

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 1, 2023**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, absent; Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.  
*Mr. Dave Wallace moved to excuse Ms. Hinterschied from the meeting. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, nay; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Dave Wallace, nay.*

*The motion failed: 1 yea – 4 nays*

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point  
Police Chief, Joe Freyhof  
Ms. April King, WPKO Radio  
Mr. Ben Vollrath, LC Chamber of Commerce  
Ms. Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer & Mayor's Asst.  
Mr. Jason Cummins  
Mr. Steve Reid, 600 High Ave., Russells Point

Minutes: **April 17, 2023 Council Meeting**

*Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to approve the April 17, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The April 2023 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$1,400.00 was presented to Council for approval.

*Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the April 2023 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted.*

*Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

**Police Report** –

Chief Freyhof reported that the Ford F-350 box truck sold on GovDeals for \$969; the old Water Plant Generator sold for \$15,400; and the Chevy Equinox impound sold for \$660. The hard to dispose of pickup is scheduled for this Wednesday and there are around 80 residents that have signed up for the event. He has received three applications for the fourth full-time officer.

**Strategic Planning Committee** –

A copy of the minutes from the April 27, 2023 meeting was provided to council. Council was also provided a copy of the village's current ordinance regarding dead trees as well as a

copy of an ordinance from the Village of Minster. These are to be reviewed by council to see if modifications can be made to our ordinance to give the village more power in a shorter amount of time to deal with unsafe trees and limbs.

**Indian Joint Fire District Report** –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided written report of the April 18, 2023 meeting.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Ordinance 23-1206; Salary of Council and BPA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND REVISING THE SALARIES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT COUNCIL AND BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEMBERS.

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to approve of Ordinance 23-1206 by title on the first reading.*

*Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.*

*The motion failed: 2 yeas – 3 nays*

B. Ordinance 23-1207; Amend 2023 Appropriations

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, STATE OF OHIO DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Ordinance 23-1207 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays*

C. Resolution 23-1007; CRA - Restating Res. 22-981

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION 22-981 ADOPTED MAY 16, 2022 TO IMPLEMENT PERMANENT CHANGES TO THE OHIO REINVESTMENT AREA PROGRAM THROUGH SENATE BILL 33, EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Note: This Resolution was not available when packets were sent to council members and was forwarded to council after receipt from the solicitor the day of the meeting. Due to the timing of receipt, many council members did not have time to thoroughly review and understand the need for the legislation or the need to pass on emergency.

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.*

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, nay; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, nay; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.*

*The motion failed: 2 yeas – 3 nays*

*Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 23-1007 by title on the first reading. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

Discussion: Council was concerned if not passing this Resolution tonight would delay the issuance of a zoning permit for the hotel.

Mr. Vollrath explained that SB 33 made changes to some of the limitations and requirements regarding CRA's. School board approval is no longer required unless the project proposes to exempt more than 75% of the projects value (changed from 50%). He also explained that either way council votes, the school has already agreed to be compensated directly from the hotel for the 25% loss, and that property taxes will continue to increase on the land but will not include the building value. He also said that if council does not pass this resolution and adopt the States changes, the CRA could still be granted under the current legislation.

Council agreed that they would like more time to review the revisions made by SB 33 and get more clarification from the solicitor of why this needs to be an emergency. This can always be declared an emergency at the next reading if needed.

*The Vote: Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.*

*The motion passed: 4 yeas – 1 nay*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

A. Mr. Steve Reid, 600 High Ave., Russells Point

Mr. Reid stated that he hopes that council approaches the new hotel and PUD development with an open mind and takes into consideration the economic development for the village moving forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Harwood Institute – Use of Municipal Building

A representative from the Harwood Institute has requested the use of the Municipal Building on June 13, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to have a public meeting in conjunction with Honda. Council had no objections to the use of the building.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Leppich Field Concession Stand & Park Maintenance

Chief Freyhof and Jason Cummins informed council that the concession stand at Leppich Field was broken into. The lock has been replaced and the motion security light has also been repaired. Mr. Cummins said that there is much interest by the IL Middle School Girls and the Washington Township Ball Assoc. to use the ball fields at Leppich. Two of the three fields are in need of repair and infield mix.

Mr. Cummins has worked intermittently for the Village the last few years in the summer to help maintain the parks. He has recently taken a full-time position with the IL Schools and will not be able to dedicate as much time to the village. Chief Freyhof would like to hire a dedicated maintenance worker for the parks.

B. Planning Commission Appointment

Mayor Reames informed council that she received the resignation of Ms. Shayla Wolf from the Planning Commission. Mayor Reames made a recommendation to council to appoint Mr. Alex Wolf to fill the vacancy.

*Mr. John Huffman made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Mr. Alex Wolf to the Planning Commission. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.*

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

*The motion passed: 5 yea – 0 nays*

*Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz.*  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 23-1208    Next Resolution: 23-1008

Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

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Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_