

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

**MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2022**

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Mr. Greg Iams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present; Mr. Dave Wallace, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Mr. Steve Grewe, 11386 Horseshoe Channel, Lakeview, OH

Minutes: **November 7, 2022 Council Meeting**

Mr. John Huffman moved to approve the November 7, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the October 2022 bank reconciliation, cash summary report and payment register. The Village books reconciled with the bank statement and has a pooled cash balance of \$5,277,506.91.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Police & Code Enforcement Report –

Chief Freyhof reported that he has received two applications for open positions in the department. He has interviewed one of them and will hopefully bring to council for confirmation and swearing in at the next meeting.

The structure that had fire damage earlier this year has been boarded up by the owner.

He has been working with area churches to have a progressive dinner for 5th to 12th graders.

The students will go to four different churches and ending the day at the municipal building for a snack and movie. The event will be held December 7, 2022.

Mr. Greg Iams made a motion to approve the use of the municipal building for the event.

Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Zoning Report –

Ms. Gauder provided council with a written report of the permits that has been issued or in process since the last report. The rebuild of McDonald's Restaurant is expected to be completed the first week of December.

Maintenance Report –

Mr. Reese provided council with a written report of recent activities for the department.

Water Department Report –

Mr. Tynan provided a written report of the activities of the water department.

Indian Joint Fire District Report –

Ms. Joan Maxwell provided a written report from the November 15, 2022 meeting.

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Mayor Reames reported on the recent EMS meeting. Some of the neighboring EMS departments have been losing staff and volunteers. The board discussed enlarging the district to include the Village of DeGraff and other area departments if needed. They currently have many unanswered questions regarding accumulation of assets, revenue, whether those residents would be subject to the current EMS levy, and would the department be able to sustain the additional area.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 22-997; Electric Aggregation Purchasing Agent

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR ELECTRIC POWER FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This resolution along with Resolution 22-998 allows the LC Commissioners to act on behalf of the Village, and any other municipality in Logan County that wishes to participate, regarding negotiation and contracting for the aggregation of gas and electric. This would provide for a much larger pool of participants and better purchasing power.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 22-997 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

B. Resolution 22-998; Natural Gas Aggregation Purchasing Agent

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR THE NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 22-998 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

C. Resolution 22-999; Litter & Weeds Tax Lien – 3rd Round

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 2022 TAX DUPLICATES FOR COLLECTION.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to waive the three-reading rule. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 22-999 by title. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Mr. Steve Grewe, 11386 Horseshoe Channel, Lakeview

Mr. Grewe stated that over the last few years he has purchased houses in disrepair in Russells Point and has put a lot of money into fixing them up. In March of 2022 he purchased the property located at 320 Elliott Road. He recently discovered that the County has placed a charge for a tax lien from the Village for a mowing assessment that took place back in September of 2021 in the amount of \$515.09 and certified to the Auditor in December of 2021, prior to purchasing the property at Sheriff Sale. He spoke with the County regarding the lien and they told them that there was nothing they could do, that he would need to take it up with the Village. He asked if the village would consider waiving the assessment since he did not own the property when the mowing and assessment took place.

The Fiscal Officer confirmed that the mowing was done in September of 2021 and was assessed on Resolution 21-969 passed and submitted to the County Auditor in December of 2021. He also received an email from the County Prosecutor’s office early today regarding Mr. Grewe’s request. The email stated “it appears that this assessment was for mowing done in September 2021, after the tax foreclosure complaint was filed but before the foreclosure judgment decree was issued. Council adopted the legislation to certify in December 2021.”

The Fiscal Officer also added that to the best of his knowledge, these liens are only placed on the tax duplicates once per year. Certifications that happen throughout the year are placed in a book that are able to be viewed and used for title searches. In order to remove a tax lien on a property, the village must pass a resolution for the County Auditor to remove the lien.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to draft a resolution to waive the \$515.09 assessed on Resolution 21-969 for this property. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 4 yeas – 2 nays

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Railroad Trestle Permit

Choice One Engineering who was contracted to submit the tear-down permit application to the Army Corps has reached out to a company to get a quote to complete the cultural resource investigation required by the Corps.

Mr. Huffman asked about the progress of the log jam removal at the trestle, and the TR 52 (Elliott Rd.) culvert repair. The Mayor and Fiscal Officer were unsure if either of the projects have been

started by Reichert Excavating. Reichert will be contacted to get an update on when these projects will be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Finance Committee Meeting

The finance committee will meet either next Wednesday or Thursday evening to discuss the 2023 budget.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 22-1203 Next Resolution: 22-1000

Next Council Meeting: Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed