

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

**MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2021**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Mr. Dave Wallace, 251 Chase Ave., Russells Point
Chief Joe Freyhof
Mr. Steve Wenzlick
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Ms. Ann Elleman, 530 Miami St., Russells Point
Ms. Pat Cochenour, BPA Member
Ms. Libby Stidam, BPA Member
Mr. Daniel Lyons, Bellefontaine

Minutes: **December 6, 2021 Council Meeting**

Ms. Joan Hinterschied moved to approve the December 6, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the November 2021 bank reconciliation, cash summary report and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$4,937,091.90.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. 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

Police & Code Enforcement Report –

Chief Freyhof reported on the recent activities of the police department. An additional hard drive was ordered for the server to help store videos. He reported that there has been an increased demand for property maintenance. Starting next year he would like to focus on structures without siding.

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. They are getting pricing on repairs and tires for the Yukon and getting a quote for a plow bracket on the new truck. They have also been working on getting meter pits raised to ground level.

Zoning Report –

Ms. Gauder provided council with a written report of the permits that has been issued or in process since the last report. She has been working with the police chief and solicitor regarding complaints of backfill being dumped in a flood zone.

BPA Report –

The BPA provided a written report on recent activities with the water department.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Mayor Reames reported on the December EMS meeting. Mary Rutan Hospital has been diverting squad calls due to staffing shortages and COVID. She also reported on the recent Logan County EMA meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 21-969; Weeds & Litter Tax Assessment

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID CHARGES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT UNDER ORC NO. 731.51 AND AUTHORIZING THE LOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR TO PLACE THE DELINQUENT AMOUNTS ON THE 2021 TAX DUPLICATES FOR COLLECTION.

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

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, yea; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John 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 21-969 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Ordinance 21-1197; Permanent Appropriations for 2022

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, 2022 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; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept Ordinance 21-1197 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Mr. Dave Wallace

Mr. Wallace thanked Mr. John Huffman and Ms. Kelly Huffman for their years of service as council members. Mayor Reames added that there will be two vacancies on council effective January 1, 2022. Ms. Ann Elleman and Mr. Dave Wallace both stated that they would like to be considered to fill the vacancies.

B. Ms. Joan Maxwell

Ms. Maxwell informed council that Ms. Sue Leonard passed away on December 18th. Sue served as the clerk-treasurer for the village for approximately fifteen years prior to her retirement in 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Indigent Burial

Solicitor Dinkler researched the deceased, Mr. Penny, and determined that the individual was in fact indigent and that the village should pay the \$750.00 per policy for the cremation to the funeral home. The apartment complex where the individual lived is required to go through an eviction process before they can remove any of his belongings. Mayor Reames will see if any of the belonging can be repurposed.

B. 149 Clermont Sale

The closing on the sale of the property was Friday, December 17, 2021. The remaining funds due to the village was collected at closing.

C. Purchase of Property for Storm Water

Daniel Bey of Martin, Brown, Hull & Harper is preparing the paperwork and setting up a date to close on the purchase of 15 feet of property needed from Ms. Schrader for the storm water detention pond outlet for the municipal building property.

D. 233 Grand Ave. Rental Income

Mr. Weidner informed council that according to Logan County Metropolitan Housing, the village will not receive the back payment for July in the amount of \$483.00. The village took over ownership of the property in late June and the July payment was issued to the prior owner. It would be up to the village to try to retrieve those funds from the prior owner. Council agreed that no further action will be taken to collect the July payment from the prior owner.

E. Contractor Registrations

A short notice was put on the water bills, and a more detailed notice on the website, to inform residents that contractor registrations are no longer required by the village, and that it is the residents responsibility to ensure contractors are properly licensed and insured.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Oath of Office

Mayor Reames administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials for the village, Ms. Joan Maxwell and Greg Iams, Council Members; and Ms. Pat Cochenour, BPA Member.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Joan Hinterschied made a motion to go into executive session at 7:42 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22, Section G to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Mr. Greg Iams seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:24 p.m. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

PAY INCREASES:

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to accept the employee pay increases to be effective the first pay period of 2022. 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

HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN:

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to change the health insurance plan to the Medical Mutual COSE PPO 3020-6000 w/Rx with the village paying 80% and the employee paying 20% of the premium. 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

HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to cap the amount that can be reimbursed to the employee to \$6,000.00 per employee; reimbursements are limited to deductible costs; co-payments will not be reimbursed; and the Fiscal Officer will administer the Health Reimbursement Account. 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

FULL TIME OFFICER STARTING WAGE

Mr. Huffman made a motion to allow the Chief of Police to offer new full-time officers a starting wage of \$18.00 - \$20.00 per hour based on experience.

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 adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 22-1198 Next Resolution: 22-970

Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed