

**Village of Russells Point
October 6, 2025
Council Meeting**

Mayor John Huffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Council members Joan Hinterschied, Greg Iiams, Joan Maxwell, Steve Reid, Rebekah Smith and Dave Wallace were present. Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire was also present.

Guests: Dianne Gauder (Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator), AshLee Hullinger (Clerk of Court/Admin Assistant), Ann Elleman, Sharon DeVault, Liz Gibson

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the council meeting minutes dated September 15, 2025. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Reports:

Indian Joint Fire District:

- Councilor Maxwell submitted the Indian Joint Fire District report to council. Council did not have any questions or comments.

Citizen Comments: none

Ordinances and Resolutions:

- Ordinance 25-1266 – Authorizing Contract for Construction of Splashpad with Gametime. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to waive the 3-reading rule on Ordinance 25-1266 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed. Councilor Wallace expressed concern in passing this ordinance without having complete information on the total cost of installing the splashpad. Councilor Maxwell noted that she was not comfortable with the amount of money being spent on the splashpad and would rather have money spent on infrastructure and maintenance. Mayor Huffman noted that the contract was reviewed by the Village Solicitor. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve Ordinance 25-1266 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted to a 3-3 tie, with Councilor Iiams, Councilor Maxwell and Councilor Wallace voting against. Mayor Huffman voted yes to approve Ordinance 25-1266 to break the tie. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 25-1267 – Authorizing and Accepting Law Enforcement Grant with Ohio Attorney General's Office. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to waive the 3-reading rule on Ordinance 25-1267 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve Ordinance 25-1267 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 25-1268 – Authorizing to Amend 2025 Permanent Appropriations. The amendment allows the increase in permanent appropriations for Parks and Recreation (2041-320-300-007) for contractual services for the splashpad. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to waive the 3-reading rule on Ordinance 25-1268 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. Councilor Reid noted that the increase in the appropriation is due to donations, fundraising and a grant. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve Ordinance 25-1268 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Wallace voting against. Motion passed. Councilor Hinterschied presented to council a check from the Logan County Developmental Disabilities Foundation totaling \$93,569.46. The amount represents the fundraising total for the splashpad.
- Resolution 25-1057 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Lakeview for the contract operation of the water treatment plant. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to waive the 3-reading rule on Resolution 25-1057 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve Resolution 25-1057 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. The agreement contains language for a 1-year term that auto renews with a 60-day termination notice.

Citizen Comments:

- Sharon DeVault informed council that the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is losing 2 people and the seats will need to be filled by council. Ms. DeVault also inquired about the ordinance codification. Fiscal Officer McGuire noted that the codification is in progress.

- Dianne Gauder read an announcement from Musil Investments that presented a historic investment coming to the village. "The Indian Lake Boardwalk Project" investment and project estimates are over \$3.6 million with the goal to create a family-friendly gathering space with waterfront views, restaurants, music and outdoor activities. The boardwalk would encourage urban revitalization and economic growth with an increase in demand for dining, shopping, lodging and transportation services. Ms. Gauder noted that Musil Investments asked to be on the agenda for the October 20, 2025 council meeting.

Old Business:

- Council reviewed a revised quote from Reichert Excavating, Inc. for the storm drainage improvement project to be done at the municipal building. The quote totals \$52,629. **Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve the Reichert Excavating quote of \$52,629. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Mayor Huffman reviewed the Stanley's Asphalt Paving & Seal Coating quote of \$6,000 to crack fill and then apply commercial grade seal to the parking lot and the walking path. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Wallace to approve the Stanley's Asphalt Paving & Seal Coating quote of \$6,000. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Reid voting against. Motion passed.
- Councilor Reid inquired about the rehab of well #5 and when it will be done. Mayor Huffman noted that Moody's of Dayton has the maintenance scheduled and it should be completed soon.
- Councilor Reid noted that the crosswalk has yet to be restored after the storm drain project was completed. Mayor Huffman noted that he is working with a different contractor to complete the needed property restorations.
- Councilor Reid noted that a zoning permit is needed for the construction of the splashpad.
- Councilor Maxwell asked council and the mayor to set a date for the community clean-up day. It was agreed by council and the mayor to set November 5, 2025 as the community clean-up day.

New Business:

- The Tree Commission met on September 29, 2025, to discuss the removal of a tree at 210 Mansfield Street. A pin needs to be located to determine property lines and whether the tree is in the village right-of-way. Also discussed was the removal of a tree at 622 State Rout 708-Fairview. Sharing the expense of the tree with the homeowner is possible and if so, then bids will be obtained to remove the tree.
- Mayor Huffman discussed the iWorQ software with council. The software is for zoning and code enforcement with a \$1,000 set up fee and a \$1,800 annual fee. Mayor Huffman will bring more information about the software to council at the next council meeting.
- As part of the Uniform Guidance Policy, the Whistleblower Protection and Fraud Reporting Policy was reviewed by council. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve the Whistleblower Protection and Fraud Reporting Policy. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to accept, with regret, Nicholas Jarman's resignation as a Police Officer effective October 13, 2025. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to enter into an executive session and to invite Fiscal Officer McGuire into the executive session. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed and council entered into the executive session at 7:56 PM. At 8:30 PM, council resumed the open meeting and a **motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to exit the executive session. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed and council resumed the open meeting.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn at 8:31 PM. Motion passed.

John Huffman, Mayor

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Date Passed