

**INDIAN LAKE, OHIO  
VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 2024**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

*Joan Hinterschied, Present; Present; Greg Iiams, Present; Joan Maxwell, Present;  
Dave Wallace, Present; Steve Reid, Present.*

**RECORDER:** AshLee Hullinger, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS:**

Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer/ Floodplain Admin.  
Robin Reames, Russells Point  
Robin Michaels, Russells Point  
Daniel Bey, Village Solicitor  
Rebekah Smith, Russells Point  
John Henschen, Russells Point  
Melissa Miller, Russells Point  
Kim Werner, Russells Point  
John Snyder, Russells Point  
Teri Murphy, Russells Point  
Eric Werner, Russells Point  
Joselyn Werner, Russells Point  
Jason Smith, Russells Point  
Sharon Devault, Russells Point

**MINUTES:**

**October 7, 2024 - Council Meeting Minutes**

*Joan Hinterschied moved to approve October 7, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as submitted.  
Seconded by Joan Maxwell.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Greg Iiams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea.  
Joan Hinterschied, Yea  
Motion Passed 5 Yeas - 0 Nays*

**Council Vacancy:**

The following residents expressed their interest in the council member vacancy

Rebekah Smith  
Robin Michaels  
John Henschen

Each Candidate spoke to the council about their interest and experiences they can offer as a Council Member.

## Council Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2024

After careful consideration of each candidate,

*Joan Hinterschied made a Motion to move forward with the seating of a new Council member.*

*Seconded by Steve Reid.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Dave Wallace, Nay; Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea;*

*Greg liams, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 4 Yeas – 1 Nay*

**An Open Vote was held.**

*Dave Wallace, Abstain; Steve Reid, for Rebekah Smith; Joan Hinterschied, for Rebekah Smith; Greg liams, for Rebekah Smith; Joan Maxwell, for Rebekah Smith.*

*Vote: Rebekah Smith 4- Abstain 1*

A decision was made by all Council to seat Rebekah Smith as the new Council member to take effect immediately.

Rebekah Smith submitted her letter of resignation for Board of Public Affairs to the Council.

Rebekah Smith was sworn in by Mayor Huffman at 7:21 P.M.

**President Pro Tem:**

*Greg liams made a Motion to nominate all Council Members for the Vacant President Pro Tem opening.*

*Seconded by Joan Maxwell.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Dave Wallace, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Greg liams, Yea, Rebekah Smith, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas – 0 Nays*

**Discussion:**

Dave Wallace withdrew his nomination

Steve Reid withdrew his nomination

Joan Hinterschied withdrew her nomination

Rebekah Smith withdrew her nomination

Joan Maxwell withdrew her nomination

Greg liams did not withdraw his nomination

**An open vote was held.**

*Dave Wallace, for Greg liams; Steve Reid, for Greg liams; Joan Hinterschied, for Greg liams; Rebekah Smith, for Greg liams; Joan Maxwell, for Greg liams; Greg liams, for Himself.*

*Greg liams accepted the appointment for President Pro Tem.*

**Reports:****Fiscal Officer:**

*Joan Maxwell made a Motion to approve the Fiscal Officer items and findings as submitted.*

*Seconded by Greg liams.*

**Discussion:**

There was a discussion amongst the Council members about the financial report concerning the 4.6 sick hours accrued in the past. Steve Reid wanted to know where the 4.6 hours came from compared to the 4 hours that is stated in the PPM. Village Solicitor Daniel Bey spoke on the issue stating that the 4.6 hours comes from the FMLA recommendation.

*Steve Reid made a motion to approve all past applied sick leave at 4.6 hours and to continue with the 4.6 hours.*

*Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea.  
Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Rebekah Smith, Yea.  
Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays*

**Water Report:**

Mayor Huffman spoke on the water report that was given by Dan Tynan Water Superintendent. Mayor Huffman stated that the Finance Committee will need to go over the report. Chief Joe Freyhof suggested that the Russells Point Police Officers go through the Chlorine Training.

**IJFD:**

Joan Maxwell spoke on the Indian Lake Joint Fire District stating that there is a book available that was written called The Work of the Governor's Task Force on Volunteer Fire Service, if anyone is interested in looking at it.

