

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
December 18, 2023**

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

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

Recorder: Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point  
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point  
Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Ms. Dianne Gauder  
Maintenance Team Member, Mark Coy  
Mr. Steve Reid, 600 High Ave., Russells Point  
Mr. Michael Thompson, 211 White Oaks Court, Russells Point  
Water Superintendent, Mr. Dan Tynan  
Board of Public Affairs Trustee, Ms. Pat Cochenour  
Board of Public Affairs Trustee, Ms. Mary Herring  
Board of Public Affairs Chair, Ms. Libby Stidham  
Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Director, Ms. Krista Oldiges  
Mr. Dale Frymyer, 11180 Bayview Ln., Lakeview  
Ms. Teri Frymyer, 11180 Bayview Ln., Lakeview  
Ms. Kelsey Gillespie, 6565 Windjammer Dr., Huntsville  
Ms. Suzanne Gillespie, 7860 Rose Path, Russells Point  
Logan County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau President, Mr. Ben Vollrath

*Mayor Reames advised council of a change with the agenda order to place citizens comments before resolutions and ordinances. Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the change. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

Minutes: **December 4, 2023 Council Meeting**

*Ms. Joan Hinterschied moved to approve the December 4, 2023 council meeting minutes as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion. Ms. Joan Hinterschied abstained from the vote.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the November 2023 bank reconciliation, cash summary report and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$5,646,260.57

*Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**Police Report** –

Council was presented a written report for the department at the last council meeting. Chief provided council with a quote for a new Dodge, 2023, cruiser and the equipment needed.

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the purchase of the Dodge Durango. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the purchase of the equipment from Parr. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**Zoning Report** –

Ms. Gauder provided council with a written report of the permits that have been issued or in process since the last report.

**Maintenance Report** –

Council was provided a written report for the department.

**Water Report**–

Council was provided a written report for the department. Ms. Libby Stidam asked to speak in regards to the splash pad. She advised that in the last three years, the village has expended \$262,000.00 on improvements to the water treatment plant. The improvements have been completed for advancements in the future. The BPA is concerned with the plant being able to support the new hotel and splash pad. Mr. Tynan discussed how many gallons the plant is producing per day. Mr. Tynan and staff have been working on improving the low lift production and are trying to reach the goal of 300 gallons per minute. Mr. Tynan reported the plant can support the hotel at this time but he would like to see a larger buffer. This Friday, after the reducers are pressure washed, Mr. Tynan can give more information on if the plant reached the 300 gallons per minute. He believes the splash pad can be supported as well if we can reach this goal. There was a lengthy discussion in regards to the splash pad and water treatment plant capacity. The discussion was asked to be carried into the resolution portion of the meeting.

**LUC Report** –

Mr. Greg Iiams provided council with a written report.

**EMS Report** –

The previous meeting minutes were provided to council. Mr. Wallace reported that the first responders were recognized for their efforts in handling the Indian Lake student who recently passed in a vehicle accident.

**Parks Board Report**–

Council was provided meeting minutes from the Park Board. Mayor Reames attended the eclipse meeting held by the Logan County Visitors Bureau. The Mayor would like to see the village support our local safety services. The Mayor is advising against selling any visual aids so there is no liability involved. All agencies are advising to have cash on hand due to the prediction of internet services being delayed or non-operational.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

A. Ms. Suzanne Gillespie

Ms. Gillespie addressed council in regards to the splash pad. She is a mother who raises children locally, and would love to see a splash pad addition to the village. Ms. Gillespie travels a great distance to visit various splash pads in the surrounding communities. The hotel will bring new people into our community and this could be a safe way for their children to enjoy the water.

B. Ms. Kelsey Gillespie

In addition to the previous comments, it was added to the discussion that the splash pad will draw tourists into the community who will also spend money here at local businesses.

C. Mr. Steve Reid

Mr. Reid stated he would like to see a splash pad addition to the community.

D. Ms. Joan Maxwell

Ms. Maxwell asked the audience if anyone has visited any splash pads who charge a fee to use the facility?

Mr. Reid stated he has paid for a season pass for a splash pad facility.

There was a lengthy discussion related to the splash pad and its functionality.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

A. **Resolution 23-1019; Splash Pad Research and Grants- 3<sup>RD</sup> and Final Reading**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING RESEARCH AND GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR SPLASH PAD CONSTRUCTION AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1019 by title. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

*Mr. Huffman discussed that on September 18, 2023, council voted in favor of finding out information about the splash pad and he feels this is all that is being done. No money has been accepted by the village. There more lengthy discussion in regards to the splash pad.*

*The Vote: Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay; Mr. John Huffman, yea. Mayor Reames broke the tie with a yea vote.*

*The motion passed.*

B. **Ordinance 23-1219; 2024 Temporary Appropriations**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 23-1219 by title. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.*

**C. Ordinance 23-1220; Amending Section Chapter 183.04**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION CHAPTER 183.04 OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

There was discussion about our current Ordinance, which states, 3% of funds collected by the Village is paid to the Logan County Chamber and Visitors Bureau. This amendment could change where these funds are paid. Mr. Vollrath from the Logan County Chamber spoke to council and explained that the village is able to collect the 6% on hotel and short-term rentals due to lack of a county-wide bed tax. A county-wide bed tax is in process currently. Mr. Dale Frymyer expressed his concern that this is local money that should be given to the Indian Lake Area Chamber and Visitors Bureau. There was a lengthy a discussion. It was agreed for this matter be tabled.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Keys for the Building**

Mr. Huffman asked to bring up an issue that has been discussed before.

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion that council and elected officials, of the Village of Russells Point, have a key to the municipal building. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded that motion.*

Mr. Huffman feels that there is enough village representation, who could assist, if a member needs to be given access to the building. There was discussion as to if the Mayor would be included as an elected official.

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, nay; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea; Ms. Joan Hinterschied, nay; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, nay. Mayor Reames broke the tie with a nay vote.*

*The motion failed.*

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion that the mayor have a key to the municipal building. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 1 nay.*

**B. Golf Cart/Back Flow Ordinances**

Mr. Huffman expressed his concern that village matters are being brought to the solicitor's attention, but council is not being apprised of them. Ms. Joan Maxwell expressed concern that the rules and ordinances committee has not held a meeting this year. There was a lengthy discussion in regards to this matter. It was agreed that a committee meeting needs to be scheduled after the first meeting of the new year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. BPA Meeting Date and Time Changes**

Ms. Libby Stidam advised council of BPA meetings now being held on the first and third Mondays of each month, at 4:30 p.m.

B. December outreach

Mayor advised she provided this for council’s information.

C. Logan County Visitors Bureau Signage

Ms. Dianne Gauder reported two new signs were placed in the village by the Logan County Visitors Bureau. Ms. Gauder asked that council exempt these two signs from the Village Ordinance. Mr. Vollrath spoke and apologized for oversight and agreed to file for a permit for any future signage.

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to allow the signs to stay on private property and be excluded from the signage that the business already have, and for the fee be waived. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

D. Mayor Report

Ms. Joan Maxwell requested that the Mayor provide a report to update council members about what has transpired in the two weeks between the meetings.

E. Oath of Office

Mayor Reames, Ms. Mary Herring, Ms. Libby Stidam and Ms. Joan Hinterschied took an oath office for their new terms that commence on January 1, 2024.

**EXECTUVIE SESSION:**

*Ms. Shannon Stinemetz 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 and to allow Ms. Taylor Thompson, Chief Freyhof and Mark Coy into the session at 8:43 p.m. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:02 p.m. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to allow Mark Coy to reduce his hours to 32 hours a week, with 8 hours floating time off. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas –0 nays*

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Greg Iiams seconded the motion.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 24-1221 Next Resolution: 24-1023

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

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Mayor, Robin Reames

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