

**Village of Russells Point
June 2, 2025
Council Meeting**

Council President Pro-Tempore Greg Iiams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Council members Joan Hinterschied, Greg Iiams, Joan Maxwell, Steve Reid, Rebekah Smith and Dave Wallace were present. Mayor John Huffman and Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell were absent. Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire was also present.

Guests: Dianne Gauder (Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator), AshLee Hullinger (Clerk of Courts/Admin Assistant), Ann Elleman, Sharon DeVault, Robin Michaels, Liz Gibson, John Henschen

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** was made by Councilor Hinterschied and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve the council meeting minutes dated May 19, 2025. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Reports:

Mayor's Court

- The May 2025 statement for Mayor's Court showing total receipts of \$1,915 was presented to council. **Motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Reid the May 2025 Mayor's Court statement as submitted. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Indian Lake Fire District

- Councilor Maxwell submitted the Indian Joint Fire District Report. Council did not have any questions or comments.
- Councilor Maxwell made special mention of the Fireman's Club free pancake breakfast on June 7, 2025 from 7:00 – 11:00 AM.

Parks & Recreation

- Councilor Hinterschied noted the kid's craft day on June 10th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The kids will enjoy a "paint the rock" class. Snacks will be provided by the Indian Lake Community Church.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

- Resolution 25-1052 – Waiving the Russells Points Weeds Special Assessments and Authorizing the Logan County Auditor to Remove Said Assessments on the 2025 Tax Duplicates for Collection. **Motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to waive the 3-reading rule on Resolution 25-1052 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve Resolution 25-1052 by title. Councilor Wallace noted that the properties currently need mowed and it will probably be the responsibility of the village to mow, and passage of this resolution is not a clean slate and more assessments could be applied. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments:

- John Henschen stated that there is a car show at McDonald's every Tuesday, thru the summer, to benefit local outreach programs.

Old Business:

- Councilor Reid noted that council has received quotes to fix the drainage issue in front of the municipal building. Money has been appropriated and the Village Administrator will meet with the contractor. Council discussed also adding an additional parking lot and repairing the sidewalk and apron on the municipal building property.
- Councilor Hinterschied stated that the concession building at the ball park is locked and there has been no recent access to the building.
- Councilor Reid stated that the Village Administrator will oversee the construction aspect of the Splash Pad and will work with the Choice One Engineering on the project. Councilor Iiams asked if the Splash Pad sign, in front of the municipal building, could be moved. Council agreed that a Splash Pad graphic could be displayed on the new digital sign in front of the municipal building.
- Councilor Iiams discussed the need for summer help for there is plenty of work that needs done. The summer workers would report to Tim Reese, Street Superintendent, and Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell. **Motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to hire Jacob Freyhof and Cameron Freyhof as summer help at a rate of \$15/hour. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed.
- At the council meeting held on May 19, 2025, council forgot to add Mason James to those who are newly hired and were given the 40 hours of vacation. **Motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Reid to add 40 hours to the vacation leave balance for employee Mason James. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Julian & Grube has emailed Council and the Mayor asking to complete the "Fraud and Related Party Questionnaire" by June 6, 2025 as it pertains to audit period January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. Councilor Wallace asked if he and Councilor Maxwell could receive a hard copy of the questionnaire to complete. Fiscal Officer McGuire will inquire about the availability of a hard copy with Julian & Grube.
- Councilor Wallace noted that the berm on the East end of Chase Avenue, by the mailboxes, is rutted and needs repaired. Council thought that the mailboxes belong to the condominium association and they would need to repair the berm.
- Councilor Reid stated the possibility of more grant money being available to Logan County for disaster recovery with the Indian Lake communities in the running for a substantial amount of the grant money.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Motion passed.

John Huffman, Mayor

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Date Passed