

**Village of Russells Point
September 15, 2025
Council Meeting**

Council President Pro-Tempore Greg Iiams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Council members Joan Hinterschied, Greg Iiams, Joan Maxwell, Steve Reid, Rebekah Smith and Dave Wallace were present. Mayor John Huffman was absent. Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire was present.

Guests: Dianne Gauder (Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator), AshLee Hullinger (Clerk of Court/Admin Assistant), Joe Freyhof (Chief of Police), Sharon DeVault, Duane Glass, Joseph Angles, Karen Angles, Liz Gibson, Dave Scott

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the council meeting minutes dated September 2, 2025. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the council public hearing meeting minutes dated September 8, 2025. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Reports:

Fiscal:

- The presentation of the August 31, 2025 bank reconciliation and financials was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the bank reconciliation and financials as presented. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Mayor's Court

- The August 2025 statement for Mayor's Court showing total receipts of \$3,185 was presented to council. **Motion** was made by Councilor Wallace and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the August 2025 Mayor's Court statement as submitted. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Police:

- The police department had 665 calls for service in July.
- Year to date, there have been 74 code enforcement cases with 62 of these cases being resolved.
- Chief Freyhof noted that the homecoming parade is October 2, 2025 with the pep rally to follow and that Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for October 30, 2025 from 6:00-7:30 PM at the municipal building.
- Chief Freyhof asked council for an agenda change and have new business with the introduction of Pastor Joseph Angles. Council agreed and Chief Freyhof introduced Pastor Joseph Angles (the current Pastor of the Russells Point Church of God) and gave a brief background history of Pastor Angles. Mr. Joseph Angles was sworn in as Chaplain of the Village of Russells Point Police Department by Councilor Iiams with the reading of the Oath of Office.

Maintenance:

- The maintenance report was submitted to council.

Zoning:

- Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator, submitted the zoning report to council.

Parks & Recreation:

- Councilor Hinterschied submitted the Park meeting report to council and noted that "Family Fun Day" was September 14, 2025 and is entertaining ideas to make the event bigger and better.
- The next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Logan-Union-Champaign (LUC) Regional Planning Commission

- Councilor Iiams submitted the LUC Executive Committee report council.
- Councilor Iiams noted that LUC's annual banquet is November 20, 2025 with tickets costing \$20 each. Councilor Iiams stated that he had tickets if anyone wanted to purchase.

Indian Lake EMS Joint Ambulance District:

- Councilor Reid submitted the Indian Lake EMS Joint Ambulance District meeting report to council and noted that the new truck has been received and is in service.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

- Resolution 25-1060 – Certifying Unpaid Charges for Services Performed by the Village and Authorizing County Auditor to Place Delinquent Amounts on Tax Duplicates for Collection. **Motion** was made by Councilor Wallace and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to waive the 3-reading rule on Resolution 25-1060 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Reid voting against. Motion passed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Wallace and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve Resolution 25-1060 by title. Chief Freyhof stated that he was contacted by the owners of 350 Taylor Avenue and 351 Taylor Avenue asking to waive the fees to be assessed to their properties. Duane Glass, owner of 350 Taylor Avenue, noted that the neighbors had trash on their property and did not receive a notice of violation from the police department and that his lot did not have weeds but only flowers and the flowers were cut down when the village cleaned the property. Chief Freyhof and former Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell reinspected the properties prior to the assessing of fees and noted a severe line of sight issue at the intersection due to the weeds/flowers and the junked lawn furniture on the property. Pictures of the property were given to council and council agreed on the line-of-sight issue and how the weeds/flowers were on the village right of way and also agreed that Mr. Glass was given an opportunity to clean up the issue when the notice of violation was received. Councilor Iiams stated that Mr. Glass could have been cited by Mayor's Court with the line-of-sight issue. Chief Freyhof noted that the Mr. Glass has had previous citations dating back to 2022. Councilor Iiams asked for a roll call on the motion to approve Resolution 25-1060 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 25-1265 – Authorizing Village Administrator to Purchase 80,000 pounds of Filtrasorb 400 (Activated Carbon) Dispensing with Formal Bidding and Advertising. **Motion** was made by Councilor Wallace and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to waive the 3-reading rule on Ordinance 25-1265 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. Dave Scott, Village Administrator for the Village of Lakeview, explained the necessity of the activated carbon media filter for the operation of the water plant with council agreeing for the emergency purchase of the filter media to keep the Village of Russells Point in compliance with EPA standards. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve Ordinance 25-1265 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Reid voting against. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments: none

Old Business:

- Council reviewed the quote of \$27,105 from Moody's of Dayton, Inc regarding water well #5 rehabilitation. Dave Scott stated that well #3 was rehabbed in 2024 and well #4 should be rehabbed in 2026. Councilor Reid noted that the money was already appropriated this year for the well #5 rehab. Council agreed to have Mr. Scott move forward in scheduling the rehabilitation of well #5.
- The activated carbon media filter for the water plant was discussed during the reading of Ordinance 25-1265.
- Councilor Wallace inquired about when the address numbers of 433 will be placed on the municipal building to become compliant with village zoning requirements. Council agreed that the topic will be sent to the Land & Buildings Committee to discuss.

New Business:

- Council reviewed the quote of \$6,000 from Stanley's Asphalt Paving & Seal Coating to apply a heavy coat of commercial grade seal to the municipal building parking lot (restriping included) and walking/bike path. Councilor Reid questioned the need to have the parking lot and walking path resealed prior to the winter months and prior to the construction of the splash pad, which may cause damage to the walking path. Councilor Wallace noted that the sealing should be done prior to the winter months due to how the freezing and thawing could cause more damage to the parking lot and bike path. **Motion** was made by Councilor Wallace and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the quote provided by Stanley's Asphalt Paving & Seal Coating. A roll call vote was taken and council to a 3-3 tie, with Councilor Reid, Councilor Smith and Councilor Hinterschied voting against. With the absence of Mayor Huffman, the motion is undecided. Council asked that the quote from Stanley's Asphalt Paving & Seal Coating be placed on the agenda as old business for the next regularly scheduled council meeting set for October 6, 2025.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Motion passed.

John Huffman, Mayor

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Date Passed