

**INDIAN LAKE, OHIO
VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 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, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer/ Floodplain Admin.
Eric Werner, Russells Point
Kim Werner, Russells Point
Verida Mallory, Russells Point
Robin Michaels, Russells Point
Sharon DeVault, Russells Point
Marc McGuire, Urbana
Brandie McGuire, Urbana
Clint Wasserman, Reminger Co, LPA (For Daniel Bey)
Doug Henlly, Russells Point

APPROVAL Of MINUTES:

January 21, 2025, - Council Meeting Minutes

Greg liams made a Motion to approve January 21, 2025, Council Minutes as submitted.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

REPORTS:

Mayors Court Report: Mayor Huffman stated that the report was submitted, and he is happy to say that things are going smoothly with Mayor's Court.

Dave Wallace made a Motion to accept the Mayor's Court Report as submitted.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 25-1247: Establishing the Position of Village Administrator, Appointing an Interim Village Administrator. (3rd Reading)

Greg liams made a Motion to accept Ordinance 25-1247 as written.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mayor Huffman stated that since the Ordinance was passed it will go into effect 30 days from today. Mayor Huffman went on to say that the Village Administrator position will be posted on the website, in the lobby of the Municipal Building as well as the Post Office and on ohiojobs.com, as soon as the job description is finished being written.

Ordinance 25-1248: Establishing the Position of Interim Village Administrator, Appointing An Interim Village Administrator. (3rd Reading)

Greg liams made a Motion to accept the Ordinance 25-1248 as submitted.

Seconded by Rebekah Smith

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ordinance 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.

Rebekah Smith made a Motion to take Ordinance 25-1250 off the table.

Seconded by Greg liams.

Roll Call Vote:

Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea;

Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Nay; Dave Wallace, Nay; Steve Reid, Yea;

Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.

Motion Passed 4 Yeas – 2 Nays

*Greg liams made a Motion to accept Ordinance 25-1250 To Purchase
Equipment To Construct Splash Pad by title.*

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

Greg liams, Nay; Joan Maxwell, Nay; Dave Wallace, Nay; Steve Reid, Yea;

Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.

Motion was tied 3 Yeas - 3 Nays

For the tie breaker Mayor Huffman Voted Yea.

Motion 25-1250 Passed.

Ordinance 25-1252: An Ordinance Confirming the Appointment of A Village Fiscal Officer, Establishing the Compensation for the Village Fiscal Officer, and Declaring an Emergency.

Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea;

Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

*Greg liams made a Motion to accept Ordinance 25-1252 Appointment of
A Village Fiscal Officer by title.*

Seconded by Joan Maxwell.

Roll Call Vote:

Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea;

Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Marc McGuire was introduced as the Village of Russells Points new Fiscal Officer and thanked Council for this opportunity.

Ordinance 25-1253: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor of Russells Point, Ohio to Enter into a Contract with Choice One Engineering, For Ongoing Engineering Services for the Village of Russells Point for Year 2025 and Declaring an Emergency.

Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg liams made a Motion to accept Ordinance 25-1253 Authorizing the Mayor of Russells Point, Ohio to Enter into a Contract with Choice One Engineering by title.

Seconded by Joan Maxwell.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ordinance 25-1254: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor of The Village of Russells Point to Hire Joesph Keack as Full-Time Laborer and Establishing the Compensation for the His Position and Declaring an Emergency.

Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Discussion:

Dave Wallace wanted to know why Council is doing ordinances to hire employees.

Mayor Huffman stated that it was recommended at the last Council meeting so that it is on record.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg liams made a Motion to accept Ordinance 25-1253 Authorizing the Mayor of The Village of Russells Point to Hire Joesph Keack by title with changes as stated.

Seconded by Joan Maxwell.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ordinance 25-1255: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor of The Village of Russells Point to Hire Mason James as Full-Time Laborer and Establishing the Compensation for the His Position and Declaring an Emergency.

Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule.

