

Village of Russells Point
November 3, 2025
Council Meeting

Mayor John Huffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Council members Joan Hinterschied, Greg liams, Joan Maxwell, Steve Reid, Rebekah Smith and Dave Wallace were present. Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire was also present.

Guests: Dianne Gauder (Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator), AshLee Hullinger (Clerk of Court/Admin Assistant), Ann Elleman, Sharon DeVault, Liz Gibson, John Lazenby, Wanda Goodman, John Henschen, Robin Michaels

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** was made by Councilor liams and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the council meeting minutes dated October 20, 2025, as amended. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Reports:

Indian Joint Fire District:

- Councilor Maxwell submitted the Indian Joint Fire District report to council. Council did not have any questions or comments.

Citizen Comments: none

Ordinances and Resolutions:

- Resolution 25-1061 – Final Appointment of Westly McVety as a Full-Time Police Officer. **Motion** was made by Councilor liams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to waive the 3-reading rule on Resolution 25-1057 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. **Motion** was made by Councilor liams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve Resolution 25-1061 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments: none

Old Business:

- Council reviewed the Uniform Guidance Policy as prepared by Julian & Grube Inc, an independent public accountant. Councilor liams reviewed the contents of the policy with council and the public. **Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Smith to table the approval of the Uniform Guidance Policy, until the next regularly scheduled council meeting on November 17, 2025, so that all of council can review the document. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Council reviewed section 5.02 (E) of the personnel policy manual in regard to employees may carry over a maximum of 80 hours vacation leave into the following year. Mayor Huffman asked council to suspend section 5.02(E) until December 31, 2026 due to the staff shortage. **Motion** was made by Councilor liams and seconded by Councilor Wallace to allow carryover of unpaid vacation time for employees through December 31, 2026. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Mayor Huffman noted that LUC's annual banquet is November 20, 2025. Councilor liams added that he has tickets for sale to the banquet and the speaker will be Mike Yoder (Logan County Commissioner) and Mr. Yoder will discuss the issue of rising property taxes.
- Councilor Maxwell inquired about the village water clerk position. Mayor Huffman stated that a temporary part-time person is starting on Tuesday, November 4th.
- Councilor Wallace inquired about the hole filled with gravel on N. Orchard Island Drive south of Mansfield Street. Mayor Huffman noted that the area was dug up to locate a water leak.
- Councilor Hinterschied stated that she will be on vacation during the next council meeting. A Park and Recreation committee meeting is scheduled for November 11th and Councilor Hinterschied will attend via Zoom.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. **Motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Reid to enter into an executive session. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed and council entered into the executive session at 7:14 PM. At 7:29 PM, council resumed the open meeting and a **motion** was made by Councilor Liams and seconded by Councilor Smith to exit the executive session. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed and council resumed the open meeting.

Mayor Huffman recommends Deanna Roe for the Village Administrator position. **Motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to accept the mayor's recommendation of Deanna Roe for the Village Administrator position pending a background check. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Liams to adjourn at 7:34 PM. Motion passed.

John Huffman, Mayor

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Date Passed