

**Village of Russells Point**  
**May 18, 2026**  
**Council Meeting**

Mayor John Huffman called the meeting to order at 6:59 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 was also present. Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire was absent.

**Guests:** Dianne Gauder, Chief of Police Joe Freyhof, David Wallace, Sharon DeVault, Jennifer Martin, Teresa Martin, April King, Mary Jo Forgione, William Forgione

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the council meeting minutes dated May 4, 2026. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

**Reports:**

**Fiscal:**

- The presentation of the April 30, 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.

**Administrator:**

- Village Administrator Deanna Roe submitted the administrator report to council. Councilor Iiams inquired about the SCADA system and Administrator Roe noted that there are errors with the current system. Councilor Reid asked if Muni-Link (the new utility billing software) is ahead of schedule with Administrator Roe confirming that it is. Councilor Reid also asked when the mosquito spraying would start. Administrator Roe noted that mosquito spraying will begin when weather conditions allow. Mason James, village employee, recently took the test to be able to mosquito spray.

**Police/Code Enforcement:**

- Chief of Police Joe Freyhof submitted the police department report to council. In April, there were 618 calls for service. Chief Freyhof noted that he is working on a plan to help senior citizens with transportation. Chief Freyhof stated there has been 40 code violation notices issued and noted that the Village Solicitor will need to get involved with several properties for non-compliance. Chief Freyhof reported the items to be listed on GovDeals. Council agreed that items on GovDeals did not have to be approved by council before listing the items for sale.

**Zoning:**

- Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator, submitted the zoning report to council. Councilor Smith inquired about the town houses that are in the zoning report. Ms. Gauder said the developer has not released any information at this time.

**Indian Joint Fire District:**

- Councilor Gibson submitted the Indian Joint Fire District report to council.

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

- Councilor Iiams submitted the LUC Executive Committee report to council. Councilor Iiams presented the village with new flag for the flagpole at the municipal building. Councilor Iiams discussed the AES electric rate increase due to data centers and provided a sample resolution to voice concerns against the rate increase. Councilor Smith and Councilor Reid requested that the Village Solicitor review the resolution before signing it. Councilor Iiams stated that the resolution came from the LUC. Council agreed to have the Village Solicitor review the resolution.

**Indian Lake EMS Joint Ambulance District:**

- Councilor Reid noted that he had no report to submit, but it is business as usual.

**Parks:**

- The high school senior's community day is May 19, 2026.
- Concrete for the splashpad will be poured on May 19, 2026.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- Ordinance 26-1275 – Amending Chapter 1177, Section 1177.05 Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles and Replacing it with Section 117.05 Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles and Watercraft, Attached as Exhibit A. Mayor Huffman conducted the third and final reading of Ordinance 26-1275. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading and adopt Ordinance 26-1275 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 26-1276 – To Determine the Period of Tax Exemption for and Improvement to Real Property Owned by Musil Investments, LLC located in the Village of Russells Point Community Reinvestment Area and to Declare an Emergency. Mayor Huffman read Ordinance 26-1276. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to waive the 3 readings for Ordinance 26-1276. 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 Hinterschied to adopt Ordinance 26-1276 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. Councilor Reid asked if Musil Investments agreed to the special agreements listed in the CRA agreement with Jennifer Martin (on behalf of Musil Investments) confirming the special agreements. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the CRA agreement made between the Village of Russells Point and Musil Investments, LLC. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

**Citizen Comments:**

- William Forgione noted that he owns a street legal UTV that has a license plate and asked council to review the village ordinance and consider allowing UTV's to be driven on the road. Chief Freyhof stated that the village ordinance pre-dates the Ohio Revised Code for slow speed vehicles. Council agreed to look at new language for the ordinance.

**Old Business:**

- Council reviewed an estimate from Quality Paving to pave a parking lot, on the east side of the Municipal Building, for \$45,175. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to accept the estimate of \$45,175 from Quality Paving to pave the parking lot. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- Administrator Roe proposed that the village enter into a contract with the Logan County Sewer District to end billing for water and sewer services offered. Council gave permission to Administrator Roe to have the Village Solicitor draft a contract with a 1-to-2-year term limit.
- Mayor Huffman proposed a tuition reimbursement program for village employees. Council provided positive feedback and would like the program to be discussed at Rules and Ordinance Committee meeting being held on May 26, 2026.
- Councilor Smith requested a blank CRA application to be provided to council at the next council meeting to discuss additional language requiring tax information for new applications.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Motion passed.

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John Huffman, Mayor

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Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

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Date Passed