

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 6, 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 Iams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present. Mr. Steve Reid, present.

Recorder: Ms. Vanessa Stidam, Fiscal Officer

Guests: Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Ms. Dianne Gauder  
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point  
Chief of Police, Mr. Joe Freyhof  
Dale Frymyer, Lakeview  
Colin Kalvas, Columbus Ohio  
Tracy Vosler, 374 W. Main St., Russells Point  
Gregg Vosler, 374 W. Main St., Russells Point  
Steve Hoffman, Main St Russells Point  
Cynthia Hoffman Main St Russells Point  
Mike Major, 3865 Us 36 Urbana Ohio  
Rebekah Smith, 130 Wilgus Russells Point  
Kelsey Puckett, 535 School St Spencerville, Ohio  
Cody Styles, 12956 ST Rt 235 Lakeview, Ohio  
Dennis Styles, 434 Fairview Russells Point

**Minutes: April 15, 2024 Council Meeting**

*John Huffman moved to approve the April 15, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes with corrections. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

**Reports:**

**Fiscal Officer Report-** Report given /Also gave the Emergency EMA contact as Joe with Vanessa backing up with reports.as for a motion per the Solicitor.

*John Hoffman made a motion Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

Steve Reid asked for discussion to make sure Vanessa is okay and able to do this. Vanessa let them know that she and Joe have been working on this together. Steve don't want Vanessa to be over loaded.

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

*The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays*

Greg Iiams made a motion to approve Fiscal Officers report. 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; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas –0 nays

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas –0 nays

**Strategic Planning-** Report Approved

**IJFD -** Report approved

**Water Report-** BPA did except the resignation of Pat. The BPA will fill that seat and they will meet with the Mayor.

**Lands and Buildings-** Meet Lands and Building meet 4/29 Steve – John Hoffman is chair Steve is the secretary

We talked about signs for the Village – No action was taken. We ask about quote from the EMC. Some money was already appropriated for the new sign. We hope to bring this to council soon. We will have some draft for the crop limits.

Next meeting May 29, 2024 at 7.

**Park Report-**Reported that the Splash pad was discussed on July 2021 minutes. The Bellefontaine Examiner released it on Sep 21, 2023. Next meeting May 14 7pm.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS: None**

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

Gregg Iiams made a motion to remove items from the table. Res 24-1033/Ord 24-1233/Ord 24-1234 John Hoffman 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; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas –0 nays

**a. Resolution No. 24-1033 Emergency**

Colin Kalvas reported stated that the village can add in a fee for admin. Mayor wants to add in a different contract.

Interest Rates – 8.44-8.77 now 9.2 %

Joan question- what about the admin fee.

Urban has this Hotel and they get 1250. 2 twice a year this would be handled By Vanessa.

Colin Kalvas took the floor to explain. That this would pay for energy improvements. Helps to stop gaps in budgets. Richwood Bank has this loan and only

Townships and Villages have the rights to this. There is no Liability for the local government.

Steve Reid has a question about the 56 payments – What happens if the owner sells.

What happens if it sells. That person would need to address the payment and just like buying a house you would have it transfer.

Mike Quest- a fee for every room charge that comes back to the village. Mike realize that Dave is looking out for VRP – Mike said it will not coast us a cent to set this up.

Mike said that Urban only spends 15 minutes a month on this. Joan said this is the first of multiple business that may want to do this. John and Steve stated we will do it case by case and we will go thru this for each one that wants to do an efficiency.

We are responsible for Solicitor time and the Fiscal Office time and coast.

Joan said can we expense out the Solicitor. The fee is one time for attorney and the \$2500 year would be coming to the VRP. 56 annual payments of \$2500 times 20 something years. We could see over \$70,000.

Vanessa let the council know that our fees have been a total of \$2451.50 up to today for this project.

The Mayor said she has talked to the solicitor and a new contract will be done.

Dave fears that the Village will be paying for everything.

We will be responsible for the solicitors' time. This will grow our Village and we will have more revenue.

Steve Reid and John Hoffman said that we will have a big development and we will benefit from this investment.

Steve Reid believes that we should have our solicitor review everything that comes to us to save the village in the end. Dave just worries we have to many loans to pay for.

Mayor made it clear that is all the BPA responsibility.

Dave asked about money appropriated for sidewalks. Steve said it was.

Dave feels we just come out of a natural disaster and my run into unexpected expenses.

Mayor stated we are off topic and that the county will handle it.

