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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. Thompson, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Gooden-Kinney, Mr. Wissinger and Ms. Evans. Solicitor Hess was also in attendance.

Mr. Cruz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shelton to suspend the procedural rules. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

At this time, Mayor Hammond turned the meeting over to Solicitor Hess. Solicitor Hess said that we had a number of individuals that had requested to be on the agenda to speak about the proposed JEDD contract. Those include Attorney Don Brosius who represents the Scioto Township, Chief Welch of the Scioto Township Fire Department and Township Trustee Mike Struckman. Solicitor Hess asked the gentlemen to address any issues they may have as well as answer any questions that Council may have. He said there may be questions from individuals in the audience, however this meeting was for Council to get the information they need to be able to vote when the time comes. Solicitor Hess said that he had a chance to speak with representatives from the DRC before tonight's meeting. They are unable to attend tonight, but wanted Council to know that they are not in favor of the proposed JEDD contract.

At this time, Solicitor Hess called on Mr. Brosius. Mr. Brosius stood up at the podium and addressed Council, and I quote, "My suspicion is that you are getting pretty tired of this. I am really here, I don't want to put any more pressure on you. But I am really here to clear up some missed information. The older you get, the less tolerance you have. It frustrates me that people can say anything they want to say without consequences. And that is what has been happening. If I would have had the time, I would have made a chart that said fiction vs. fact. So I am just going to talk about fiction and then point out the fact.

The first item of fiction – You have been told that this proposed JEDD cannot meet the criteria of the Ohio Revised Code when only 1.1 acre is zoned for commercial purposes. What is interesting is when you take that item of fiction and apply it to the fact. It doesn't hold water. The statute that talks about the purposes of the JEDD is found in 715.72 (C). And that statute basically says one or more municipal corporations, which includes a village or townships, they enter into a joint economic development district contract. They create a joint economic development district of one or more areas for the purpose of facilitating economic development, to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people in this state and in the area of the contracting parties. Nowhere, absolutely nowhere in that statute does it require that the economic development be limited to the area of the JEDD. That's a fact.

Second piece of fiction – You have been told that JEDD proceeds can't be used to staff fire and EMT department operations. Fact – The creation or preservation of jobs within the area of the contracting parties is a legitimate purpose of a JEDD. I just read that in the statute. Secondly and probably more importantly, providing for enhanced fire and EMS services serves an economic development purpose.

Third – You have been told, from my fiction list that because the Village and the Township constitute a majority of the property owners and because they are parties to the JEDD, that's not permitted under statute. There is some sort of prohibited conflict. Again, when you open up the book and look at the statute, nothing could be further from the truth. Ohio Revised Code Section 715.73 (C) specifically provides that the area of a JEDD district shall not include any parcel of land owned by a municipal corporation or a township unless that municipal corporation or township is either a contracting party or has given its consent to include that property. That's the truth. The statute clearly and specifically contemplates and provides for the situation where the municipality and the township own property located within the JEDD. And it is frustrating when you have people say, you can't do this.

Next item of fiction – It's been said that the township can't meet the terms of the statute and is going to have to submit this to an election. If you look at the statute which is 715.77 (A) (1). The township is not required to submit a resolution approving the JEDD to its election if the resolution has been approved by a unanimous vote, which it has. If the creation of a joint economic development district is proposed at the request of a majority of owners of land within the district, we anticipate it will, and if the territory to be included within the district is zoned in a manner appropriate to the function of the proposed district. Listen to those words. Doesn't say zoned for commercial purposes, doesn't say commercial zoning, doesn't say industrial zoning. Zoned in a manner appropriate to the function of the proposed district. The argument has been raised that the majority of land owners meets the majority of disinterested land owners. It's not in the statute. Fiction not fact. There is no authority for that. It has also been argued that because the property isn't zoned for commercial purpose, that somehow it is not zoned appropriately for the function of the JEDD. Number 1, when you look at the JEDD agreement and economic development plan, neither one of those

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documents seems to change the function of the current district. Not looking to change it. We are going to leave it as it is. The special use zoning attached to the prison works fine. It is zoned appropriately for its function. And since the JEDD contract and economic development plan purpose no change in the function of the district, the current zoning is totally appropriate.

I call those four prior items fiction. I would say they are red herrings. They are red herrings that have very little basis in either fact or law.