**Indian Lake EMS:**

Steve Reid stated that there were 145 runs this month. Reid also gave an update on the grant stating that in July 2024, a grant was awarded for the employment of a nightshift worker. It was not known that all funds had to be expended by this date. Having funds remain in an account designated for that position is not acceptable. All funds must be expended by September 30 2024. After much discussion on this matter, it has been decided that the entity will pay the total bill for training three medics and expend the rest on incentive bonus.

**Village Maintenance:**

Mayor Huffman stated that the Village Maintenance Team has been working very hard during all the construction and issues happening within the Village. Mayor Huffman stated that there was a main water break over the weekend by the church and the Maintenance team worked all through the night to get it fixed.

Mayor Huffman has been in touch with the construction team for the Storm Water Drainage Project located in front of the bank, they are still on track to open the road on October 25, 2024. They will be working on Orchard Island Road for a while but have no set date when that will be completed.

**LUC Regional Planning Commission:**

Greg liams spoke, stating that Washington Township has issued a request to alter their zoning codes to allow a residential building to be constructed in a manufacturing district which is across the street from the post office behind the first building that is outside of the Village, it was denied.

Sharon Devault added that the annual meeting is coming up on November 21, 2024, the speaker is still not known.

**Parks and Recs Report:**

Joan Hinterschied spoke on the Craft Fair from October 12, 2024, stating there were 24 vendors and one food truck. The raffle baskets and vendor donations brought in \$260.00 to put towards the Splash Pad construction. Mrs. Hinterschied also stated that she has been in touch with the Ohio Realtors Association and the grant that offer for the amount of \$7,500. She is very hopeful for the outcome. Mrs. Hinterschied also made a correction stating that the next Parks & Rec meeting will be November 12, 2024, not the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:****A. Ordinance 24-1246: Establishing the position of Village Administrator****Discussion:**

Greg liams stated he would like to see it sent to the Rules and Ordinance Committee meeting set for October 28, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. before moving forward on this ordinance.

Solicitor Daniel Bey stated this is just a generic draft and it needs some fine tuning, he said this draft is just to get the process started.

Steve Reid stated that once the draft is finalized it will be available for the public to view.

***This Ordinance was tabled due to not having enough information.***

- B. Resolution 24-1044:** A Resolution concurring with the Mayor's final Appointment of Brandon Puckett as a full-time Police Officer for the Village of Russells Point, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

*Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule on Resolution 24-1044 by title declaring it an emergency.*

*Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea;*

*Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Rebekah Smith, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays*

*Greg liams made a motion to accept Resolution 24-1044 by title*

*Seconded by Joan Maxwell.*

**Discussion:**

Steve Reid asked about the pay increase that is associated with the resolution wanting to know if it was negotiated or if it was performance based?

Chief Joe Freyhof stated that it was negotiated at the hiring of Officer Puckett and has been the process with every employee in the Police Department after their probation period.

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea.*

*Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Rebekah Smith, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays*

Chief Joe Freyhof thanked all of Council and stated that the Police Department has been getting a lot of good reports on Officer Puckett. He still has a lot to learn but he is very effective and is coming along just fine.

- C. Resolution 24-1045:** State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. (Authorizing the Mayor to receive grant funding towards the Splash Pad from the ODNR Grant)

*Greg liams made a motion to accept the Resolution 24-1045 by title.*

*Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.*

**Discussion:**

Mayor John Huffman pointed out that if this is not read as a three-reading rule, it could be voted down in the next month. He would like it to be read as an emergency to get it on the books and passed.

Joan Hinterschied withdrew her second and Greg liams withdrew his motion to read the resolution as a first reading.

*Greg liams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule on Resolution 24-1045 and declare an emergency.*

*Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Nay; Dave Wallace, Nay; Steve Reid, Yea.  
Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Rebekah Smith, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 4 Yeas - 2 Nays*

*Greg liams made a Motion to approve Resolution 24-1045 by title.*

*Seconded by Joan Hinterschied*

**Discussion:**

Steve Reid asked with the \$7,500, where that would put us as far as money raised.

Joan Hinterschied stated that the Splash Pad Committee right now has raised 50% of the money needed to build the Splash Pad themselves through cash, donations, and grants.

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Nay; Dave Wallace, Nay; Steve Reid, Yea;  
Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Rebekah Smith, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 4 Yeas - 2 Nays*

**Resolution:** (Forthcoming from the solicitor) for the permission to build a Splash Pad at the Indian Lake Playground Park at 433 State Route 708. Solicitor Daniel Bey is working on it.

