

**Village of Russells Point
February 17, 2026
Council Meeting**

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

Roll Call: Council members Anne Elleman, Liz Gibson, Joan Hinterschied, Greg Iiams, Steve Reid, and Rebekah Smith were present. Village Administrator Deanna Roe and Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire were also present.

Guests: Dianne Gauder, AshLee Hullinger, David Wallace, Robin Michaels, Sharon DeVault

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the council meeting minutes dated February 2, 2026. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Reports:

Administrator:

- Village Administrator Deanna Roe submitted the Administrator report to council.
- Administrator Roe asked council on who would be attending the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission training on March 11, 2026. Administrator Roe will send an email to council as a reminder as the training date approaches.
- Administrator Roe that a cost analysis is needed from Peterson Electric for the splashpad. Reichert Excavating will be delivering equipment on February 26, 2026. A ground breaking ceremony is set for March 2, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

Fiscal:

- The presentation of the January 31, 2026 bank reconciliation and financials was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the bank reconciliation and financials as presented. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Police/Code Enforcement: none

Mayor's Court:

- The January 2026 statement for Mayor's Court showing total receipts of \$980 was presented to council. **Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Gibson to approve the January 2026 Mayor's Court statement as submitted. Councilor Iiams questioned the amount of the check issued to the Logan County Auditor. Clerk of Court AshLee Hullinger noted that it was an error in placing the check amount in the wrong column. Councilor Reid rescinded the motion.

Zoning:

- Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator, submitted the zoning report to council. Councilor Reid inquired about the training attended by Zoning/Floodplain Administrator Dianne Gauder. Ms. Gauder explained that the training is with the ODNR-Floodplain Division and is in regard to an action plan for an RV/Campsite location with significant tornado damage. The Logan County Health Department will be involved.

Indian Lake EMS Joint Ambulance District:

- Mayor Huffman submitted the Indian Lake EMS Joint Ambulance District meeting report to council.

Logan-Union-Champaign (LUC) Regional Planning Commission:

- Councilor Iiams submitted the LUC Executive Committee report council.

Ordinances and Resolutions: none

Citizen Comments:

- David Wallace inquired about the hump on Biffs Way. Administrator Roe will look into the issue.

Old Business:

- Mayor Huffman reminded all that a Rules & Ordinance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

New Business:

- Councilor Reid discussed naming the park and playground, located at the municipal building, to memorialize former mayor, Robin Reames. Council noted that the park has been previously named. Council discussed memorializing Ms. Reames with a tree planted near the splashpad that is to be constructed.

Clerk of Court AshLee Hullinger distributed a corrected copy of Mayor's Court report and Mayor Huffman signed the report. **Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the corrected January 2026 Mayor's Court statement as submitted. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Iiams voting against. Motion passed.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G)(6), details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosed of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office. **Motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to enter into an executive session and to invite Village Administrator Deanna Roe 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 7:21 PM. At 7:39 PM, council resumed the open meeting and a **motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Elleman 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 Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Motion passed.

John Huffman, Mayor

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Date Passed