVault reported the Annual Tree Lighting at the Harbor Bridge was well attended. She stated area parking lots were full. She recommended Council see the drone video made by Kevin Campbell, which was outstanding. Santa also arrived on a boat to greet the community!

B. Mrs. Libby Stidham (Chair, VRP Board of Public Affairs)

Mrs. Stidham invited Council to make time to schedule a visit the Water Plant to see the major improvements completed by Water Superintendent, Mr. Dan Tynan. She stated that the Ohio EPA has sent a written acknowledgement of the upgrades to the facility. Mayor Robin Reames asked for a copy of this documentation for Mr. Tynan's personnel file. Mrs. Stidham said there was a recent passing in Mr. Tynan's family. He will be off work for a few days but has arranged full coverage for the Water Plant with existing employees.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Jeff Weidner (Fiscal Officer) provided Council with a summary sheet of pending projects and issues.

A. Health Insurance Renewal

The revised quote from Medical Mutual came back with an increase of 10% versus 21% for 2023.

B. Railroad Trestle Removal

Professional Archaeological Service provided a quote of \$1,780 to complete the study need for the Army Corp of Engineers permit. The project is progressing.

C. Log Jam Removal

Reichert Excavating has started the project and are nearly completed. Mr. Dave Wallace was concerned about the logs rolling back into the river. Mayor Robin Reames explained the Prairie Area, where the logs are being placed, is higher than the river and all vegetation will also remain. There appears to be no risk of the logs ending up back in the river.

D. T.R. 52 / Elliott Rd. Culvert

Reichert Excavating has all the materials to complete the project. Weather permitting, the project will begin after the Log Jam Removal and should be completed quickly.

E. Neighborhood Revitalization Grant

Mr. Weidner provided a written statement about the two Pickleball Court with fencing, bids came in under budget by \$30,000 for the Oakcrest Court and Sidewalk Project. These funds will be used to include the drainage needed for the park area of the Municipal Building. Funding has been budgeted for the remaining drainage projects needed for the west and south sides of the Municipal Building, which should cost less than \$50,000, avoiding the need for the bidding process.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. New McDonald’s Restaurant – Grand Opening

Mrs. Stinemetz reported the new McDonald’s Restaurant will be open very soon after final inspections.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Greg Iiams.*  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 22-1203    Next Resolution: 22-1001

Next Council Meeting: Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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Clerk of Court Dianne Gauder

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Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_