

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

MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 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 Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present. Mr. Steve Reid, present.

Recorder: Ms. Taylor Thompson, Fiscal Officer

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Chief of Police, Mr. Joe Freyhof
Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst., Ms. Dianne Gauder
Indian Lake Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau Chair, Rick Core
Indian Lake Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau Chair, Dale Frymyer
Ms. Shannon Reese, Lewistown
Logan County Visitors Bureau Chair, Ms. Monica Hurst
Logan County Visitors Bureau Director, Anna Louden
Mr. Nick Davis, Bellefontaine
Ms. Liz Gibson, 101 W Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Ms. Mary Jo Forgione, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point
Ms. Linda Long, Oakcrest Court, Russells Point
Mr. Robert Stroebel, 224 Clermont Ave., Russells Point
Mr. Jim Reed, Wolf Island
Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, 223 E. Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Ms. Brenda Moots,
Mr. Mike Major, 7949 Anne Bonny Ct., Russells Point

Minutes: **January 2, 2024 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the January 2, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. 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

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report** –

Council was provided the December 2023 bank reconciliation, cash summary report and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$5,600,358.36.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the December 2023 Fiscal Officers report as submitted.

Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

Mr. Steve Reid asked what the debt service fund was for. Ms., Thompson advised she would find out for sure but believes it is funds to be held due to the loans obtained by the village.

*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

Police Report –

Council was presented a written report for the department and yearly statistics. Chief presented the stats and orally reported on code enforcement.

Zoning Report –

Ms. Gauder provided council with a written report of the permits that have been issued or in process since the last report. Ms. Gauder also addressed concerns and stated that any municipal building electronic signage is compliant with the village ordinance.

Maintenance Report –

Council was provided a written report for the department. Mayor Reames noted that she spoke with Mr. Rees and Ms. Libby Stidam about meter reads for the month. There were concerns about reading meters in the extreme cold and it was agreed to a minimum level billing for this month. A catch-up billing will be sent out with next month's billing.

Water Report–

Council was provided a written report for the department. Ms. Libby Stidam was voted as chair on behalf of the BPA.

LUC Report –

Mr. Greg Iiams provided council with a written report.

EMS Report –

The previous meeting minutes were provided to council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. John Huffman advised each person asking to speak, will be limited to 10 minutes and comments or questions can be saved until the end.

All parties requested to speak under new business.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 24-1222; Permanent Appropriations

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN Emergency.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. 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

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 24-1222 by title. Ms. 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*

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Council Rules

Council was provided a copy of requested changes.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept the new rules as submitted by the solicitor. Mr. Steve Reid seconded the motion.

The Mayor advised removing section C, #5 in regards to the village solicitor will remove all accountability. Mr. John Huffman advised that section needs to stay in the rules. Mr. Steve Reid asked to amend this section to add that our village solicitor attend one meeting a month. There would be not stipulation on which meeting to attend and the village would also compensate. Mayor Reames believes this is a contractual subject that would need to be discussed with the solicitor. There could potentially be a more feasible option.

Mayor Reames advised the posting of the council packet on the village web page needs to be reviewed. This may be a records retention policy.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay;
Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay; Mr. Steve Reid, yea.
The motion passed: 3 yeas – 3 nays
Mayor Reames broke the tie with a nay vote to give more time for review.
The motion failed*

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Committee Assignments and Board Representation

Mr. John Huffman asked Ms. Joan Maxwell, to continue as the Fire board representative. Ms. Joan Maxwell accepted.

Mr. John Huffman requested Mr. Dave Wallace continue as the alternate and he accepted.

Mr. John Huffman asked that Mr. Steve Reid serve as the EMS representative. Mr. Steve Reid accept.

Mr. John Huffman asked Mayor Reames to serve as the alternate and she accepted.

Mr. John Huffman spoke with Ms. Shannon Stinemetz and asked that she be placed on the finance committee. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz has agreed.

Mr. John Huffman asked Mr. Greg Iiams to continue his LUC representation. Mr. Greg Iiams agreed.

Ms. Joan Maxwell asked that the pay scale committee be removed. Mr. John Huffman agreed.

The Park Board updates were discussed. Ms. Shannon Reese will replace Mr. Scott Staley. Mr. Jesse Avila is still active. Mr. Jason Cummins is not active on the board.

*Ms. Joan Hinterschied made a motion to approve the President Prom Tem. recommendations.
Ms. Joan Maxwell 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

B. Logan County Visitors Bureau Presentation

Council was provided a handout of the presentation. Representatives from the Visitors Bureau presented on all of the projects and services they provided. There are two upcoming projects planned for Russells Point. These are permanent corn hole boards and a donation to the splash pad.

C. Mr. Mike Major

Mr. Major spoke to council on behalf of the investors of the new Cobblestone Hotel. He believes the bed tax funds should go directly to the local visitors bureau. He thanked the Logan County Visitors Bureau for their presentation and for all they do.

D. Indian Lake Chamber and Visitors Bureau

Council was provided a handout. Mr. Dale Frymyer presented on behalf of the IL Visitors Bureau. There was emphasis on bed tax funding staying in the Indian Lake community. The visitors bureau wants to fund tourism and keep creating events.

There was many conversations and lengthy discussions regarding the tax funding.

Ms. Joan Maxwell advised all in attendance that council is still waiting on the solicitor before council can decide.

E. United Christian Services Annual Report

Mr. Dale Frymyer provided a hand out to council and reported on the food pantry 2023 statistics. Mr. Frymer thanked the mayor and council for letting the pantry use the municipal building.

F. Liquor Control Transfer

Chief Freyhof provided a written recommendation to council regarding the notice from the Ohio Division on Liquor Control.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept the transfer. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

G. Blanket Purchase Orders 2024

Council was provided with a list of purchase orders for 2024.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept the blanket purchase orders as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

H. Project/Purchases 2024

Council was provided a list of projects and purchases for 2024 that was reviewed and accepted by the finance committee.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept the list as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

I. Committee Meetings

Mr. John Huffman asked that Rules and Ordinances, Lands and buildings have a meeting set to address specific issues. It was set for January 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. John Huffman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 42 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 24-1223 Next Resolution: 24-1025

Next Council Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Taylor Thompson

Mayor, Robin Reames

Date Passed: _____