

**Village of Commercial Point
Committee of the Whole Minutes
March 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, Engineer Grosse and Village Administrator Crego were not present.

Mr. Sadler asked if there were any changes or corrections to the February 20, 2017 Council of the Whole Meeting Minutes. No changes or corrections requested. Ms. Blevins motioned for approval, seconded by Mr. Laxton. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayors Report: Nothing to report

Engineer's Report: Nothing to report

Additional Items:

- A. Village Administrator: Fiscal Office Hastings advised that during the April 3rd, 2017 meeting, Village Administrator Crego is going to ask to waive the three readings on the Lehman Farm annexation. She said we are in our window of time where we will be up for the first reading. She said it has been presented and items that needed completed at Foxfire are going to be completed. She said they are going to ask for a waiving of the three readings and a vote during the meeting. Mr. Sadler asked if the information can be sent out earlier than later.
- B. Zoning: Zoning Inspector McCoskey said he has gone through the Zoning Ordinance book and it was not as inconsistent as he thought it was going to be. He said he has marked 2-3 items that need attention. He said he believes these issues can be addressed in one Zoning Committee meeting lasting approximately an hour. Mr. Sadler said he would like to meet and discuss a few items identified in 2016. Mr. McCoskey said he should have his work completed by the end of this week. Mr. Sadler said he would like to meet in April. Mr. Sadler asked if we have a soft version of the Zoning Ordinance. Fiscal Officer Hastings said no, that is some she or Administrative Assistant Baldwin will type up in the next couple of weeks.
- C. Mr. O'Neil said he thinks they should discuss and decide on the Pitt Bull issue brought to council by a citizen. Mr. Sadler asked Mr. O'Neil if he is proposing any changes. Mr. O'Neil said he is just asking council if they want to make any changes or remove Pitt Bull. Mr. Sadler and Mr. Geiger said that is something they do not want to sponsor. Mr. Sadler advised Mr. O'Neil if this is something he wishes to move forward on, that is his decision. Mr. O'Neil said it is not that he wants to move forward to but since the issue was brought forward they should discuss it. He said the state removed Pitt Bull from the language but it does not mean we have too. He asked Mr. Townsend and Ms. Blevins their opinion. Mr. Townsend said he does not have an issue with getting rid of the language, he believes it is how the dog is raised. Mr. O'Neil said he agrees with that. Ms. Blevins said if we are going to remove the Pitt Bull language then we need to have very strict rules. Mr. Townsend said we would mirror the state law which has a law against viscous dogs, it just excludes specifically Pitt Bulls. Ms. Blevins asked if that means they are not considered vicious. Mr. O'Neil said his understanding the breed is no longer considered vicious. He said as an example a specific pitt bull dog can be vicious

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but so could a German shepherd or a Chihuahua. He said there is a difference between a dangerous dog and vicious dog, which he does not have the specific wording. He said ours specifically says Pitt Bull Terrier. Mr. Townsend asked if that was the only dog listed. Mr. O'Neil said yes as far as he can tell. Mr. Geiger said it would be interesting to see what other villages have done in regards to their ordinance. Mr. Townsend said no one wants to remove the Pitt Bull language and then the following week, a child be attacked by one. He said he personally feels it is how a dog is raised. Mr. Sadler confirmed that Mr. Bush is the only one who has come forward in the last 3 1/2 years. Mr. O'Neil agrees but he also agrees with Mr. Townsend that it is how a dog is raised. Mr. Geiger said for him it is a tough decision because the dog jumped his 4-foot fence and growled at the kids, who fortunately made it back in the house. Mr. Townsend said he understands but that could have been a German shepherd. Mr. Geiger said he knows, but it wasn't. He said it was a Pitt Bull who belonged to the gentleman who came in to discuss the ordinance. Mr. Townsend said it sounded to him like he was making efforts to ensure it doesn't happen again. Mr. Geiger said if he makes efforts to ensure it doesn't happen again great, but he wishes he would have done it before the incident. He said he is a huge dog fan and is not afraid of dogs, however he was not there. Ms. Blevins said she would like to see how we have it written. Mr. Sadler asked Mr. O'Neil for the codification number. Mr. O'Neil said It is under the animal section, codification 6 on the village website.

Mr. Sadler asked if any other council member have additional items to discuss. No additional issues.

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



David Sadler, President of Council



Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer

*Minutes provided by Paula Baldwin, Administrative Assistant