Last but certainly not least, and this one is my favorite. You've been told that it's not fair. That's what you have been told. You've been told that there is a legal unfairness because people working within the district cannot vote on it. Sorry! That's what the law says. And in fact, not only does the law say it, the Supreme Court has said it. In 1999, the Ohio Supreme Court specifically held that there is no right to vote on a JEDD. Do you want the case? It is Senco, Inc. vs. City of Akron 84, Ohio State Third 535, 1999. Legally there is no right to vote on a JEDD income tax. What is interesting, I don't know if that seed has taken root yet in Council yet. If it has, then I would say to you and anyone who is thinking it should, I would say that is an interesting argument by any member of Council. Because if you think that, then I suggest you are a hypocrite. Why? Because your income tax was not voted on by people who work in the city. And then, there is what I call the equitable unfairness. You have been told this is just unfair. Ok, it is unfair. Why is it unfair? Many people come into this area every day. Work here. They need help or assistance. Who responds? There is a car accident, who responds? There is a fire, who responds? So you are willing to take those services, work in the area and then leave and not pay a dime. That's fair.

I guess, I don't want to take a lot of your time. We have beaten a dead horse and I frankly think it is time to put this to bed one way or the other. It has created too much dividedness. That was never the intent. And frankly if your conscious says I don't like it, I am going to vote against it, please do so. It's your prerogative. I just wanted to make sure you had the information. I am not trying to pull your leg. That's what I want to point out. Thank You very much for having me and putting up with me."

Solicitor Hess informed Mr. Brosius at our last Council meeting, Section 7 and Section 8 were brought up about the administration of the contract. There was some confusion about a 2.25% rate. Mr. Brosius said that shouldn't confuse anyone. Grove City has a 2% income tax rate. When you look at Section 7 it talks about the administration of the income tax and it talks about the tax agreement. The JEDD enters into a tax agreement with the City of Grove City to administer the tax and obviously they get paid for that. Grove City uses RITA, Regional Income Tax Authority. All this says is that the amount charged by Grove City won't exceed what they are being charged by RITA which currently is 2.25%. Solicitor Hess thanked Mr. Brosius for the explanation.

Mayor Hammond asked Council if anyone had any questions for Mr. Brosius at this time. Mr. Cruz asked about ORC Section 715.77 (A) (1). Mr. Brosius said what that section says is basically, if you meet this criteria, you do not have to submit your resolution to a vote. There are three criteria: 1) Township resolution was approved by a unanimous vote; 2) the creation of the JEDD district is composed at the request of the majority of owners of land within the district; 3) the territory included in the JEDD is zoned in a manner appropriate to the function of the district. Mr. Cruz asked what the function of the proposed JEDD district. Mr. Brosius said the function is to serve as an economic development zone. If you look at the economic development plan, all of those things are obviously going to take dollars to do. We are going to have infrastructure, road improvements. Mr. Cruz said within the JEDD district. Mr. Cruz again asked Mr. Brosius to define the "function" of the district. Mr. Brosius said the "function" is what it currently is. Functioning as a prison, home of the water tower and a township piece of property. Mr. Cruz clarified, that is the "function" of the JEDD district. Mr. Brosius said yes. Mr. Brosius said if he was going to have a different function that would propose changes then I think the zoning may have to change. Mr. Cruz said he was just trying to understand the "function" of the JEDD district was.

Solicitor Hess asked if there were any more questions for Mr. Brosius. Mr. Brosius continued, "I am not going to sit up here and argue with you that this is a typical JEDD. I think this is creative. It's been said that this wasn't intended. That's been said. I mean come on. If I could go back and have Thomas Jefferson standing in front of me, and I could burn a flag in front of him, he would fall off and have a heart attack. But I would tell him, this right is protected under the constitution, as a matter of free speech. He would tell me, I guarantee it, 'I wrote that and that was never intended.' Things evolve, things change and that's the beauty sometimes of flaws of constitutions and statutes. I'll leave you with that." Solicitor Hess asked Mr. Brosius how many JEDD's he had been involved with. Mr. Brosius replied that he had been involved with several. He said the thing now a days is JEDD-Z. He said the most recent JEDD he had done was in Prairie Township. Mayor Hammond asked if there had been any legal action taken on any

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of the JEDD's throughout the State of Ohio that Mr. Brosius was aware of. Mr. Brosius said he was sure there had been. He said the one went to the Supreme Court. Mr. Cruz asked Mr. Brosius if he had been involved in any other JEDD's where the sole purpose of the JEDD was revenue generation and served as no other economic development district. Mr. Brosius said yes, Prairie Township. He said this JEDD contains property on West Broad Street in Columbus. It was created for development, however there is already development in this area. Water and sewer services are already there. He said it wasn't a huge JEDD. It was not a unanimous JEDD. That JEDD is going to generate \$ 150,000 a year that is going to be used to enhance their police services in that area. Mr. Brosius said not limited to that area, however this area will benefit.

