

February 18, 2025

**INDIAN LAKE, OHIO  
VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 18, 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.  
Robin Michaels, Russells Point  
Sharon DeVault, Russells Point  
Daniel Bey Reminger Co, LPA  
Liz Gibson, Russells Point*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**February 18, 2025, - Council Meeting Minutes**

*Greg liams made a Motion to approve February 18, 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:**

**BPA:** Mayor Huffman reported that the BPA is currently working on the billing issues that have come to his attention.

**Zoning:** Councilman Steve Reid spoke on the Zoning Report stating that he would like to know more about the renewed interest in a Marijuana Dispensary. Dianna Gauder Zoning Officer/ Floodplain Administrator stated that the moratorium that had been passed has since expired.

Steve Reid made a motion to send this issue to the next Rules and Ordinance meeting.

Seconded by Joan Maxwell.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.

Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Next Rules and Ordinance Meeting will be held on Monday February, 24 2025 at 7:00 P.M at the Russells Point Municipal Building, 433 St. Rt. 708, Russells Point, Ohio 43348. Mayor Huffman stated that this meeting will pertain to the Marijuana Dispensary as well as the stray cat issue with in the Village and it will be limited to 1 hour.

**Maintenance:** Mayor Huffman stated that the Maintenance Team has been very busy installing the new meters and as of the last report they were well over the 200 marks. Mayor Huffman also reported that there were two major leaks that were found and repaired by the Village Maintenance Team that Mayor Huffman believes will make a huge difference in the water supply.

**Parks and Recs:** Council woman Joan Hinterschied stated that there was no parks meeting last week due to Iron City in Bellefontaine hosting a 10% give back to help with raising money for the splash pad. Iron City donated 10% of their profits for the day to the Splash Pad Fund. Ms. Hinterschied went on to say that she is happy to report that they have drawn for the golf cart and the winner has been contacted. Ms. Hinterschied thanked all who purchased tickets to help raise money for the Splash Pad. Ms. Hinterschied also reminded everyone that there are still some other fundraisers happening such as the Quarter Auction on March 15 at the Indian Lake Light house Church, tickets are \$10.00 each as well as Gun Raffle Tickets that are \$20.00 each.

**Police Report:** Mayor Huffman stated that a report was submitted.

**LUC:** Councilman Greg Iiams stated that a report was submitted, and he would like to point out that there is a couple Townships that are looking into amending their Zoning Text.

**EMS:** Councilman Steve Reid spoke stating that a report was submitted, and a couple key things he would like to point out is that he was nominated as President of the Board for 2025. Mr. Reid went on to say that Bloomfield Township trustees would like ILEMSJAD to consider a counter offer of \$10,000.00 per year for runs with in that year. After 30 runs they agree to pay \$766.22 per run. Mr. Reid stated that after much discussion the board decided to accept this counter offer with Bloomfield Township.

**Fiscal Officer Report:** Mayor Huffman stated that a report was prepared and submitted by Interim Fiscal Officer Rich Ford. Mr. Ford stated that he also included a handout for Council to look at and take into consideration the option to switch to a different broker to handle the processing of health care reimbursements to the employees. Mr. Ford feels that this is a more

economical way to do things. Mr. Ford explained to Council how the broker works as well as what he feels the benefits would be to making the change.

*Rebekah Smith made a Motion to change Brokers effective ASAP.*

*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*

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER: 25-1256:** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR PREPARATION OF POLICE VIDEO RECORD PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 149.43(B)(1) AND HOUSE BILL 315 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

*Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule for ordinance 25-1256 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*

*Greg liams made a Motion to accept Ordinance 25-1256 by title.*

*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*

**Resolution 25-1046:** APPROVING CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING CORPORATION TO PURSUE GRANT FUNDING FOR CROSSWALKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

*Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 25-1046 by title.*

*Seconded by Joan Maxwell.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

*Motion Passed 5 Yeas - 1 Nays*

*Greg liams made a Motion to accept Resolution 25-1046 by title.*

*Seconded by Joan Maxwell.*

*Discussion: Councilman Greg liams stated that he would like to know why there is a need for a crosswalk located in front of the Hotel crossing St. Rt. 33. Mr. liams stated that he does not feel this is a safe place for people to cross into such a high traffic area.*

*Councilman Steve Reid stated that he too does not feel this is a safe thing to do. Mr. Reid also asked if a crosswalk bridge would be able to be installed. Mayor Huffman stated that it was brought up but due to the height of the powerlines as well as other issues it would not be able to be done. Councilman Steve Ried also stated that there still has to be a traffic study done within one year of the new hotel being opened. Which still has not happened.*

*Rebekah Smith stated that there must be a safer alternative to this. Mayor Huffman stated that he will get in contact with Choice One Engineering and have them attend the next Council Meeting so that all of Council can express their concerns as well as ask any questions that they might have.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

*Motion Failed 0 Yeas - 6 Nays*

**Resolution 25-1047:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OSGOOD BANK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Greg liams made a Motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 25-1047 by title.*

*Seconded by Dave Wallace.*

**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 Resolution 25-1247 by title.*

*Seconded by Dave Wallace.*

**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*

**Contract For Daniel Bey:** Mayor Huffman stated that he will have this at the next meeting.

**Citizens' Comments:**

Robin Micheals spoke expressing her concerns with the PVC pipes and lids that are exposed after the stormwater drainage was installed in her area of Russells Point. Ms. Micheals stated that there has been many ran over with the small streets and the big trucks that have been driving down them and feels it is not safe. Mayor Huffman stated that she would need to contact the Logan County Sewer District and that they are the ones that are responsible for those.

**Old Business:**

**Village Administrator Posting:** Mayor Huffman informed everyone that the new position of Village Administrator is now posted in the lobby of the Municipal Building as well as at the Post Office and on the Village Website. He also informed everyone that applications can be picked up at the Municipal building during normal business hours or printed off the web site, but they must be turned in by February 28, 2025, to be considered for the position.

**Hole in Front of Old Rite Aid Building:** Councilwoman Rebekah Smith stated that the hole has gotten bigger and is definitely becoming a big issue for drivers. Mayor Huffman stated that he is aware of the situation and will be in contact with Choice One Engineering to get it taken care of.

**New Business:**

**Fill Station:** Mayor Huffman stated that he want to inform everyone that there has been a discussion between Lakeview and Russells Point for some time now to make a connection between both Villages to help supply water to each other in case of emergencies. Mayor Huffman spoke saying that nothing is being done with this yet that it has just been talk. Councilman Steve Reid said that he would like to see Council get more serious about investing into and or replacing the water tower. Councilman Greg liams stated that he feels this is something that the new Village Administrator should look into and figure out the pros and cons as well as what all will need to happen to make it work. Village Solicitor Daniel Bey spoke saying that there are companies that help with things like this that would be happy to help.

**Training for Clerk of Court:** Mayor stated that current Clerk of Court AshLee Hullinger will be going to training in Grove City and will be staying over night. Mayor Huffman stated that he would like the Village to pay for the hotel as well as meals per diem. All of council agreed.

**Executive Session:**

*Rebekah Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 8:07 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.*

*Seconded by Joan Maxwell.*

**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*

*Greg liams made a Motion to exit executive session.*

*Seconded by Rebekah Smith.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Mr. Greg liams, Yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, Yea; Mr. Dave Wallace, Yea; Mr. Steve Reid,*

*Yea; Ms. Rebekah Smith, Yea; Joan Hinterschied, Yea.*

*Motion Passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays*

*Executive session was ended at 8:50 P.M.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.*

*Steve Reid seconded the motion.*

*All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.*

**Next Council meeting:** Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Next Ordinance-25-1257

Next resolution 24-1048

Mayor John Huffman



Date Passed

3-3-25

Recorder: AshLee Hullinger, Administrative Assistant