

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

MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2021

Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held by public teleconference via GoToMeeting.

Mayor Reames called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, absent; Mr. John Huffman, present; Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present.

Since there was no notification of absence from Ms. Hinterschied, council agreed to hold off excusing her in the event she was running late.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Dianne Gauder, Mayor's Court Clerk
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Tim Reese, Maintenance Team

Minutes: **March 1, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the March 1, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

March 4, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Ms. Joan Maxwell moved to approve the March 4, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the February 2021 bank reconciliation, cash summary and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$4,957,360.49.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Council was also informed that the Municipal Building loan with Huntington Bank was paid off today and that the building is free and clear.

Maintenance Department Report –

Council was provided a written report from Mr. Reese outlining the various projects the department has been working on since the last report.

Zoning Report –

Council was provided a written report submitted by Ms. Dianne Gauder updating council on various zoning permits issued by the department.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof reported that the code enforcement software is setup and running. Safety Town is scheduled for June 14-18, 2021. He also informed council that Officer Knox has resigned his position and that Officer Miller is interested in filling the full-time position and the Chief recommended a pay increase to \$16.00 per hour for Officer Miller. (Ms. Joan Hinterschied joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.).

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to approve of Officer Miller moving into the full-time position at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea;

Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Parks Report –

A copy of the minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting was provided to council. The community build for the new playground equipment has been scheduled for April 21, 2021. They are working with the school to see if they have some students that would be able to volunteer and Ms. Maxwell will be helping with providing food for the workers.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Mayor Reames reported on the recent EMS meeting. Chief Adam Niederkoher has resigned his position with the EMS. The Board has promoted Asst. Chief, Josh Strayer to fill the position as Chief. Council was also provided a copy of the proposed changes to the EMS By-Laws. In accordance with the By-Laws any proposed amendments shall be reviewed by each of the member entities for ratification. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed changes.

Ms. Kelly Huffman made a motion to approve of the proposed changes to the EMS By-Laws.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea;

Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 20-950; Contract with Roger Brown

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROGER BROWN TO PERFORM CONSULTATION SERVICES AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea;

Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 20-950 by title. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea;

Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neighborhood Revitalization Grant

Ms. Diewald is finalizing the survey results and she will meet with Mayor Reames this Friday to discuss the results and view the areas where improvements are suggested. Normally this grant has been presented without requiring a match but there were changes made that now requires a minimum of a five percent match.

B. Community Concert

A copy of the contract provided by Attaboy as discussed in the prior meeting was forwarded to the Village Solicitor for review. Based on unfavorable past performances of this kind at the Indian Lake Schools, Ms. Maxwell suggested that the village view some of their performances online and check them out carefully before hiring them.

C. Park Maintenance Personnel

Per the personnel manual and the expected hours of work, this position could be considered an intermittent employee who is paid only for hours worked and is not eligible to receive any benefits with the exception of OPERS and Medicare match. Due to the fact that this person would be making minimal pay with the added expense of carrying liability insurance if hired under contract, Mr. Weidner asked if council would like to consider placing this individual on payroll so that they would be covered under the village's liability policy.

Ms. Kelly Huffman made a motion to allow the park maintenance personnel to be placed on payroll as an intermittent employee at \$10.00 per hour. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

*The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea;
Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.*

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Virtual Meetings

Due to the increased vaccine availability and the number of COVID-19 cases declining, the village will resume in person starting with the next council meeting on April 5, 2021. All CDC guidelines will be followed.

B. Farm Property

Council was provided a list of various options to reduce the cost of property taxes on the two parcels near the water plant that will no longer be farmed by the Kipker family. The forms to apply for CAUV reduction has been received but will need to be submitted to the County Auditor before the end of the month and the village would need to find someone to farm at least ten acres of the land. There was interest in checking into the Conservation Reserve Program and Mayor has also contacted the Natural Resource Conservation Service and is waiting on further information on the CRP Program. It was decided that we would not apply for CAUV at this time so that further research can be done on the CRP Program.

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.*

Next Ordinance: 21-1188 Next Resolution: 21-951

Scheduled Meetings:

A. **Council Meeting: Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed