

**INDIAN LAKE, OHIO
VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2025**

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

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Joan Hinterschied, Present; Ms. Rebekah Smith, Present; Mr. Greg liams, Present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Present; Mr. Dave Wallace, Present; Mr. Steve Reid, Present.

RECORDER: AshLee Hullinger, Clerk of Court/Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer/ Floodplain Admin.
Ann Elleman, Russells Point
Robin Michaels, Russells Point
Liz Gibson, Russells Point

MINUTES:

January 21, 2024, - Council Meeting Minutes

*Greg liams made a Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.
Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

Reports:

Fiscal Officers:

*Greg liams made a Motion to accept the Financial Statements submitted.
Seconded by Joan Maxwell.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayors Court Report: Mayor Huffman stated that the Training for Mayors Court has been completed, and the Village is now having Mayors Court.

Parks and Rec: Joan Hinterschied stated that the Indian Lake chamber added a one-page informational page on the Splash Pad that will be located at the Indian Lake Municipal Building, and thanked Liz Gibson for putting it together.

Maintenance Team: there was a report that was submitted by Tim Reese and there was no discussion.

Zoning: Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator Dianne Gauder submitted a report to council Mayor Huffman stated that it is an up-to-date report.

WRPO Radio: Mayor Huffman stated that there was a report submitted by Dale Madison with Gary Fox Broadcasting Inc. There was no further discussion.

Police: Chief Freyhof stated that there were 6,721 calls for service in 2024 up from 5,679 in 2023. Of these calls for service roughly 30% were “dispatched” calls and considered Emergency, High or Unknown Risk (two Officer calls) The remaining 70% of calls are generated from target patrols, business and residential checks. The Russells Point Police Departments average response time is 5 mins or less, and if you call 911 the average response time is 2 mins or less. Chief Freyhof went on to say that crash rates are down for the Village. Chief Freyhof further reported that officers logged over 400 hours during the crisis stabilization phase of the March 14, 2024, Tornado. Chief Freyhof stated that the Russells Point Police Department established the first volunteer reception center which saw nearly 1,000 individuals and group volunteers.

Code Enforcement: Chief Freyhof stated that he is currently looking for a new system that helps with code enforcement. The software will help to generate warnings, notice of violations, as well as fines. He is still working on the details. Chief Freyhof reported that Brown Supply Company gave a demonstration of how their floor scrubbers work as well as pricing for them. There was a quote submitted by Chief Freyhof for the floor scrubber that he and Maintenance Superintendent Tim Reese both agreed would work best for the Municipal building.

BPA: Mayor Huffman started that there was nothing to report.

EMS: Steve Reid stated that he submitted a report and a couple of key points are that they have entered into a contract with Goshen Township to provide service for \$6,000 a year. Mr. Reid stated that they are reviewing a contract with Lexipol to help adjust and maintain the manuals, allowing all employees to have access to them from an electronic device as well as allowing the Chief to push out changes and updates to their policy as he sees fit. There was discussion pertaining to the Riverside EMS. Mr. Reid stated that there is a negotiation happening as well as work being done to put a 4-mil protection levy on the upcoming ballot so that they can enter into a full-time service contract with Indian Lake Ems. Mr. Reid stated that Indian Lake EMS is working towards a resolution while still being a good neighbor and making sure the residents still have some level of EMS coverage.

Indian Lake Joint Fire: Joan Maxwell stated that there was a report submitted, there was a big fire that happened a few days ago. The water usage was approximately 25,000 gallons. Ms. Maxwell went on to say that the Indian Lake Joint Fire District signed an agreement that is sort of a mutual aid agreement where De Graff takes fire runs that are in the southern part of the Indian Lake Fire District, and we help contribute back to them financially for the usage of their equipment and manpower. Steve Reid stated that De Graff and Quincy have spoken about attempting to form a district. Ms. Maxwell stated that is why they signed a one-year contract.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

- A. ORDINANCE NO: 25-1247:** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, APPOINTING AN INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINSTRATOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2ND Reading)

Greg liams made a Motion to accept ordinance 25-1247 by title for the 2nd Reading.

Seconded by Steve Reid.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 5 Yeas - 1 Nays

- B. ORDINANCE NO: 25-1248:** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, APPOINTING AN INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (2nd Reading)

Greg liams made a Motion to accept ordinance 25-1248 by title for the 2nd Reading.

Seconded by Rebekah Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 5 Yeas - 1 Nays

- C. ORDINANCE NO: 25-1249:** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND "SPLASH PAD PROJECT"

- D. Ordinance No: 25-1250:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE AND DIRECTING THE ADVERTISEMENT TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT TO CONSTRUCT SPLASH PAD; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY.

Greg liams made a Motion to take both Ordinances pertaining to the Splash Pad, Ordinance No: 25-1249 and Ordinance No: 25-1250 off the table and send both Ordinances to the Rules and Ordinance Committee for review.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Discussion: Rebekah Smith stated that she wants all of Council to be mindful of the timeline that is needed to accept the funds as well as work with some urgency. Greg Iiams stated that he feels they need to be sent to the rules and Ordinance Committee to be further discussed. Joan Hinterschied stated that she agrees she wants to make sure it's done right since she has put so much work into this project and would like to see it from start to finish, but it needs to be done timely.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea; Ms. Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Both Ordinances number 25-1249 and 25-1250 will be sent to the Rules and Ordinance Committee on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. The only topic to be discussed will be the Splash Pad.

E. ORDINANCE NO: 25-1251: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, LOGAN COUNTY OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Greg Iiams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule on ordinance 25-1251 by title.

Seconded by Joan Maxwell.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Greg Iiams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid, Yea; Ms. Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Iiams made a Motion to accept ordinance 25-1251 by title.

Seconded by Joan Maxwell.

Discussion: Steve Reid asked why there was a \$0 balance in the general funds to maintain parks but on the second page Parks and Recs funds there are \$53,000 and wanted to know why that money isn't being used to out of the sub fund. Richard Ford Interim Fiscal Officer stated that that you can use that fund but they are not using it currently since most of the money is coming out of the lands and buildings fund. Mr. Ford stated that you can do most everything out of the general fund besides the grants and a few other things. That is why you have the other fund to deal with the grants and such. Mr. Ford stated the larger question that council needs to address is what they want to set aside for specific replacements for broken swings, equipment and parks as a whole, as far as maintaining like mowing can be paid out of the lands and buildings fund. Mr. Ford went on to say that in his opinion the Village should be planning ahead and setting money aside each year

to maintain the equipment that the Village currently has even if you appropriate it that doesn't mean you have to spend it, it will get carried over to the next year. Mr. Ford stated that he feels around \$10,000 is a good amount to set aside each year to help with the upkeep and replacement of broken equipment for the parks, but it is ultimately up to Council. Rebekah Smith stated that a 1-3-5-year plan is needed. Greg liams stated that the Finance Committee, with the help of Interim Fiscal Officer Richard Ford, has cleaned up the budget a great deal, it was a mess before he came in.

Steve Reid asked if the \$50,000 that Council appropriated to the Splash Pad fund last year was included in the budget. Mr. Ford stated it is not included and would need to be reappropriated, but it is better to wait until the Splash Pad to be approved then amend the appropriations.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

RESOLUTION NO: 25-1046: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS VILLAGE PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT.

Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule on Resolution 25-1046.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Discussion: *Dave Wallace asked why it needed to be declared an emergency, Greg liams stated that this was supposed to be done at the 1st meeting of every year.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg liams made a Motion to accept Resolution 25-1046 by title.

Seconded by Rebekah Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Citizens' Comments: Sharron Devault stated that she has a couple questions pertaining to the Village Administrator. Ms. Devault wanted to know if the Village Administrator would be over the water department and if they needed a water license, Mayor Huffman stated that no, and the Village is working on a water superintendent. Ms. Devault also stated that she would like to know

who all the Village administrators would oversee. Steve Reid stated that the Village Administrator is responsible for all the day-to-day activities of all departments located within the Village except for the Police Department, which will answer directly to the Mayor per the ORC.

Dianne Gauder Zoning Officer/ Floodplain Admin. asked to speak. Ms. Gauder stated that Mayors Court only reports to the mayor as well.

Old Business:

Steve Reid stated that he would like to know if the Storm Water Project was paid in full. Mayor Huffman stated that it was not, Helms and Sons has sent over a change order request that was sent to Village Solicitor Daniel Bey to review due to somethings being charged for. Mayor Huffman said that he is working with Maintenance Superintendent Tim Reese to collect information as to what our team spent time wise in the field helping them. Mr. Reid stated that he feels that Helms and Sons should be billed for the use of the Villages' equipment as wells as the Villages Maintenance teams' hours for helping with the projects Helms and Sons is being paid to do here in the Village. Mayor Huffman stated that he agrees, and Tim Reese and Mayor Huffman are working on that as well.

New Business:

A. Committee member Name and update contact information:

Mayor Huffman stated that the updated list of Committee members was submitted to Council. Mayor Huffman said that the Tree Commission has been formed and there is a need for 1 more resident is needed the board consists of Sharon Devault, Russells Point resident, Robin Micheals, Russells Point resident, Robin Reames, Russells Point Resident, Troy Miller, Russells Point Resident, Joan Hinterschied, Council Member as well as Mayor Huffman. Mayor Huffman stated that the is also 2 openings for the Planning Commission as well if anyone would like to join.

B. Choice One Engineering Contract:

Mayor Huffman stated that he received an email from Tyler Thobe with Choice One Engineering to enter into a contract with Choice One Engineering for the year to have them as the Villages engineer company. Mayor Huffman went on to say that there are a couple projects within the Village that will help keep residents safer and he would like to see Choice One Engineering complete. Greg liams stated that it may need to be in Resolution form. Mayor Huffman said he will check with Village Solicitor Daniel Bey.

C. Logan County Chamber of Commerce Dues 2025:

Mayor Huffman stated that be wanted to bring the letter that was sent to the Village pertaining to renewing the Dues with the Logan County Chamber of Commerce for 2025, all of council agreed that it should be renewed.

D. Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

Mayor Huffman stated that the Dollar General located at 147 E. Main St. Russells Point would like to sell beer and wine. There was a discussion held as to whether or not Dollar General should be allowed to sell wine and beer.

Greg liams made a Motion to allow the license of Dolgen Midwest LLC Doing Business as Dollar General Store 7304 to sell low power alcohol.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Executive Session:

Greg liams made a Motion to go into executive session at 8:16 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and to invite Richard Ford to join.

Seconded by Joan Maxwell.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg liams made a Motion to exit executive session.

Seconded by Rebekah Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

The executive session ended at 8:26 P.M.

Steve Reid made a Motion to extend an employment offer to Marc McGuire and Mason James.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Discussion: Dave Wallace stated that he would like to see the Motion as two separate Motions.

Joan Hinterschied withdrew her second.

Steve Reid withdrew his Motion.

Steve Reid made a Motion to send an offer for employment letter to Marc McGuire for the Village of Russells Point Fiscal Officer position.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Steve Reid made a Motion to send an offer for employment letter to Mason James for the Village of Russells Point Full-Time Laborer position.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 5 Yeas - 1 Nays

ADJOURNMENT:

Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Greg liams seconded the motion.

All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

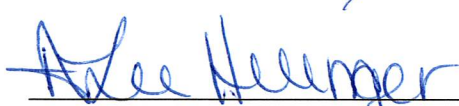
Next Council meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Next BPA Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

Next Ordinance-25-1251

Next resolution 25-1047

Mayor John Huffman:  Date Passed 2-3-25



Recorder: AshLee Hullinger, Clerk of Court/ Administrative Assistant.