

**Village of Commercial Point
Committee of the Whole Minutes
February 20, 2017**

Mr. Sadler called the meeting to order. Fiscal Officer Hastings took roll call with the following members present: Mr. Sadler, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Geiger, Mr. O'Neil, Ms. Blevins, and Mr. Laxton. Mayor Joiner was also in attendance.

Mr. Sadler asked if there were any changes or corrections to the January 23, 2017 Council of the Whole Meeting Minutes. No changes or corrections requested. Ms. Blevins motioned for approval, seconded by Mr. Townsend. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayors Report: Mayor Joiner said there was an accident involving the cruiser and Chief Jordan. He said no one was injured. He said the Chief Jordan and Officer Waas were responding to an overdose call and we have the narcan. He said Chief took a right turn onto State Route 104 from State Route 762 and a clipboard that was on the dashboard lodged itself in the steering wheel and he drove into a ditch and knocked down a sign. Ms. Blevins said moral of the story is to not keep a clipboard on the dash. Mayor Joiner said the good thing is no one was hurt; bad thing is we are down a cruiser. Mr. Sadler asked if we had an estimate for repair. Mayor Joiner said approximately a week. Mayor Joiner said he would like council to take into consideration lowering the speed limit southbound on Welch road from the new Commercial Point municipality line to State Route 762. Ms. Blevins asked what the speed limit currently is on the northbound lanes. Mayor Joiner said 55mph. Mr. O'Neil asked if the county is willing to go along with lowering the northbound lanes. Mayor Joiner said he spoke with Chris Mullins of Pickaway County and he said it has to be ODOT approved when county is involved and there needs to be a speed study completed. Mr. O'Neil asked why ODOT would get involved when it is a county road. Mayor Joiner said that is a good question. He said they do the speed study for the county. He said the southbound lane is within our power to lower. Ms. Blevins asked what he is suggesting as the speed limit. Mayor Joiner said he would prefer 35mph. Mr. Sadler asked Mayor Joiner to also discuss control of the intersection at State Route 762 with the county. Mr. Sadler said he does not know if it is time for a traffic light but at 5:00 traffic is extremely heavy. Fiscal Officer Hastings said she thought Chief Jordan said we can't put a stop light on a state route. Mr. Sadler said he thinks it is a state issue. Mr. Sadler said we need to move our Welcome to Commercial Point sign. Mayor Joiner said he would recommend we have a reduce speed sign near Lane.

Engineer's Report: Fiscal Officer Hastings said she received an email from Engineer Grosse. She said per the email there is a pre-construction meeting for Chestnut Commons section two on March 2, 2017 at 9:00am. She said he indicated that section three plans will be submitted by the developer in a couple of weeks. She said the booster station and water tower design plans have been submitted to the Ohio EPA and submitted to the contractors for bids. She said there is a resolution to be approved allowing the purchase of the booster station property from the Teays Valley School district. She said Solicitor Hess is still trying to work out the details with the school board attorneys. She said Engineer Grosse advised a permit has been submitted for Intellwave, which he has reviewed. She said he notified their engineer that the village has required the developer to dedicate on the plans an additional 10-foot easement, outside of the right of way to be used for utility companies. She said Intellwave is revising their plan to show their new line on the north side of Chestnut Commons Drive. She said for the wells, once the resolution has been approved, the

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contract can be signed and work on the wells can begin. She said Mayor Joiner signed the notice of award. She said she will contact Mary Sherets at Stantec tomorrow and let her know everything is finished and they can begin. She said the last item he mentioned is the IGA market. She said he indicated he has had several meetings with the owners regarding the proposed market on State Route 762 and Welch Road. She said Engineer Grosse said we are waiting on final plans to start the village review.

Mr. Sadler asked Zoning Inspector McCoskey if he had any information he wanted to share. Zoning Inspector McCoskey said he is still learning. He said he did meet with the Pickaway County Planning and Building department. He said that it was enlightening. He said Fiscal Officer Hastings provided him with a contract we have with the Planning and Building department.

Additional Items:

- A. Budget-Mr. Sadler said the Budget Committee did meet. He said the budget sent out by Fiscal Officer Hastings is close to where they want to land, with the exception of two funds. He said they are still waiting for streets and sidewalks. He said they are waiting for more accurate numbers. He said there is funding to make the Police department 24/7 by the end of the year. He said there will be 1 additional fulltime officer. He asked Mayor Joiner to discuss it. Mayor Joiner said as discussed, they will fill an additional PT officer position then they will transition to a FT position and they will keep the PT position. He said they budgeted for a new cruiser which is on a 4-year lease. Mr. Sadler asked if the lease is through Ford. Mayor Joiner said yes. Mr. Sadler asked if it was a flat pricing. Mayor Joiner said \$9000.00 per year. Fiscal Officer Hastings said the first year they budgeted \$12,000.00 because of the equipment that would need to be added to the car. Mr. Sadler said included in the budget is funding for pay increases. He said there are two pieces to it, the funding piece and the employee guidelines set pay range. He said just because it is in the budget does not mean it is a guaranteed raise. He asked if council had questions on the budget sent out by Fiscal Officer Hastings. No questions. Mr. Sadler said they cannot vote tonight but he would like to define the committees. He asked council for suggestions. Mr. Laxton would like a Safety Committee. Mr. Sadler said they will need a streets committee. Mr. O'Neil said last year they combined streets with safety. Mr. Sadler suggested Zoning. Mayor Joiner said he would recommend zoning especially with the annexations coming in. Mr. Sadler said the Finance Committee is already established and after the vote on the budget there generally won't be much to meet about. Fiscal Officer Hastings advised he cannot make nominations tonight. Mayor Joiner said they can make nominations but not vote. The council then discussed committees they would like to have and who would like to be on them. Mr. Geiger asked if the banners discussed during the budget meeting would be included in the streets committee. Fiscal Officer Hastings said that will be an administrative project. Mr. Sadler said in regards to the banners, he has asked about inquiring on purchasing banners and flags to decorate the village, but nothing has been voted on. Ms. Blevins asked if we have a Planning Committee. Fiscal Officer Hastings said the Planning Committee is the council because we do not have a separate group outside of council. Mr. Sadler said they would formally vote at the next council meeting.

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Mr. O'Neil asked if there is money in the budget to purchase trash cans for the center of town. Mayor Joiner said yes. Mr. O'Neil asked for them to be purchased. Mayor Joiner said yes. Mr. Sadler said there is a line item for Parks and Recreation. Fiscal Officer Hastings said there is \$20,000.00 in the budget. Mr. Geiger said included in that fund is repairs to the garage and paving. Mr. O'Neil asked if they are going to put a larger door on the garage. Mayor Joiner said yes. Fiscal Officer Hastings said for the March 3rd meeting the employee pay scale will be first before they vote on the budget. Mr. O'Neil asked if Mayor Joiner had the report from the other villages regarding pay. Mayor Joiner said he sent it to Mr. Sadler. Mr. Sadler said he will forward to the rest of council. He said the Mayor went out to Josh Mandel's website and you can pull what each village pays in different positions. He said the mayor came up with a new salary range where he feels those positions based on the size of our village and the work they are doing should be. Mr. O'Neil asked for an Executive Session for the next meeting to discuss the current lawsuit. Mayor Joiner said there is not any updates, the last thing he heard is it is in the judges' hands to decide. Mr. O'Neil said in the off chance the ruling goes against us, is the Finance committee prepared to make whatever changes that need made. Mr. Sadler said we have not had any professional opinions, it is in the judges' hands. He asked Mr. O'Neil if he was asking about the village having to re-hire him, then what? Mr. O'Neil said anything even if we must pay money. Mayor Joiner said aside from a deductible, the insurance company would pay for the settlement if needed.

Mr. Geiger motioned to adjourned, Mr. Laxton seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.



David Sadler, President of Council



Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer

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