

**Village of Russells Point**  
**March 2, 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:** Tom Elleman, Sharon DeVault, David Wallace, Robin Michaels, Dianne Gauder, AshLee Hullinger, Sarah Warren

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the council meeting minutes dated February 17, 2026. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the Rules and Ordinance Committee meeting minutes dated February 23, 2026. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

**Reports:**

**Parks:**

- Councilor Hinterschied submitted the parks report to council. Councilor Reid noted that the fire department should be involved with the prescribed burn at the John and Mary Rudolph Nature Preserve. David Wallace expressed concern about the Poison Hemlock at the nature reserve. There is no date set for the prescribed burn. Councilor Hinterschied noted that the Kid's Craft Day is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Fairview Festival is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- Resolution 26-1067 – Assessing and Certifying to County Auditor Unpaid Charges for Weed and Litter Removal. Mayor Huffman conducted the first reading of Resolution 26-1067. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Resolution 26-1067. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

**Citizen Comments:**

- Sharon DeVault noted that the Indian Lake Boat Show begins March 7<sup>th</sup> and all should come out to support the Indian Lake Historical Society as well as the Indian Lake Watershed. Booths will be at Spend-A-Day Marina and Buds Marine.
- Sarah Warren spoke of her candidacy for the Logan County Family Court Judge. Ms. Warren is currently the Family Court Magistrate and has also been a felony prosecutor for the county. Ms. Warren asked for the community's support in the election for Logan County Family Court Judge.

**Old Business:**

- Mayor Huffman noted that he spoke with individuals about being an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). There are currently 2 seats that need filled as alternates for the BZA. Mayor Huffman recommends the appointment of Tom Elleman as an alternate to the BZA. **Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to appoint Tom Elleman as an alternate member to the BZA. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. Mayor Huffman recommends the appointment of Chris Floyd as an alternate member to the BZA. **Motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Reid to appoint Chris Floyd as an alternate member to the BZA. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Village Administrator Deanna Roe reviewed the splashpad cost analysis noting that the project total cost is \$231,808.67 which includes donated contractor expense. The total owed for the project is \$197,408.67. The funds raised for the project is \$156,618.46. The remaining funds needed to finish the project is \$40,790.21. Councilor Smith asked that Administrator Roe include the in-kind donations made by local contractors for the splashpad in her cost analysis.

**New Business:**

- Village Administrator Deanna Roe discussed Connecteam employee time tracking system. The system is cloud based and employees could clock in or out using an app on a computer or a cell phone. The cost of the system is \$1,776 per year. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to purchase the Connecteam employee time tracking system. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Mayor Huffman reviewed a letter in regard to Mayor's Court. The letter explained that the Baldwin Group discovered issues with how the village handles Mayor's Court and the finances. The Village Administrator has met with the Bellefontaine Municipal Court and Judge Ellis to discuss the pros and cons of whether the village should continue with Mayor's Court or using the municipal court system. The issue will be reviewed by the Village Solicitor, Daniel Bey, and he will make an assessment on the feasibility of keeping Mayor's Court. Mayor Huffman recommends suspending Mayor's Court for 30 days for a review of the operations. Council gave the mayor their support in suspending Mayor's Court for 30 days.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Motion passed.

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John Huffman, Mayor

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Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

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Date Passed