Seconded by Joan Maxwell.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

*Greg liams made a Motion to accept Ordinance 25-1253 Authorizing the
Mayor of The Village of Russells Point to Hire Mason James by title with changes as
stated.*

Seconded by Rebekah Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Citizens' Comments:

Kim Werner stated that she would like to point out that there are a couple of ordinances that were not on the agenda. Mayor Huffman stated that some of the ordinances had come in later in the day and were not added. Ms. Werner went on to say that she is concerned with the new position of Village Administrator being created for fear that the residents' taxes will go up to pay the new Village Administrator wage.

Councilman Steve Reid stated that there has never been talk of rising taxes to cover the Village Administrator wage.

Councilwoman Rebekah Smith spoke saying that there have been numerous statements made by council members that they will not be raising taxes to cover the Village Administrator wage. Ms. Smith went on to say that the Finance Committee has budgeted for the creation of this position if the ordinance was to be passed.

Eric Werner asked Council who will be the Village Administrator's supervisor.

Mayor Huffman stated that the Village Administrator will answer to Council.

Clint Wasserman, Reminger Co, LPA spoke stating that the Village Administrator and the Mayor will work together on many issues, but the Council will be the direct supervisor for the Village Administrator.

There was some discussion amongst Council members, residents and Clint Wasserman about how the Village Administrator fits into the Village as well as what all Council members have to rerun this year to be on council again.

Eric Werner asked why is the ordinance being passed as an emergency?

Mayor Huffman stated that the Ordinance came that way from the Village Solicitor Daniel Bey. Mayor Huffman went on to say that since a lot of these items are time sensitive, they must be read as an emergency to get them passed quickly to get things accomplished.

Councilman Steve Reid stated that all of Council voted to do a three-reading rule and not pass it as an emergency so that it gave everyone time to discuss any questions or concerns, they might have.

Verida Mallory asked if anyone has applied for the position of Village Administrator yet.

Mayor Huffman stated yes there have been a couple of applications turned in due to word of mouth.

There was a discussion amongst council members and residents as to how much money the splash Pad is going to cost the Village.

Councilman Steve Reid stated that as of right now the Village has spent no money on anything pertaining to the Splash Pad, all funds have been raised by the Splash Pad Committee or through grants.

Old Business:

New car for Village usage:

There was a discussion about the need for a village vehicle for all the village employees to use.

Greg liams made a motion to send the request to the Finance Committee for further review.

Seconded by Joan Hinterschied.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Brown Supply Company- Floor Cleaner:

Mayor Huffman stated that he approved the purchase of the new floor cleaner and wanted to let Council know.

Farel Cats in the Village:

Chief Freyhof spoke on the Farel Cats in the Village noting that the Village currently does not have an ordinance pertaining to this issue. Chief Freyhof went on to say that he would like to see council draft a model ordinance and policy to help protect the Village from the nuisances.

Greg liams made a Motion to send the issue to the Rules and Ordinance Committee.

Seconded by Rebekah Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Greg liams, Yea; Joan Maxwell, Yea; Dave Wallace, Yea; Steve Reid, Yea;

Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Clemans Nelson, & Assoc:

Steve Reid stated that Council was asked to look into finding a new company for the Villages PPM, and there has been no activity. Mr. Reid feels that this needs to be revisited.

New Sign in Front of the Municipal Building:

Steve Reid asked if there was any update on the new sign out front.

Mayor Huffman stated that there is enough money in the Lands and Building funds and he has received two new quotes.

Dave Wallace stated that he feels the Lands and Buildings Committee needs to meet and speak about the railing by the side of the Municipal building as well as the roof.

Mayor Huffman spoke up saying that he will have Tim Reese look at the roof when they are putting up the new lights on the outside of the building.

New Business:

Mayor Huffman stated that there is an Ordinance coming from Daniel Bey for an agreement with Osgood Bank. Mayor Huffman further stated that Daniel Bey is also working on the Contract between the Village and Mr. Bey, for Mr. Bey to be the Village Solicitor.

Mayor Huffman stated bhj the Lands and Buildings Committee meeting date and time is to be determined at this moment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.


Steve Reid seconded the motion.

All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Next Council meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Next Ordinance-24-12__

Next resolution 24-104__

Mayor John Huffman  Date Passed 2-18-25

Recorder: AshLee Hullinger, Administrative Assistant 