

Village of Russells Point
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers

Meeting Agenda Minutes from July 15, 2024

Mayor Reames called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Joan Hinterschied, Present; John Hoffman, Present; Greg Iiams, Present; Joan Maxwell, Present; Dave Wallace, Present Steve Reid, Present.

All Councilmembers were present.

Recorder: Vanessa Stidam, Fiscal Officer

Guest: Brad Cramer, Russells Point

Rebekah Smith, Russells Point

Sharon Devault, Russells Point

Troy Miller, Russells Point

Daniel Bay VRP Solicitor

Dianne Gauder, VRP Clerk of Court / Mayor's Assistant / Zoning and Floodplain Admin

JJ Frost, VRP Maintenance

Jared Weeks, VRP Maintenance

Previous Meeting Minutes July 1, 2024 Council Meeting

John Hoffman made a Motion to approve the July 1, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.

Greg Iiams Seconded the Motion.

The Vote: Joan Maxwell, Yea; Greg Iiams, Yea; John Hoffman, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea and Dave Wallace, Yea

The Motion Passed: 6 Yeas-0 Nays

July 8th Emergency Meeting Notes-

John Hoffman made a Motion to approve the minutes. Joan Hinterschied Seconded the Motion.

All Approved

Reports:

Maintenance Report- Tim's written report was given.

Joan Hinterschied had a question about mosquito spraying of the village. JJ Frost stated it will be on Thursday nights per the regulations.

Water Report-

Water loss was at 42% and our annual average is 39.2%. Three Year sampling results given. New Meter installation Update. 353 new meters have been installed. Some pits are too deep, we will need to add antennas to them. OEPA \$10,000.00 Grant was approved after two years. We will use this for a \$9,940.00 Pressure Logger.

Mayor made the statement that Well # 5 has issues. She requested that she can do a PO for whatever it takes to keep the plant running.

Greg Iiams made motion for \$20,000 max this is over the 15,000 already approved for Mayor.

Steve Reid Seconded the motion.

Discussion: JJ Frost reported that Sunday the Well #5 had not ran anything all night- it was reading 0. We can't run on one well.

Greg said in the past it was a screen that cased this. Dave Wallace said we need to do Well 5 right away.

Vote: All approved

Vanessa Stidam explained the three ways of reading meters for billing this month. This may take some time. We will add a message to the July Bills and let residents know the New meters are still going in and abnormalities may happen.

BPA – Mayor would like to introduce two New Members for BPA Troy Miller and Rebecca Smith. If anyone knows anyone else please send them to her.

John Hoffman made a motion and Joan Hinterschied Seconded the motion.

Vote: All Yea

Oath of office was taken by both Troy Miller and Rebecca Smith

Mayor will meet with both of them at a later time.

LUC- Greg liams talked about the Marijuana laws, the state of Ohio is dragging their feet.

Park Board – Donation and money raised from Gather ground total \$818.00.

United Way day is Aug 23rd.

Police- Fireworks- the message about not having fireworks was not well received. Chris Wallace was sited. Two warnings from two officers.

Another resident had siding burned and charges may come.

Seconded Streets had fireworks and argued/was fighting with neighbors.

Chief would like the Maintenance team to help him next year with barricades.

Mayor reported no problems- We cleared town in an hour and half.

Road closer next week Chase to Sunnyside.

We donated to the Live Stock at the Fair- FFA the VRP also donated.

We used our donations and not tax payor money.

State disaster relief refund was approved, Vanessa had all back up documentation and Chief submitted it.

Chief - Followed up with Car quotes with Council- \$1400 off Pilot or \$900 off CRV.

Steve Reid recommended the pilot a CRV is to small.

He also asked for prices for others. He has made sure we have the quotes.

This is a dual-purpose vehicle for Village employees to use for Village purposes.

No money has been appropriated for this.

The Undercover car we have had since 2009 and we need something new for Village Business.

Dave Wallace would like us to look deeper into this.

Mayor stated we will need to amend appropriation for this. We have other amendments needed as well.

EMS- Steve reported at the meeting 1.6 in money market. The investment CDs will pay for new squad.

Three reimbursement grants for First Responders.

No work has been done on Squad house from tornado as of today.

139 Squad runs- Heated Conversation about Tax payers/residents pay \$100.00 Max for squad- We feel this should not be. We would like to remove the 100 max. We already bill insurance. If you are out of town and not a resident, you will get billed at cost. If you don't have insurance, you will may not get billed at all. You do pay the \$100.00 now. This will not be a big loss in revenue.

This is just a discussion, nothing passed yet.

Dave Wallace said the main interest is to do away with the \$100.00.

This was added when we have very little money. Now we want it to go away

Citizen's Comments:

Brad Crammer- ask if renters or Owners are considered tax payors- Steve said yes both are tax payors.

Jared Weeks – New Hire on Maintenance. May 20th was introduced.

Mayor Reames- shared that Jared has done very well. Mayor said that council will be asked to give monetary raise at the end of his 6 months.

JJ Frost added that he is a great addition to the team.

Dianne Gauder- just added that Jared has been wonderful.

Sharon DeVault – Noted that the Ice-cream Social will be Monday the 27th at 6:00. Normally about 150 people.

Mayor Reams introduced Daniel Bay, he is the new Intern Solicitor.

Mayor Reames has been meeting and working with Daniel on our open items.

Daniel Bay added that he is fully remote, he has an office in Urban where he has been for about 6 years.

Steve Reid Thanked him for coming tonight. Steve also asked him if he will be attending our meetings.

Daniel said that he will attend when requested. He lives just West of Kiser Lake. He will attend as needed.

Steve asked Daniel what number of Village's or City's that he handles. He stated four Village's.

Daniel said that he maybe representing others in Logan county.

Ordinances and Resolution

ORDINANCE NO.: 24-1242 EMERGENCY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DANIEL L. BEY, REMINGER CO., L.P.A., FOR SERVICE OF INTERIM VILLAGE SOLICITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Dave Wallace made a motion to wave the three-reading rule, Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion it.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Greg liams, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea; Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Abstain; and Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea.

Dave Wallace made a Motion to approve the Ordinance by title. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion

The Vote: Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Greg liams, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea; Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Abstain; and Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea

Motion Passed: 6 Yea 0 Nays

ORDINANCE NO.: 24-1241 (3 final)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A TREE COMMISSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH 541.06 PUBIC AND PRIVATE TREES, AND DESTRUCTION OF SHRUBS, TREES OR CROPS.

John Huffman made a Motion to approve Ordinance 24-1241 by Title. Joan Maxwell seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Greg liams, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea; Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea; and Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea.

The Motion Passed: 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mayor Reames stated that we will need to amend Council rules to include the Tree commission in another Council meeting.

Resolution NO 24-1039 (3 final) A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Proposal with Clemans Nelson, Attached as Exhibit A

John Huffman made a Motion to approve Resolution 24-1039 by title, Dave Wallace Seconded the Motion.

Steve questioned if we have looked at others. Mayor Reames stated we need to move forward and Daniel Bay gave a good review of Clemans Nelson.

Mayor stated we are on the third reading.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Greg liams, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea;

Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Nay; and Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea.

The Motion Passed: 5 Yeas - 1 Nays

ORDINANCE NO: 24-1240 (3 final) An Ordinance Amending and Restating 541.06 Destruction of Shrubs, Trees or Crops, To Be Newly Titled Public and Private Trees, and Destruction of Shrubs, Trees or Crops.

John Hoffman made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-1240 by title. Greg liams seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Greg liams, Yea; Mr. John Huffman, Yea;

Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea; and Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea.

The Motion Passed: 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

We can try to apply for funding with the ODNA, now that this has passed. 43 locations.

Old Business- None

New Business-

Fraud Prevention Training- Troy and Rebeca will do it as well. This is an 8-minute training and you will need to email it to Vanessa upon completion.

AUP Audit update -Vanessa let them know that we had the small audit and we did have four findings. We are waiting on the State to give us the final at a LATER DATE.

Two payments will be paid in July this total is under budget at \$8,000.00. This was a small Audit and cost us a lot less this full audit.

John Hoffman wanted to report on Land and Building- John updates that the building being painted Stanley's- was \$9000.00 less than others.

This is above the \$15,000 that Mayor can approve This was not budgeted.

John made a motion to move forward with the quote. Steve seconded that.

Steve asked how he picked the colors. John felt the color would be white.

Vote – all Yes

John Hoffman made a motion for Mayor Reames to sign up to \$25,000 for this

Joan Hinterschied seconded

Vote – all Yes

Do we want to look at colors before next Council meeting? Mayor asked John to take care of the color.

John from Sun Shop out of Lima will give us a new quote for Lighted Sign. We should have something next meeting.

John – Questioned the pay out of OT after tornado- Can we back that off know that it is gone. We will need to reply with an ordinance per Daniel Bay.

Dave Wallace feels we may not be ready.

Vanessa Stidam stated that in the past two pay period we have not seen a lot of the overtime.

Vanessa stated that we have a number of village employees in the building to ask this to.

Steve Reid asked Dianne if we can pull back to the 10 hours. Dianne said she will be behind for two years.

Dave, we are not still hiring. He started that we will be losing the Intern next month.

Steve and John explained that we would just be paying OT for 10 hours and then we will give comp time.

John asked JJ Frost- JJ said we do have some OT not much. None of this has anything to do with the tornado.

Steve feels we should roll in back.

JJ stated that in the past two months Maintenance has not had to do anything with the tornado.

Mayor Reames said we can have three readings for this. Daniel will get this to us for next

John would like to request legislation for the first reading to go back to the original ordinance.

John asked Joe and he said the Police team has not been using it/ nothing tornado related.

Dianne said that she has a lot of items and she will be cutting back on her weekend work. She said she didn't last weekend.

She will list what she does.

Mayor asked her to make sure she is putting it on her time card.

Dianne stated that regular Zoning has picked up.

Mayor stated this all started before tornados and we will still try to get that parttime person ASAP.

Next Council Meeting

Monday, August 5th 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn at 8:14pm. John Hoffman seconded the motion.

All Voted: Yes

Upcoming Meetings: None Listed

Next Ordinance: 24-1243

Next Resolution: 24-1040