Ms. Gooden-Kinney asked about the legal fees that were documented in the agreement past the 1 year agreement. Mr. Brosius said if legal fees would come up after the 1 year period, we are all into it. Ms. Gooden-Kinney asked why just one year coverage then. Mayor Hammond asked what the Village's liability would be. Would it be equal to the received proceeds the Village will be getting? (1%) Mr. Brosius said no, that is not what the contract says. He explained that the expenses would come off the top before anyone received their distribution. Mr. Cruz said if the Courts would issue a "stay" then there would be no revenue being generated and the Village would still be on the hook for the money. There are no limits of liability. Solicitor Hess said the Mr. Struckman had informed him that he checked into their insurance policy at the Township, and it will cover these costs for them. Solicitor Hess will be checking with the Village's insurance carrier to see if the Village would be covered as well. Mr. Thompson just wanted to clarify, if after one year of signing the agreement there is legal fees and no money has been collected through the JEDD, the Village would be on the hook for the money. Mr. Brosius said he was correct.

Solicitor Hess thanked Mr. Brosius again and called on Chief Welch. Chief Welch stood up and spoke to Council, and I quote, "Madame Council President, Mr. Mayor, and Council Members, thank you for affording me the opportunity tonight to address you regarding the benefits of the proposed joint economic development district. I stand here before you tonight as the Chief of your fire department to present that facts regarding the current status of the department, but also to lend a voice to all those that directly or indirectly benefit from the services provided by the fire department. On behalf of the thousands of people that we serve, I am respectfully requesting that you approve the Village of Commercial Point's participation in the proposed joint economic development district.

On average, the fire department responds to two or three emergency calls per day. Each of those calls comes from someone in our community that needs help. The emergency may seem small or inconsequential to the casual observer, but to the person that called 911, it is a situation that they cannot take care of and for which they reach out to us for help. Sometimes it is a minor as a faulty smoke detector alarming or someone with flu-like symptoms. Sometimes, though, it's a massive heart attack that can mean certain death if not treated promptly and properly. Sometimes it is a structure fire where your neighbor experiences the loss of their home and their possessions. Sometimes it is an auto accident where a person is injured or trapped and has to be extricated from a mangled vehicle. Regardless of how you or I perceive these incidents, to every one of the people that calls 911, you, your neighbor, your friend, your coworker, or the person traveling through our community. It is an instance where someone called the fire department because they need help in a situation where they have no one else to turn to.

There are many other times, though, that the fire department serves and protects our community that you may not think of or may not see, because the trucks are not running lights and sirens to an emergency. Every year we conduct fire inspections of the commercial buildings in the township, including assisting the State Fire Marshal's Office with inspecting all of the buildings at the prison complex. We can never how many emergencies were avoided because the fire department ensured that when you walked into the pizza shop or stopped to get gas, that the building was in compliance with the fire code and was as safe as possible. Every year we inspect our schools and day care centers to ensure that the buildings your children are attending school in are as safe as possible. Fire inspections are not glamorous and don't draw the attention of the public, but are absolutely essential and effective in preventing emergencies from occurring in the first place.

Many of you may not be aware, unless you have children in the elementary school or one of the day care programs, but public education also plays a significant role in what we do to protect and serve our community. During Fire Prevention Week in October, many of the elementary classes will take a field trip to the fire station to meet the firefighters, see the trucks, go through the smoke trailer and learn a little bit about fire safety. Some of the day care programs also take advantage of these opportunities to teach our children about fire safety. We also pervade certified CPR and first aid training to our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and 4H groups. In fact, the quality of training provided by our firefighter/paramedics is so well respected in Pickaway County that we have been recommended to and requested by businesses and county agencies outside of our community to train their employees in first aid and CPR. I am also

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particularly proud of the work that we have done with our Intervention Class at Teays Valley West Middle School. You may not be aware that West Middle School has an Intervention classroom that provides instruction for all of the autistic children in the district that are of middle school age. When the middle school opened, the fire department adopted the Intervention class. We go into the classroom once a month to meet with the kids and work with them to understand basic principles of fire safety and to become acclimated to firefighters so they are less afraid should they ever be in a situation where they encounter a firefighter. We have had a phenomenal impact on these kids. While I hope they never have to see us on an actual emergency, at least we've done a little bit to help them better understand and not be as scared when that time comes.

