

Village of Russells Point July 6, 2026 Council Meeting

Council President Pro-Tempore Steve Reid 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. Mayor John Huffman was absent. Village Administrator Deanna Roe and Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire were also present.

Guests: Ashlee Hullinger, David Wallace, Dianne Gauder, William Forgione, Sharon DeVault, Robin Michaels, Jenny Kimbler

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Gibson to approve the council meeting minutes dated June 15, 2026. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Village Administrator Deanna Roe explained that incorrect water rates were applied to most commercial accounts with the last billing completed in June. The affected accounts have been adjusted in the utility billing software. The Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) is currently reviewing the current water rates and will provide the village their findings once completed. The findings of the review will be posted for council and the public to view.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

- Resolution 26-1074 – Certifying Unpaid Charges for Services Performed by the Village under ORC 731.51 and Authorizing the Logan County Auditor to Place Delinquent Amounts on the 2026 Tax Duplicate for Collection and Declaring an Emergency. Councilor Reid conducted a reading of Resolution 26-1074 by title. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to waive the 3-reading rule on Resolution 26-1074 and declare it an emergency. 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 approve Resolution 26-1074 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Amend Ordinance 26-1275 – Amending Chapter 1177, Section 1177.05 Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles and Replacing it with Section 1177.05 Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles and Watercraft and Declaring an Emergency. Councilor Reid conducted a reading of Amended Ordinance 26-1275 by title. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Gibson to waive the 3-reading rule on Amended Ordinance 26-1275 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed. Councilor Iiams noted a misspelling of the word “village” in Section 3 of the ordinance and questioned the numbering system used in Exhibit A of the ordinance. The misspelling will be corrected and Administrator Roe will get clarification from the Village Solicitor regarding the numbering system. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve Amended Ordinance 26-1275 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 26-1277 – Amending the Village of Russells Point Codified Ordinances Section 377.01 Definitions. Councilor Steve Reid conducted the 1st reading of Ordinance 26-1277 by title. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 26-1277 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Iiams voting against. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments:

- Jenny Kimbler asked if businesses would have advance notice if water rates were to increase. Administrator Roe noted that rate increases would be made public.

Old Business:

- Councilor Hinterschied stated that the grand opening for the splash pad, held on June 27th, was a success. It was estimated that over 75 people attended. Councilor Hinterschied would like the splash pad to open at 9:00 AM and not wait until 10:00 AM. Administrator Roe noted that she can program the splashpad to open at 9:00 AM. Councilor Hinterschied also stated that a raffle was held during the grand opening and \$75 was raised. The money will go to the kid’s craft days held at the park.
- Councilor Reid stated that the Indian Lake fireworks display, held on July 4th, went smoothly and thanked the village employees and police department for their efforts.

New Business:

- Council was given an email from the Ohio Attorney General notifying the village that the application for the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Grant was approved for \$77,000. Council agreed to discuss further at the next council meeting with Chief of Police Joe Freyhof in attendance.
- Council reviewed the Traffic Logix quotes for police radar signs. A quote for 3 of the Evolution 12 FM English Yellow **Large** Solar radar signs totaled \$9,804.00 and a quote for 3 of the Evolution 12 English Yellow Solar radar signs totaled \$9,015.00. Council agreed to discuss further at the next council meeting with Chief of Police Joe Freyhof in attendance.
- Councilor Reid suggested that an activated caution crosswalk light is needed on State Route 708 somewhere near the municipal building due to the park and splashpad being a popular destination. Administrator Roe will look into grant funding for a possible crosswalk.
- Administrator Roe stated that she has spoken with the UDA and gotten approval to use the remaining funds of the storm sewer project to pave the lot in front of the municipal building. The lot was a staging area for the project materials and equipment.
- Administrator Roe noted that 636 High Avenue is a blighted structure and there were no bids for the property at a recent sheriff auction. Council was given the option to purchase the property at the cost of the taxes in arrears totaling a little over \$26,000 and after purchasing, the village could tear down the structure and resell the property. The other option is that the village could take legal action against the property owner and get a court order to tear down the structure. Council agreed to move forward with the court order as the village is not interested in purchasing the property.
- Councilor Reid noted that a Rules and Ordinance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the municipal building.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Hinterschied to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Motion passed.

<u>John Huffman, Mayor</u>	<u>Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer</u>	<u>Date Passed</u>
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