



Village of Commercial Point

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VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES May, 7, 2012

Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hammond then asked for a Moment of Silence to honor our Men and Women; Past and Present; for their Military Service to our Country. Fiscal Officer Hastings took roll call with the following members present; Mr. Shelton, Ms. Gooden-Kinney, Mr. Wissinger, Mr. Kuzelka, Mr. Cruz and Mr. Thompson. Engineer Grosse was also in attendance.

Ms. Gooden-Kinney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the April 2, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

At this time, Mayor Hammond introduced our new Utility Plant Superintendent, John Thompson. Mr. Thompson gave Council and the public a brief presentation on his background and family.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor's Report – please see attached.

B. Village Engineer's Report – Engineer Grosse wanted to extend his sincere appreciation to the part-time employees we have at the Utility Plant. He especially thanked Mr. Jim Muskera who became very involved during the last few weeks while we were operating without a Superintendent. Engineer Grosse said they have been working very hard on the softness of the water coming from the plant. Over the last few weeks, they have found softener # 1 has not been working properly. As of now, it has been taken off line and is not being used. Engineer Grosse said we are testing the water every day and the residents should notice a difference in their water quality in the next few weeks. Engineer Grosse said Mr. Thompson was doing a great job even though he had a very hectic week with storm damage and other issues at the plant. As for the wastewater side, the plant is having issues with some of the equipment. A bearing has gone out of the orbital aerator and it will cost approximately \$ 20,000 to repair it. We are establishing a maintenance plan to avoid these types of issues in the future. Well # 6 is fixed and in good shape which allows us to schedule Well # 7 for cleaning. Mr. Cruz asked which softener had issues last year. Engineer Grosse said we replaced the media in softener # 2 and # 3 last year. Engineer Grosse said we are having issues with the iron removal system as well. The fans on the equipment are not working and the Utility employees are looking into what is causing this problem. Engineer Grosse reported that he had spoken with Mr. Sheets of the Teays Valley Schools and they are trying to come up with a solution to the water retention pond problems we are having. Engineer Grosse feels this is the reason for all of the water at 15 Main Street. Ms. Gooden-Kinney asked for an update on the Lehman Farm property. Engineer Grosse said the next step would be to drill test wells to check the water status on the property. Mr. Shelton reported the work that was done in Walker Point to reduce the amount of water that lays on Yukon and Cavanaugh Drives did not work. He said Cavanaugh Drive is much better, however Yukon is still full of green algae and water is still there. Engineer Grosse will look at project again.

C. Village Solicitor's Report – Noting to report.

D. Police Department Report - Available at the office.

E. Fiscal Officer's Report – Fiscal Officer gave the following report: General Fund \$ 681,511.28; Street Construction Main - \$ 109,906.23; State Highway - \$ 10,485.35; Parks and Rec - \$ 3,875.00; Permissive Motor Vehicle - \$ 9,370.51; Housing Developments - \$ 10,543.68; Water Operating – \$ 982,876.40; Sewer Operating - \$ 801,984.57; Garbage Operating - \$ 11,931.31.



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Legislative Reports

A. Legislative Authority Reports

1. Vidal Cruz – Nothing to report
2. Jim Kuzelka – Nothing to report
3. Kimberly Gooden-Kinney – Nothing to report
4. Jason Thompson – Nothing to report
5. Randy Shelton – Nothing to report
6. Clarence Wissinger – Nothing to report

Committee Updates

A. Utility Committee – Minutes attached

B. Street Committee – Committee is putting together plans for their top 3 priority projects.

C. Safety Committee – Mr. Thompson said the crosswalks were complete. The next step would be to purchase flashing LED lights at the crosswalks. They would also like to see flashing stop signs at the intersection of Welch Road and St. Rt. 762 and the intersection of St. Rt. 762 and Scioto Street. Mayor Hammond said he had taken care of replacing some of the stop signs throughout the Village over the last weekend. Mr. Thompson feels there needs to be a joint committee meeting between the Street/Sidewalk Committee and the Safety Committee to discuss the walk path at from Walker Point. Ms. Gooden-Kinney suggested back to back signs at the crosswalk on St. Rt. 762. Mr. Thompson said the signs that are in place are temporary until the Village purchases the flashing signs. These flashing signs will bring more attention to the crosswalk. Ms. Gooden-Kinney also asked if someone would look into the yard signs that are at the intersection of St. Rt. 762 and Scioto St. She feels they are in the way when you pull up to the intersection. Mr. Shelton suggested having the Police Department stationed at the crosswalks for safety. Ms. Gooden-Kinney said the residents at West Scioto Green are requesting help from Council to purchase supplies to repaint their street signs. Mr. Thompson said with limited funds, we need to focus on the traffic signs first and then replace street signs as needed. Mr. Cruz said any signs that need to be painted should be replaced per the federal mandate on signs. Mr. Thompson feels the Village residents should not be working on public projects due to liability reasons. Ms. Gooden-Kinney feels that is not a fair statement. She feels if the residents wanted to clean up trash on a Village street, they should be allowed. Mr. Thompson said the Village will not supply the paint. Ms. Gooden-Kinney asked if Council has a problem with the residents painting the signs. Mr. Thompson wants clarification from Mr. Crites regarding liability issues before he comments. Mr. Kuzelka said Mr. Crites was checking on the status, since there is no HOA, was the developer responsible for any repairs and upkeep. Mr. Kuzelka feels we need to follow the federal mandate and replace the street signs. The Safety Committee will look at costs in replacing the signs. Mr. Crites will be at the COW meeting for further discussion.

