

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

MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2021

Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held by public teleconference via GoToMeeting.

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

Roll Call: Ms. Joan Hinterschied, present; Mr. John Huffman, present; Ms. Kelly Huffman, present; President Pro-Tem, Mr. Greg Iiams, present; Ms. Joan Maxwell, present; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, present.

Recorder: Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Guests: Ms. Dianne Gauder, Mayor's Court Clerk
Ms. Sharon DeVault, 209 Elliott Rd., Russells Point
Mr. Tim Reese, Maintenance Team Supervisor
Mr. Joe Freyhof, Police Chief
Mr. Gregg Vosler, 374 W. Main, Russells Point

Minutes: **January 4, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the January 4, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Reports: **Fiscal Officers Report -**

Council was provided the December 2020 bank reconciliation, cash summary, payment register, appropriation, and revenue status reports. The reconciliation report shows the Village books reconciled with the bank statement. The Village has a pooled cash balance of \$4,937,261.94. The annual financial report is complete, submitted to the state, and advertised as required.

Mr. Greg Iiams moved to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as submitted. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Maintenance Department Report –

Council was provided a written report from Mr. Reese outlining the various projects the department has been working on since the last report. Two quotes were provided for the purchase of a vacuum excavator. A Ditch Witch HX50 was quoted at \$104,768.23 and a Vermeer VX50 was quoted at \$98,219.60. The benefits and various uses of the machine was explained and Mr. Reese has had a demo with both pieces of equipment and prefers the Vermeer due to the low profile and it is easier to operate and store.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to approve the purchase and allow the Mayor to sign the purchase order for no more than \$100,000.00 to purchase the Vermeer VX50 vacuum excavator. Ms. Joan Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Zoning Report –

Council was provided a written report submitted by Ms. Dianne Gauder updating council on various zoning permits issued by the department as well as an annual summary of NOV's, zoning permits and contractor registrations for 2020.

Police Report –

Chief Freyhof provided an activity report for 2020 and reviewed the contents with council. He has found a couple of candidates to fill the full-time and part-time positions. Ms. Joan Maxwell would like to see the Chief move forward with an accommodation for Officer Praither for how well he handled a use of force incident in 2020. Chief Freyhof recommended a starting rate of pay of \$15.00 for the full-time position and \$14.00 for the part-time position due to their experience.

Mayor Reames asked council to clarify the discussion and motion that took place during the August 3, 2020 meeting as to whether this full-time officer will be working 32 or 40 hours per week as this will determine which retirement plan that the employee will be a member.

Mr. John Huffman made a motion that the full-time officer work 40 hours per week and a member of Ohio Police & Fire Retirement. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Mr. John Huffman made a motion that the starting rate for the full-time officer be set at \$15.00 per hour and the part-time officer wage at \$14.00 per hour. Ms. Shannon Stinemetz seconded the motion.

Chief Freyhof estimates the part-time officer working an average of 20 hours per week and is aware that the individual will be unavailable during certain times due to the Army Reserve requirements.

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

Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Parks Report –

Ms. Hinterschied is checking into the estimated ship date and installation of the new park equipment. The committee also proposed turning village owned undeveloped non-conforming lots on Clermont and Fairview into small neighborhood parks and possibly including the improvements on the Neighborhood Watch grant application. The committee would like council to approve the possible development of the properties for park use before further research is done.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made the motion to allow for the development of parks on these two vacant parcels. Ms. Kelly Huffman seconded the motion.

Ms. Maxwell asked if this proposal is contingent upon receiving the Revitalization Grant to which it was clarified that they would still like to use the parcels for this purpose regardless of whether it is funded through the grant.

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

Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays

Indian Lake EMS Report –

Mayor Reames reported on the January 13, 2021 EMS meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**A. Resolution 21-947; Confirming appointment of Officer Phillip Koewler**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP KOEWLER AS A PART-TIME OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 21-947 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

B. Resolution 21-948; Confirming appointment of Officer Joshua Knox

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA KNOX AS A FULL-TIME OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mr. Greg Iiams made a motion to accept Resolution 21-948 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

C. Resolution 21-949; LC Drug Task Force & Mutual Aid Agreement

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOGAN COUNTY UNIFIED DRUG TASK FORCE AGREEMENT AND ITS ADDENDUM A, MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING VILLAGE MAYOR TO EXECUTE.

Ms. Joan Maxwell 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; Ms. Kelly Huffman, yea; Mr. Greg Iiams, nay; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 5 yeas – 1 nay.

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to accept Resolution 21-949 by title. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

Discussion: Chief Freyhof clarified that the original task force consisted of the City of Bellefontaine and the LC Sheriff’s Department. He also reported that the village has been temporarily left unmanned to do drug task work in the past, but staffing will be a little different in 2021 which will help keep this to a minimum. Chief can provide updates and report to council on time away from the village.

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

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

A. President Pro-Tem

Mr. Greg Iams made a motion to nominate all council members for president pro-tem. Ms. Joan Hinterschied seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Mayor Reames asked if there were any members wishing to decline their nominations. All members except for Ms. Hinterschied and Mr. Iams declined their nominations.

Ms. Shannon Stinemetz made a motion to close the nominations and vote on the remaining nominees. Mr. John Huffman seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Greg Iams, yea; Ms. Joan Maxwell, yea; Ms. Shannon Stinemetz, yea.

The motion passed: 6 yeas – 0 nays.

The members cast their votes as follows:

Ms. Hinterschied – *Ms. Hinterschied* Mr. Iams – *Mr. Iams*

Ms. Maxwell – *Mr. Iams* Ms. Stinemetz – *Ms. Hinterschied*

Ms. Kelly Huffman – *Mr. Iams* Mr. John Huffman – *Mr. Iams*

With a vote of 4-2 Mr. Iams was declared president pro-tem for 2021.

B. Use of Campers with the Village

Mayor Reames reported that she has received feedback and opinions from the Logan County Health Department and the LUC Planning Commission regarding Mr. Vosler’s request to amend certain ordinances for the use of RV campers within the village. This information has been forwarded to the council and the committee members formed to discuss the request. The Mayor is still waiting on a response from the LC Sewer District. A committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed changes.

C. Revitalization Grant Survey

The survey letter has been approved and will be distributed with the water bills.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Ms. Joan Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Shannon Stinemetz. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Next Ordinance: 21-1188 Next Resolution: 21-950

Scheduled Meetings:

A. Council Meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Jeff Weidner

Mayor Robin Reames

Date Passed