Last, but not least, the fire department is the one place in this or any other community where someone who needs help, someone who doesn't know where to turn to, or someone who is scared, can call or come to and know that we will be there to help them. A day or week does not go by where someone doesn't call or stop by asking for directions, or who to contact about a concern or issue, or about what's going on in the community. Or an elderly person calls for help with their smoke detector or to have their blood pressure checked or stops because they have questions about their medication. Or sometimes a child or adult comes to the fire station because they are scared or in trouble and don't know where else to turn for help. We are here for them.

My point in citing these examples of the services that we provide is to show how integral this department is to the safety, health and welfare of our community.

The accusation has been made that using JEDD dollars to assist the fire department is not "economic development" or that the fire department's budget does not have any additional funds. These accusations could not be further from the truth.

The statement has also been made that the fire department does not need all of the money potentially generated by the JEDD. Certainly not all of these JEDD dollars will be allocated to the fire department. The allocation of the township's share of those funds will be determined by the Board of Trustees, just the same as Village Council will allocate their share of their funds. But, to maintain our current staffing levels of 6 firefighter/paramedics per day will cost almost \$ 400,000 per year. That does not account for replacing vehicles – for example an ambulance costs almost \$ 250,000, or turn-out gear, we are in need of 25 sets at \$ 3,000 a set, or any other expenses that have been put on hold for the past 3 years. In no way will these JEDD dollars inflate the coffers of the fire department.

The only reason the fire department is currently able to staff 6 firefighter/paramedics per day is because we were awarded a federal grant in 2012. This approximately \$ 860,000 grant funds the wages and benefits for 3 firefighter/paramedics per day for the period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2014. The grant does not pay for equipment, trucks, diesel fuel or EMS supplies. When that grant is over, the 3 firefighter/paramedics per day are gone. There are no other funds to continue their employment.

But the runs will not stop coming, the fire inspections will still need to be done, and the community will continue to rely on us for all of the things that I have mentioned. Losing half of our daily staffing has a dramatic and significant impact on the safety of our community and our ability to respond. From the period of January 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012, we were staffed with only 3 firefighter/paramedics per day. During that time we were unable to respond to over 65 emergency calls because our crew was committed to another call at the same time. That's almost 10% of our runs that had to be handed over to another department to handle. That may not seem like a lot to you, but delay in getting care to those people that called 911 and were "second in line", is pretty significant when its your child having a seizure, you are doing CPR on your spouse in cardiac arrest, or you are trapped inside a car in a ditch on the side of the road. These are just a few examples of the actual emergency runs that we were not available to respond to in that ten month period. The impact is real. The impact is on you, your neighbor, your friends, and the entire community.

The Department of Corrections and Mr. Young would have you believe that financially supporting the fire department is not economic development. They're right in one respect – we don't manufacture widgets or sell something that you can buy at a store. But they are absolutely wrong when you consider the financial impact that this fire department has on the Village of Commercial Point and the Scioto Township. On the surface, the fire department is the second largest employer in the Village of Commercial Point and the third largest employer in Scioto Township. At one point the fire department was the largest employer in the Village, at least until the middle school was built. Our wages are subject to the Village's income tax and will be subject to the JEDD tax if and when a station is built at the Southern Point site.

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The services we provide and encourage economic development. From the homeowner's perspective, the staffing and equipment we are able to bring to bear on a fire, rescue, or emergency medical call keep your insurance rates low and greatly improve the safety and quality of life in our community. While some may not think this is important, at least monthly I receive a phone call from a resident and or insurance agent with questions about fire protection and response capabilities because it has a real dollars and cents impact on our residents. If you've never been in the situation where you've had to call 911, you may not think our services are important, but I have dozens of thank you notes and letter of commendation from your friends and neighbors that have had to call 911 and are thankful and appreciative of the timely, effective and professional services we were able to provide in their time of need.