D. Finance Committee – Nothing to report

E. Zoning Committee – Mr. Kuzelka feels the Codified Ordinances do not match the Zoning Ordinance of the Village. He will be meeting with Mr. Crites for further discussion.

At this time, MaryAnne Graham of 14 Main Street informed Council of the filthy dumpster that is located at 48 W. Scioto St. She said she would like to see something done about it. Information will be passed on to our Zoning Inspector for him to take care of. Ms. Ginny Goldhardt of 5 Front Street asked Council about the dedication plaque that was purchased to be placed on the outside of the building. Mayor Hammond said there were a couple of reasons it has not been placed on the building: A) In checking with Solicitor Crites, Mayor Hammond has no legal responsibility to hang the plaque, B) there is no place in the minutes from last year's meetings where Council decided the plaque should be placed, C) Mayor Hammond feels this plaque should have been purchased when the building opened and not in December of 2011. Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gooden-Kinney to



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place the plaque on the outside of the building at the front entrance. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – No, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – No, Mr. Kuzelka – Yes, Mr. Cruz – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes. The motion passed. Mr. Mike Struckman feels the crosswalk on St. Rt. 762 needs to be more noticeable. Mr. Thompson informed Mr. Struckman that is why the committee is looking into purchasing the LCD lighted signs. Mr. Doug Smith of 134 Grove Run Road asked if Council could modify the crosswalk signs ourselves by placing a flashing light on the top. Mr. Kuzelka feels that would be against the law, however Mr. Thompson said it could be looked into. Ms. Julie Tietz supplied Council with pictures of what she feels are safety issues and possible drainage issues at West Scioto Green. Engineer Grosse commented on the photos of the vegetation that is growing in the drainage ditch. He said it needed to be cut down or it will continue to grow causing standing water issues. Some discussion was had on placing a split-rail fence along the sidewalk on the east side of the entrance to West Scioto Green. Mr. Kuzelka said Mr. Crites was going to check the deed for responsibility of the replacement of the fence. Mr. Cruz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gooden-Kinney to erect a split-rail fence on the right side of the entrance to West Scioto Green. Engineer Grosse doesn't feel a split-rail fence is the best choice when it comes to safety. He suggested a sturdier fence made with 6"x6" wooden posts. Mr. Thompson made a motion to amend the previous motion, seconded by Ms. Gooden-Kinney to erect a fence as Engineer Grosse recommended using 6"x6" wooden posts. A roll call vote was taken on the amendment: Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Cruz – Yes, Mr. Kuzelka – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes, Mr. Shelton – Yes. Motion passed. A final vote was taken on the motion to erect a 6"x6" wooden fence along the right side of the entrance to West Scioto Green – Mr. Shelton – Yes, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Mr. Kuzelka – Yes, Mr. Cruz – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes. The motion passed.

Business Items:

- A. JEDD Presentation – To be held at the COW meeting.
- B. Liquor Permit- Commercial Point Market - There was no discussion on this item. All members of Council were in agreement that a hearing on this item did not need to take place. Fiscal Officer Hastings will mail in the paperwork stating no hearing.

Legislature

- A) **Ordinance 2012-02 – AN ORDINANCE TO REALIGN MONIES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE TRANSFERES OUT FUND 1000-910-910 AND TRANSFER SAID MONIES TO THE CAPITAL OUTLAY POLICE DEPARTMENT FUND 1000-110-590.** Mr. Thompson made a motion seconded by Ms. Gooden-Kinney to suspend the three readings. A roll call vote was taken – Mr. Kuzelka – Yes, Mr. Cruz – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Mr. Shelton – Yes. The motion passed. Ms. Gooden-Kinney made a motion seconded by Mr. Thompson to adopt Ordinance 2012-02. . A roll call vote was taken – Mr. Kuzelka – Yes, Mr. Cruz – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Mr. Shelton – Yes. The motion passed.

Mayor Hammond informed Council he would be getting prices for the spraying of mosquitos in the near future. Engineer Grosse asked Mayor Hammond to send a letter to the Washington County Commissions for their equipment and miscellaneous items they donated to our plant.

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

Joe Hammond, Mayor

Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer



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Mayor's Report

- 1.) Village website; www.commercialpointohio.gov went live May 4, 2012.
- 2.) Checked all signs in the Village. Repaired and straightened several poles and signs. Replaced (5) stop signs. I will install one way and emergency vehicle only signs by the fire station soon.
- 3.) Contacted Country Connections and the Utility Committee will be setting up a meeting so we can move forward with getting an agreement in place for their services.
- 4.) Cancelled health insurance policy effective April 30, 2012.
- 5.) Reviewed Village insurance policy and have a meeting on May 8, 2012 with our agent. WE should reduce our cost and have a more defined policy.
- 6.) There is a meeting on May 21, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. with the Records Retention Committee. The committee is made up by Solicitor Crites, Fiscal Officer Hastings, Ms. Debbie Shelton and myself.
- 7.) Continued contact with B & C Communications about parts for our tornado siren. They will install the parts the same day that they receive them.
- 8.) Chief Jordan and I had several meetings and our Police Department is doing a great job.
- 9.) Spent a lot of time and money with the Utility Department. Engineer Grosse will elaborate in his report.
- 10.) Lightning struck out Utility equipment again Friday, May 4, 2012. A lot of repairs are needed at this time.
- 11.) Employed Mr. John Thompson as Utility Superintendent. All Council members received a complete packet of employment.
- 12.) Everything is going well and I will schedule fogging for mosquitos and street sweeping for the near future.