

**Village of Russells Point  
November 17, 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 Greg Iiams, Joan Maxwell, Steve Reid, Rebekah Smith and Dave Wallace were present. Joan Hinterschied was absent. Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire was also present.

**Guests:** Dianne Gauder (Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator), Sharon DeVault, Ann Elleman, Liz Gibson, John Henschen. Daniel Bey (Village Solicitor) arrived at 7:33 PM.

**Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Reid to approve the absence of Councilor Hinterschied from the council meeting. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 4-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the council meeting minutes dated November 3, 2025. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

**Reports:**

**Fiscal:**

- The presentation of the October 31, 2025 bank reconciliation and financials was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve the bank reconciliation and financials as presented. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

**Zoning:**

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

**Police:**

- Police Chief Joe Freyhof submitted the Russells Point Police Department report to council.

**Mayor's Court:**

- The October 2025 statement for Mayor's Court showing total receipts of \$870 was presented to council. **Motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Reid to approve the October 2025 Mayor's Court statement as submitted. Councilor Iiams questioned the format used on the Mayor's Court statement. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed.

**Lands and Buildings:**

- The Lands, Buildings and Facilities report was submitted to council.

**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<sup>th</sup> and tickets are still available.

**Indian Lake EMS Joint Ambulance District:**

- Councilor Reid submitted the Indian Lake EMS Joint Ambulance District meeting report to council.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- Ordinance 25-1270 – Authorize the Mayor to Hire Deanna Roe as Village Administrator. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to waive the 3-reading rule on Ordinance 25-1270 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve Ordinance 25-1270 by title. Mayor Huffman stated that Ms. Roe background check was clean. A roll call vote was taken and council voted against 2-3, with Councilor Iiams, Councilor Maxwell and Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion failed.

Mayor Huffman called a short recess at 7:16 PM to make a phone call to the Village Solicitor. The mayor called the council meeting back to order at 7:24 PM.

**Citizen Comments:** none

**Old Business:**

- **Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Iiams to untangle the discussion regarding the Uniform Guidance Policy as prepared by Julian & Grube Inc, an independent public accountant. **Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the Uniform Guidance Policy as written. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- Council discussed the memorandum from Daniel Bey, Village Solicitor, regarding elected official pay rates. The memorandum concludes that elected officials pay rates must be done in accordance with the statutory timeline, which expired on August 1, 2025, for incoming candidates.
- Councilor Wallace noted the problems arising at all local food banks due to lack of funds and lack of food. **Motion** was made by Councilor Wallace and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to waive the village's food pantry rental fee for 6 months with a possible extension. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

**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 Iiams to enter into an executive session and to invite Fiscal Officer McGuire and Village Solicitor Daniel Bey into the executive session. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed and council entered into the executive session at 7:33 PM. At 8:02 PM, council resumed the open meeting and a **motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Iiams to exit the executive session. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed and council resumed the open meeting.

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**Motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Iiams to pay the part time utility clerk 8 hours for Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving holidays. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Reid to adjourn at 8:51 PM. Motion passed.

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John Huffman, Mayor

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Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

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Date Passed