

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2023

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

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

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

The motion failed: 2 yeas – 3 nays

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Cory Craig, White Oaks Court, Russells Point
Ms. Courtney Craig, White Oaks Court, Russells Point
Ms. Kathy Fleming, White Oaks Court, Russells Point

Minutes: **March 20, 2023 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the March 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstain

Reports: **Mayor's Court Report** –

The March 2023 statement for Mayor's Court showing Village revenue of \$2,805.00 was presented to Council for approval.

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the March 2023 Mayor's Court Statement as submitted. Mr. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

Strategic Planning Committee –

A copy of the minutes from the March 23, 2023 meeting was provided to council.

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided written report of the March 21, 2023 meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Ordinance 23-1204; 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, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Iiams felt that this Ordinance should not be declared an emergency since there is time to get it through three-readings prior to the deadline date to amend the salaries for next term in

accordance with ORC Section 731.13. In addition, he also provided council with suggested amendments to the ordinance, clarifying that this equates to \$50.00 per meeting with no additional salary for emergency or special meetings and amending the effective date to January 1, 2026 when all members are equally paid. Mr. Weidner stated that the effective date could not be amended as suggested because the ORC specifies that compensation shall not be increased or diminished during the term for which any officer is elected or appointed.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to approve of Ordinance 23-1204 by title on the first reading and not declare this as an emergency. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

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

The motion failed: 2 yeas – 3 nays

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Ms. Kathy Fleming, White Oaks Court

Ms. Kathy Fleming and Mr. & Mrs. Craig are residents of the White Oaks Court subdivision. Ms. Fleming asked council what the process is for determining which roads in Russells Point are paved. She noted that Oakcrest Court is being completely reconstructed and their road was in much worse condition with crumbling asphalt and areas that show displacement of the asphalt.

It was explained that the Village is aware of the condition of the road. The Oakcrest Court road was chosen to be replaced through a Neighborhood Revitalization Grant because it is a larger area and costlier, where White Oaks could be done through smaller grants. In addition, the NRG Grant requires funding to be used for a variety of area improvements and it would not allow all the grant money to be used in street repairs. Mayor Reames stated that a quote has been obtained for \$34,000.00 to have the road milled and repaved however if there is concrete underneath the current asphalt, the asphalt would continue to fail. Ms. Fleming said that her house was built in 1994 and she purchased the property in 1997 and it has always been asphalted.

Mr. Weidner stated that there are conflicting recollections between village employees of whether there is concrete underneath the pavement. The Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Reese has done a couple repairs on the road several years ago and does not remember any concrete under the asphalt. Based on a visual inspection, Mr. Weidner doesn't feel that milling and resurfacing will be sufficient as there are areas that appears to have a failure in the base. He suggested that drill samples be taken to determine if there is concrete under the asphalt and contact Choice One Engineering to inspect the road for suggestions on repairs.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 233 Grand Ave., Village Owned Property

The structure that was on the property has been removed but still needs to be graded and seeded. The property is a non-conforming lot measuring 40' wide x 100' deep. The auditors site shows the appraised value being \$13,100 and the tax value being \$4,500. Council was asked if they would like to retain the vacant land or place it up for auction or bid.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion to sell the vacant property through the sealed bid process with a minimum bid of \$4,500.00. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 0 nays

B. Farm Property

In 2021 the farm property was re-evaluated by the Auditors Office to consider more of the property as “wasteland”. This increased the designation from one acre to seventeen acres reducing the property taxes. It has also been determined that there can be no spraying of any chemicals within 300 ft. of a well head, and much of the farmland is now considered to be within the “source water protection area” based on the EPA study. The village cannot apply for CAUV (current agricultural use value) unless 10 or more acres is farmed, the Conservation Reserve Program is only eligible for privately owned property, and tax exemption status would likely not be approved.

Considering this information, council was asked to make a final determination to lease the remaining property for farm use.

Mr. Dave Wallace made a motion to lease the remaining eligible farmland. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

The Vote: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, nay; Mr. John Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay;

Ms. Joan Maxwell, nay; Mr. Dave Wallace, nay.

The motion failed: 1 yea – 4 nays

C. Village Entry Signs

Mr. Wallace reported that prior to COVID the Lands & Buildings Committee was assigned the task of gathering information for the installation of decorative signs as motorists enter the village. He will see what information he has from prior meetings and get with the committee to start working on this project again.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Joan Hinterschied. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 23-1205 Next Resolution: 23-1007

Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed: _____