

VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

April 22, 2013

Ms. Gooden-Kinney called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mr. Shelton, Ms. Gooden-Kinney, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Wissinger and Ms. Evans. Solicitor Hess, Mayor Hammond, Chief Jordan and Engineer Grosse were also in attendance. Mr. Cruz and Fiscal Officer Hastings were absent.

Ms. Gooden-Kinney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shelton to approve the March 18, 2013 COW Minutes. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – Nothing to report

Mayor's Report – Nothing to report

Engineer's Report – Nothing to report

At this time, David Sadler argued for the current positions of Chief and Sergeant to become full time regardless of the cost to the Village since the department is being funded partially by his income tax. He also stated that the quality of the Police force will be increased by offering full time positions. Mr. Shelton said under Mayor Hammond's proposed increase of part time officers and increase in reserve officer hours, the total hours will increase at a reduced cost to the Village. Gary Joiner asked if offering the part time positions was to eliminate benefits to the employees. Mr. Shelton said it was to provide more coverage. Mr. Joiner feels if the Village offers full time positions, more qualified reserve officer would want to come and work for Commercial Point. He feels we need to build infrastructure to prepare for future growth in the community.

Mr. Scott O'Neil asked why there are no signs in our subdivisions limiting the speed to 25MPH. Mayor Hammond said with a sign or no sign, in Ohio ALL residential roads are required to be 25MPH. Mayor Hammond said he will discuss this issue with Chief Jordan, Village Administrator Shelton and Engineer

Grosse for cost and to see if the signs we have on hand are compliant. They will report back to Council on their findings. Mr. O’Neil asked Chief Jordan for his advice. Chief Jordan said all residential streets in the corporation are 25MPH. He also said that if a traffic ticket goes to court, the Judge will ask if a speed limit sign was posted. Chief Jordan recommends posting speed limit signs at the entrances to all the subdivisions. A resident from Chestnut Estates said they would like to see speed limit signs posted throughout their neighborhood. Village Administrator Shelton asked if speed bumps would help. Engineer Grosse said they are very costly. Mr. O’Neil informed Council that the stop sign at the intersection of Hickory and West Alley needed to be replaced.

Mr. Thompson asked for an update on the fence on the Walker Point walk path. He stated the children are going into an adjacent property owner’s yard. Engineer Grosse feels if we erect a chain link fence on the easement to assist in keeping the flow of children out of the property owner’s yard, other residents could follow and request fencing erected at other locations. He added that a split rail fence would not prohibit or control the flow of children. He will still get a price for Council however feels it is not necessary.

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

Kim Gooden-Kinney, President of Council

Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken by Clarence Wissinger