**StarOhio account:** Solicitor Daniel Bey informed the Council that if it is unappropriated general fund and it is in the unappropriated general fund money there would be a resolution in order to appropriate that money from the general fund. Daniel Bey will work on a resolution for StarOhio.

**Citizens' Comments:**

**Robin Reames** stated that she is very impressed with the turnout for the Council Vacancy and stated that we, as a village, have other opportunities that are available if anyone is interested in being involved.

**Robin Michaels** asked when construction will be done. Steve Reid told her the construction crew is working as fast as they can and he will reach out to them and see what he can find out.

**Kim Werner** stated that she is concerned about the process of minutes being taken and suggested that recording the meeting would be a better practice.

**Steve Reid** informed Ms. Werner that per the Village Solicitor we choose to not record and stated if you want to know what is going on you need to attend the meetings. Mrs. Hullinger's method of note taking for minutes is very thorough and we think she is doing a great job.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Junk Days:** There was a discussion about the pickup and time our Maintenance Crew has time to pick up junk. There are other time sensitive projects currently underway by the Maintenance Crew. There was a suggestion for a dumpster day, but this is still under consideration.
- B. **Leaf Collection:** It has been difficult to monitor and there must be some restrictions set into place before the village can make a specific date to have a Leaf Collection.
- C. **Consideration and Resolution** authorizing the adoption of an alternative method of apportioning the Local Government Funds (Belle Center initiative): Mayor Huffman spoke on the issue as well as Daniel Bey as to what is best for the Village, and if it is really worth taking away from the different Villages. It also has to be passed by the majority of votes from all the Villages.

*Steve Reid made a Motion to table the issue until there is more information.*

*Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.*

**Discussion:**

After discussion Council was concerned about the impact on other smaller municipalities and having a significant financial loss. Council further did not wish to visit this issue at this time and not place it on the table to come up in 30 days.

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Greg liams, Nay; Joan Maxwell, Nay; Dave Wallace, Nay ; Steve Reid, Nay;  
Joan Hinterschied, Yes; Rebekah Smith, Nay.  
Motion Failed 1 Yea – 5 Nays*

**New Business:**

- A. Osgood Bank Interest Presentation was presented in the Fiscal Officer's Report.
- B. Approval and Appropriations from Council to receive a \$20,000 Grant from the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities and to disburse the grant funding back to the Logan County Board of Developmental Foundation.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Huffman stated that this is not in resolution form. Joan Hinterschied stated that she was advised by the Village Solicitor Daniel Bey and Interim Fiscal Officer Rich Ford that Council needs to approve the appropriations of the funds so that the money that was donated to the Splash Pad can go to where it is supposed to go. Mayor Huffman stated there are several items that need appropriated and adjusted. There will be a finance committee meeting to come.

*Joan Hinterschied made a Motion to appropriate \$20,000 to the Splash Pad based on the incoming check from the Board of Developmental Disabilities for \$20,000.*

*Seconded by Rebekah Smith.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Nay; Steve Reid, Yea;  
Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Rebekah Smith, Yea.  
Motion Passed 5 Yeas – 1 Nay*

*Joan Hinterschied made a Motion to send the \$20,000 back to the Board of Developmental Disabilities Foundation.*

*Seconded by Rebekah Smith.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Nay; Steve Reid, Yea;  
Joan Hinterschied, Yea; Rebekah Smith, Yea.  
Motion Passed 5 Yeas – 1 Nay*

- C. Monday, October 28, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. Transit Advisory Council Meeting at Job and Family Services Conference Room, Mayor Huffman stated that anyone is welcome to attend.
- D. October 23, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. webinar with EPA. Mayor Huffman stated he will be attending, if anyone else wants to attend you can still register.
- E. Trunk or Treat October 31, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- F. Finance Committee meeting for appropriations will be held October 30, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.
  - 1. Body Cameras
  - 2. Street and Water Adjustments (was paid all out of one account instead of being split)
  - 3. Parks and Recs (Splash Pad)
  - 4. Lands and Buildings (sign)

**Next Council meeting-** Monday, November 4, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Joan Maxwell made a Motion to adjourn at 8:42 P.M. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.  
All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.*


Next Ordinance: 24-1247

Next resolution: 24-1046

Finance Committee Meeting

Rules and Ordinance Committee Meeting

Records Retention meeting November 18, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

Mayor John Huffman   
Date Passed 11-4-24

Recorder: AshLee Hullinger, Administrative Assistant 