

**Village of Russells Point**  
**April 20, 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, Amy Musil, David Wallace, Sharon DeVault, Jennifer Martin, Bev Gross, Kurt Grandi, Michelle Grandi, Jackie Allison, Julie McManus, Miranda Warren, Andrew Warren, Tiffany Ritter, Village Solicitor Daniel Bey

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the council meeting minutes dated April 6, 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. Councilor Iiams inquired about the sidewalk along Choice One Properties Real Estate property and how it floods. It was noted that the sidewalk was put back to the same elevation after the repaving of the street. Mayor Huffman stated that this issue would be discussed with Helms & Son Contracting.

**Fiscal:**

- The presentation of the March 31, 2026 bank reconciliation and financials was reviewed. The ending bank balance as of March 31, 2026 totaled \$5,771,150.39. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith 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

**Zoning:**

- Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator, submitted the zoning report to council. Councilor Smith inquired about why there were 2 CRA's (Community Reinvestment Area) on the submitted application. The application noted that a second CRA would be forthcoming. Ms. Gauder stated the reasoning was due to the fact that there are 2 separate deeds with 2 separate addresses for Musil Investments.

**Indian Lake EMS Joint Ambulance District:**

- Councilor Reid submitted the Indian Lake EMS Joint Ambulance District meeting report to council. Councilor Reid stated that union contract negotiations are ongoing.

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

- Councilor Iiams submitted the LUC Executive Committee report to council.

**Indian Joint Fire District:**

- Councilor Gibson submitted the Indian Joint Fire District report to council. Councilor Gibson stated she will begin reporting monthly water usage to the Village Administrator.

**Parks:**

- Councilor Hinterschied submitted the Parks Committee report to council. Councilor Hinterschied noted that the grand opening for the splash pad is scheduled for May, 2026. It was also noted that the community garden is in need of volunteers to oversee the program.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- Ordinance 26-1274 – Enacting Title 11/Chapter 201, Indigent Burial to Provide for the Disposition of Indigent Village Residents. Mayor Huffman conducted the second reading of Ordinance 26-1274. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 26-1274. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. The third and final reading will be conducted at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.
- 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 first reading of Ordinance 26-1275. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 26-1275. Councilor Reid questioned if the motion should be put to a roll call vote since council is awaiting an explanation from Village Solicitor Daniel Bey on this matter. Council agreed to discuss Ordinance 26-1275 later in the meeting allowing Mr. Bey to explain once he arrives. Councilor Iiams and Councilor Hinterschied withdrew their motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 26-1275.

**Citizen Comments:**

- Kurt and Michelle Grandi spoke of the Hydro Regatta Championship InBoard Hydroplane Racing event to be held on August 22, 2025 and August 23, 2025. The racing will be at Indian Lake's Sandy Beach and is hosted by the Sandy Beach Racing Association. The event is expected to bring several visitors to the Indian Lake community.
- Julie McManus , a representative from the Logan County TNR Project, spoke of the need to trap, neuter, return feral cats in Logan County. The TNR Project reduces stray populations, prevents nuisance behaviors, improves public health and saves long-term costs. Ms. McManus is asking for financial support and community coordination.
- Miranda Warren spoke of her candidacy for the Logan County Family Court Judge. Ms. Warren has served the Logan County area for over 20 years and she asks for community support during the election.

**Ordinance 26-1275:**

- Village Solicitor Daniel Bey explained that he researched Ordinance 25-1269 and Ordinance 26-1271 and found that Ordinance 26-1271 is redundant to Ordinance 25-1269 and there was no need for him to present Ordinance 26-1271 to council. Regarding Ordinance 26-1275, Mr. Bey explained that the language of Watercraft was added to Chapter 1177, Section 1177.05 of the codified ordinance 10-1045. Mr. Bey stated that the language was reviewed by both the Village Administrator and Chief of Police (Code Enforcement) and both agree that there are no issues with the Watercraft language. **Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Gibson to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 26-1275. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. The second reading will be conducted at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

**Old Business:**

- After council was emailed the redline version of the 2026 Council Rules and upon review, they agreed to put the Council Rules to a vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**New Business:**

- The village clean-up day is scheduled for May 13, 2026. The village requests that all acceptable items be placed curbside by 6:00 AM on clean-up day or the night before.
- Amy Musil, of Musil Investments LLC, discussed the Indian Lake Boardwalk Project. The project is a 2-story restaurant (the 2<sup>nd</sup> story also has work space), outdoor seating with views of Indian Lake, and a community space for all to gather. Ms. Musil explained the need that in order to move forward with construction, the submitted CRA Tax Exemption Program Application must be approved by council. The application contains 3 parcels of property and Ms. Musil is currently requesting real estate tax abatement for this deeded location so that construction can begin. The other deeded parcel, with the existing restaurant, may be a future CRA request. The requested exemption period is for 15 years with 75% real estate tax abatement. Council asked that Ms. Musil provide more information regarding payroll taxes, estimated sales taxes that will be generated with the Indian Lake Boardwalk Project. Ms. Musil agreed to provide council with any and all information that they request.
- Councilor liams explained the need to review the percentage of short-term rental tax collections received by the village paid to the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce. Currently, the village collects 6% in rental tax and pays half of all the collections (excluding the hotel rental tax) to the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce on a quarterly basis. Mayor Huffman stated that he would contact the Indian Lake Visitors Bureau and ask that they attend a council meeting.

**Executive Session:**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. **Motion** was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Reid to enter into an 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 8:04 PM. At 8:11 PM, council resumed the open meeting and a **motion** was made by Councilor liams and seconded by Councilor Gibson 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.

**Motion** was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to increase the salary of the Village Administrator Deanna Roe as discussed by council and effective with the next pay period and to remove Administrator Roe from her 6-month probationary period as a new hire. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor liams and seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Motion passed.

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John Huffman, Mayor

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Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

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Date Passed