

Village of Commercial Point

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

May 21, 2012

Mr. Kuzelka called the meeting to order. Fiscal Officer Hastings took roll call with the following members present: Mr. Jason Thompson, Mr. Wissinger, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Kuzelka and Ms. Gooden-Kinney. Mayor Hammond and Solicitor Crites were also in attendance.

Ms. Gooden-Kinney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shelton to approve the April 16, 2012 Minutes. All members were in favor with the exception of Mr. Thompson who abstained. Motion passed.

Solicitor Report – No Report
Mayor Report – No Report
Engineer Report - Absent

Items for discussion

Committee duties and process – Mr. Kuzelka informed Council of the proper procedure for the Committees to follow. 1) Committees form a “Plan”. 2) Bring the “Plan” to Council for approval. 3) Once Council approves, then the Village Administrator & Engineer will work together on the bid process.

4) Once bid opening is complete, Engineer will bring to Council his recommendations and a contract will be awarded. 5) Once contract is awarded, it is up to the Administration to finish out the project. Mr. Kuzelka feels following this procedure will allow for better communication for Council.

JEDD – Solicitor Crites gave a presentation on the proposed JEDD. He said he had a meeting with Mayor Hammond, Trustee Struckman and Mr. Don Brocius who is the Solicitor for the Township. JEDD stands for Joint Economic Development District and is designed to promote economic development. They are usually contracts that are between municipalities and townships to promote economic growth. Solicitor Crites gave the following example: Single township and single municipality are working together. A large business moves into the township. Since the township cannot issue a tax, they would work with the municipality to collect the tax for them and collect funds. In the current proposed JEDD, the Village would be working with Scioto Township and Grove City to collect revenue off of property owned by all three venues. The Village property would be the property the Utility Plant is on while the Township property would be the Orient Prison. Solicitor Crites will be attending a few more meeting on behalf of the Village. Once a proposed agreement is drafted, Solicitor Crites would bring the information back to Council for a vote. The funds would help benefit the Township by adding 2 more full time employees per day, repairing roads in the township and however else they see fit. Money for the Village could be used where Council sees fit. Solicitor Crites said the proposed agreement would include a 50 year plan with 2 additional 25 year renewals. The only employees that would be affected would be the employees working within the JEDD properties.

Time line on Tornado Siren - Mayor Hammond said the parts are in and a bucket truck has been lined up.

At this time, Ms. Julie Tietz asked about signing up for helping out in the community. Mayor Hammond said a Beautification Committee would be great, including trash pick-up and planting flowers. As of now, there is nothing in place. Ms. Tietz also asked Solicitor Crites for an update on the WSG property since there is no HOA. Solicitor Crites had no update at this time.

Ms. Gooden-Kinney wanted to remind everyone of the yard sale ordinance that was passed allowing a community yard sale on the weekends after the Homecoming and Go Kart Races.

At this time, Mr. Kuzelka pointed out a lot of key facts of how he feels the Council and Mayor should work together. They are as follows:

- Communication is lacking and that needs to change
- We have smart people on our board and we need to use their talents
- Committees need to do their job
- Being the President of Council does not mean he is the babysitter
- We need to work together or we will not succeed
- Arguing amongst each other will not be tolerated
- We need to involve Mike Crites. He can't protect us if he doesn't know
- We need to let the Committees do their job and the Mayor do his
- COMMUNICATION
- Make suggestions, not demands
- No finger pointing
- Tired of being embarrassed in front of citizens
- The past is the past and we need to let it go
- Work together as a team!
- COMMUNICATION is key!

Mayor Hammond said Mr. Kuzelka made very important points and was well done.

Ms. Gooden-Kinney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

Jim Kuzelka, President of Council

Wendy L. Hastings, Fiscal Officer