Significant, meaningful commercial development cannot occur in Commercial Point or Scioto Township without the fire and life safety protection that we provide. Commercial insurance rates are certainly a consideration to any business looking to develop in Commercial Point or Scioto Township because it impacts the safety and welfare of their employees and the financial welfare of their company. Keep in mind, also, that if and when a fire or emergency does occur in a business operation, the more quickly and effectively that the emergency can be mitigated reduces damage to their operations, allows the operation to return to full capacity more quickly, and reduces the overall financial impact to the business. Just last week I received a phone call from a development agency inquiring as to our response capabilities. Why? Because economic development is dependent on efficient and effective emergency services and it matter to a business that wants to invest in our community.

Please keep in mind that the Orient Prison Complex is not an island. They do not exist separate and independent from the rest of our community. On any given day there are almost 5,000 people at that complex. Your fire department is still responsible for protecting every one of the lives there and every structure on those 1,300 acres. They may tell you that a private ambulance company is responsible for treatment and transport of the inmates, but the Scioto Township Fire Department has still had to respond to calls for inmates because that private company could not handle the call. They may tell you that the private company does it cheaper or better, but when that private company took over in July of 2011, the prison staff demanded from the prison administration that the Scioto Township Fire Department be called any time one of them had to be treated and transported to the hospital. Why? Because they know first-hand who are the professionals an in whose hands they are willing to place their lives. We are still responsible for the fires, the rescue calls, the EMS calls, the requests for training or assistance in policy development, the fire investigations and the fire inspections. The prison complex relies on the services of the Scioto Township Fire Department just as much, if not more so, that you or your neighbor. We are essential to them and their "commercial" livelihood.

The fire department is essential to the health, welfare, and safety of our community, including the prison complex. We are part of everyone's life. While you, personally, may have never have the need to call 911, there are hundreds of people every year that do need us. But as I mentioned, we are here for you in so many other ways, from educating our children, keeping the buildings up to code to ensure your safety, to just providing a place to turn to when someone needs help. We are integral to the financial viability of this community as well.

On behalf of all those that we serve, I respectfully request your support of the fire department and this joint economic development district. Thank you for your time and consideration."

At this time, Solicitor Hess asked Council if they had any questions for Chief Welch. Mr. Shelton asked Chief for clarification on the individuals that make up the 6 people per shift positions. Are they both firefighters and paramedics? Chief Welch said everyone is crossed trained. All the full time personnel are trained in the highest level in terms of fire certification. Actually all of his staff, full and part time guys are fully trained at the firefighter II level. Chief Welch said about 80% of his staff, both full and part time are paramedics and the other 20% are EMTs. Mr. Shelton clarified that there were 6 people per shift, 24 hours a day. Chief Welch said that was correct. He said that cross training includes fire, EMS and hazmat. All of his staff are hazmat trained as well.

Mr. Cruz asked Chief Welch what his current operating budget was. Chief Welch reported his 2013 revenue budget which included the federal grant was in the amount of \$ 1,241,500.00. Mr. Cruz asked, out of that figure, how much the federal grant was. Chief Welch said \$ 338,000.00 was budgeted out of the grant monies. Mr. Cruz asked how much of the budget was from tax revenues vs. soft billing. Chief Welch said they were budgeted for \$ 144,000.00 for billing and property taxes which includes the rollback was \$ 759,000.00. Mr. Cruz asked what the actual performance budget was for billing. Chief Welch said it varies from month to month, but as of June 30, 2013 it was \$ 93,000.00 and some change. Mr. Cruz asked what the labor expenses were for the staff. Chief Welch said that salaries alone were \$ 745,288.00. Social Security was \$ 9,800.00. Medicare was \$ 10,800.00. Per the Ohio Revised Code, the Township is required to pay 24% to the pension plan for these employees. This amount totaled \$ 141,000.00. Insurance was

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\$ 119,000.00. These are 2013 budget figures. Chief Welch said the actual figures would have to come from the Township's Fiscal Officer because his numbers are two months out of date.

Ms. Evans asked Chief Welch if they would be able to reapply for the grant or have access to any additional grants. Chief Welch said they could certainly reapply, however it would not happen until August of 2014. Chief Welch said he applied in July 2012 for a grant to purchase physicals and exercise equipment for the department. He said he just received a letter this month telling them they were awarded the grant. He went on to say that his experience in the fire prevention services, the department's chance of receiving the larger grant for staffing purposes, is slim to none. Ms. Evans asked what the grant was actually paying for now. Chief Welch said 1 full time and 2 part time employees per day. Mr. Shelton asked what the department's total head count was. 1 Chief, 12 full time employees and 17 part time employees. Mr. Cruz asked Chief Welch if his salary was included in the \$ 745,000 figure that was stated before. Chief Welch said yes.

