Village of Russells Point
October 5, 2026
Council Meeting

Mayor Huffman called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Reid and seconded by Councilor Gibson to excuse the absence of Councilor Hinterschied from the October 5, 2026 council meeting. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

Guests: Dianne Gauder, David Wallace, Mary Jo Forgione, Sharon DeVault, Scott Staley, Rae Brown

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the council meeting minutes dated September 21, 2026. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

Reports:
Indian Joint Fire District:

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

Ordinances and Resolutions:

- Resolution 26-1086 – Authorizing Supplemental Appropriations for the Village during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026 and Declaring an Emergency. The resolution increases permanent appropriations in the Police 3 Mill Fund (fund 2901) for payment to insurance benefits. Mayor Huffman read Resolution 26-1086 by title. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Gibson to waive the 3-reading rule on Resolution 26-1086 and declare it an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Iiams and seconded by Councilor Smith to adopt Resolution 26-1086 by title. A roll call vote was taken and council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments:

- Sharon DeVault noted that the agenda reads incorrectly noting the Resolution number reads 26-1085 on the agenda and not 26-1086 as read previously by Mayor Huffman.
- Rae Brown asked council what the process would be to get Clermont Avenue and Taylor Street connected and have access to US Route 33. Councilor Reid noted that Ms. Brown should contact ODOT District 7 since access would be needed to US Route 33. Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer, stated that gaining new entrances onto to US Route 33 is problematic due to traffic flow on the federal route. Other issues involved getting landowner permission to Taylor Street and Clermont Avenue and also that Taylor Street is not paved. Council agreed that Administrator Roe could look into the possibility of connecting the village streets and gaining access to US Route 33.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Scott Staley, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus of Russells Point, wants to start an initiative to have customized street banners featuring local military service members' photos, names and branches on utility poles throughout the village. The project would be sponsored by Our Lady of Fatima Assembly 3800 and the assembly has approximately $3,000 to spend for the project. Mayor Huffman stated that the pricing for each personalized banner is about $100. Councilor Reid stated that Administrator Roe would need to proof and approve the banners before being placed in the village. Councilor Iiams noted that there could be issues separating church and state since Our Lady Fatima has a religious affiliation. Council agreed that the Village Solicitor should review to determine if the religious affiliation would raise an issue concerning the separation of church and state.
- Councilor Gibson noted that Councilor Hinterschied wants to have a fundraiser to raise money for awning (or a type of sun shade) at the patio/picnic area near the splashpad. Council agreed that shade is needed and it was noted that Honda is accepting applications, until October 31st, for a grant designed to support community endeavors.

Mayor Huffman reminded everyone that the tree planting, in memory of former Mayor Robin Reames, is scheduled for October 10th and the Fairview Arts and Craft Festival is also scheduled for October 10th.

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

John Huffman, Mayor	Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer	Date Passed