*John Huffman made a motion Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, no Ms.*

*Joan Maxwell, no; Mr. Dave Wallace, no; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion: 3 yeas – 3 nays Mayor voted yea to break the tie.*

*Motion Passed 4 yea-3 nays*

**b. Ordinance No.24-1233 Emergency** an Ordinance Determining to Proceed with the Acquisition, Construction, and Improvement of Certain Public Improvements in the Village of Russells Point, Ohio in Cooperation with the Logan County Energy Special Improvement District (a/k/a “Ordinance to Proceed”)

*John Huffman made a motion Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

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

*Joan Maxwell, yes; Mr. Dave Wallace, no; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion: 5 yeas – 1 nay*

*Motion Passed 5yea-1 nays*

**c. Ordinance No. 24-1234 Emergency** an Ordinance Levying Special Assessments for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, and Improving Certain Public Improvements in the Village of Russells Point, Ohio in Cooperation with the Logan County Energy Special Improvement District, Approving an Energy Project Cooperative Agreement and a Special Assessment Agreement (a/k/a/ "Ordinance Levying Assessments")

*John Huffman made a motion Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yes Ms. Joan Maxwell, yes; Mr. Dave Wallace, no; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion: 5 yeas – 1 nay.*

*Motion Passed 5 yea-1 nays*

**d. Ordinance No. 24-1235 Emergency** an Ordinance Amending Part Three-Traffic Code, Title five- vehicles, Chapter 337. Safety and Equipment of the Village of Russells Point Codified Ordinances and Declaring an emergency.

*John Huffman made a motion Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion: 6 yeas – 0 nay.*

*Motion Passed 6 yea-0 nays*

Dave Wallace asked why we are doing this if the township is doing it.

Steve asked Joe – we didn't have anything in place.

Greg how will we enforce this- Greg told Joe he will need to be there when it happens.

John said this gives it to our policy offices the right to reinforce. The Township uses the ORC this will not cover what our Ordinance covers.

**e. Resolution No. 24-1035 Emergency** A Resolution Authorizing and Empowering the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement for Professional Service with Choice One Engineering for Preparation of a LWCF Grant Application for a Splash Pad in Russells Point, Logan County, Ohio, And Declaring an Emergency.

*John Huffman made a motion to wave three reading rule Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yes Ms. Joan Maxwell, no; Mr. Dave Wallace, no; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion: 4 yeas – 2 nays  
Motion Passed 4 yea-2 nays*

*John made motion to approve by title. Joan Hinterschied seconded.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yes Ms. Joan Maxwell,  
no; Mr. Dave Wallace, no; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yes Ms. Joan Maxwell,  
no; Mr. Dave Wallace, no; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

**F. Resolution 24-1031** The Retention agreement between Martin, Browne, Hull and Harper and the Village of Russells Point (2<sup>nd</sup>)

*John Hoffman made the motion for second reading Steve Reid seconded it.*

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, no Ms. Joan Maxwell,  
no; Mr. Dave Wallace, yes; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.*

*The motion: 4 yeas – 2 nays  
Motion Passed 4 yea-2 nays*

Steve Reid ask if we could wave any other fees to help our Village. Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Ms. Dianne Gauder. Explained all fees and let us know what the tax payor would be paying. So, council can consider. This may not be clean and clear.

**RESOLUTION 24-1026** Approving Officer Branden Puckett

*John Hoffman made the motion to remove the three-reading rule. Joan Hinterschied second it.*

Chief read his Introduction. Branden thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity.

*John Hoffman made the motion Joan Hinterschied seconded it*

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

*Resolution passed 6 yeas- 0 nays*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Joan Maxwell wanted to clear up that we need to have clean up day. She asked what will happen with broken house hold item.

We talked about waiting and we already had a date in place.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Introduction of new officer Branden Puckett – Chief of Police, Mr. Joe Freyhof  
Oath of Office – Done for Branden Puckett  
Promotion of Officer Morgan Styles to Sergeant of Village of Russells Point. - Chief of Police, Mr. Joe Freyhof.

Steve Reid – told Cody Styles Thank you for all the help in the tornado. She is an asset to us.

Chief of Police, Mr. Joe Freyhof. – Informed us of Officer Jarman and all he is doing in the Military and what is happening when he is away. Go ARMY

Dave Wallace

What are the statues of the two – Officer Findwick and Officer Bodmem  
Joe- said it was just for the one-time tornado relief. It was just a doc. Both are still with Kenton. It was a swear in just to be on paper.

Mayor ask Joe about the junk day. Joe feels we would be safe to move forward with the Cleanup day.  
Steve wants to know if we have the dumpster ready. Dave said he don't have that information with him.  
Joe would like to have it set up before Memorial Day.

Date: May 22 John Hoffman agrees. We will move forward with that.

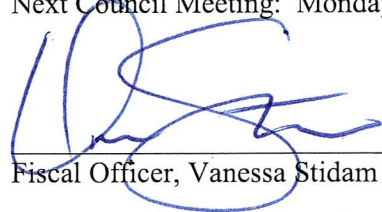
**ADJURNMENT:**

*Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dave Wallace seconded it.*

The meeting was adjourned 8:49 pm.

Next Ordinance: 24-1236 Next Resolution: 24-1037

Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Fiscal Officer, Vanessa Stidam

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Mayor, Robin Reames

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