Mr. Shelton said there was discussion from one of the gentlemen at a previous meeting that tried to relate the dollars per square mile to that of Mt. Sterling's department. Chief Welch said he had not seen the numbers. He said the rumor mill likes to compare them to a lot of other departments that not necessarily have similarities. If you look at Mt. Sterling, they have two separate organizations under one Chief. You have Mt. Sterling ambulance organization that provides the EMS protection vs. Tri-County joint fire district. They are two separate entities that provide two separate services. Their geographical area that they cover does not overlap. Chief Welch said he didn't know what their budget was. He said he doesn't feel a cost per square mile is an accurate calculation. When you look at a square mile in Columbus compared to a square mile at Five Points, they aren't the same. You are not comparing apples to apples.

Mr. Wissinger asked Chief Welch what the funds from the JEDD are going to be used for. Chief Welch said it was ultimately the Board of Trustees decision, however he would like to keep the three positions that are now being funded by the grant. Mr. Wissinger said that was about \$ 450,000.00 per year. Chief Welch said that was correct. Chief Welch would also like to see some capital improvements such as, new ambulance, turn-out gear at \$ 3,000 per unit, lap tops, more training, repair the engine and annual maintenance.

Ms. Evans clarified during the ten months that the department was down to 1 full time and 2 part time employees, approximately 10% of the calls were missed. Chief Welch said that was correct. Ms. Evans asked if Chief Welch felt the trend would remain the same if the staff had to go back to 1 full time and 2 part time employees per shift. He said he didn't have any reason to feel any different. Mr. Cruz asked Chief Welch how many calls were being missed now even at full staff. Chief Welch said the only time they have missed a call since they have been at the 6 member shifts is when they were on a structure fire call. He said they have had at least two structure fires this year.

Ms. Gooden-Kinney asked Chief Welch if his intentions were to increase the staff at the fire department should the JEDD pass. Chief Welch said no, not at this point. He said his concern was maintaining what he has now and update the equipment and send the staff out for overdue training. Mr. Cruz said that a possible expansion to Southern Point was mentioned. He asked if that would be an expansion or a transfer of the staff to the new location, as in 3 on staff in Commercial Point and 3 on staff at Southern Point. Chief Welch said he didn't know at this point in time. He said he has a lot of ideas of what he would like to see happen. He said if he had the funding, he could justify three fire stations, 1 in Commercial Point, 1 in Orient and 1 in Southern Point.

Ms. Evans asked Chief to remind her of the private company and the services they offer at the prison complex. Chief Welch said the name of the company is First Advanced and they are out of Gahanna. When they first took over the contract in July 1, 2011, the prison staff went to the prison administration and specifically requested that any time a staff member or visitor needs EMS, to call 911 for Scioto Township. Chief Welch said he remembers seeing a sheet next to the phones at the prison that says to call 911 for a staff member.

Mayor Hammond asked Chief Welch if the grant had not been received, how the Village would have been protected. Chief Welch said there would have been 3 firefighter/paramedics per day. One ambulance or one fire truck regardless of the call. Mayor Hammond then asked if there was any financial advantage for the State to contract with the Township. Chief Welch said as far as he understands it, since the agreement was before his time, in 1995/1996 the prison had their own paramedics on site and they were being sued because of the care that was being provided, or not being provided, to the complex. At this time, the prison also had their own fire department. As Chief Welch recalls, the price became so astronomical for the State to provide those services internally, they decided to contract with the Scioto Township Fire Department.

At this time, Solicitor Hess asked if there were any more questions for Chief Welch. There were not so Solicitor Hess called on Mr. Struckman. Mr. Struckman stood and addressed Council, and I quote, "This will be short and sweet. We are one here in Scioto Township. The Township would like to be partners with you in this. We would like to see you folks help us by voting yes on this JEDD so that we can help, and the people back here (pointing to fire and EMS personnel) can help your residents remain safe. That is all I have to say. Thank you folks."

At this time, Solicitor Hess said we could move on to the legislation portion of the meeting.

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**Resolution 12-2013** – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTO, THE CITY OF GROVE CITY AND THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT. Mayor Hammond read the title only for a second reading.

**Resolution 13-2013** – A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE SCIOTO TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PETITION FOR THE APPROVAL AND CREATION OF SAID. Mayor Hammond read the title only for a second reading.

**Resolution 14-2013** – A RESOLUTION TO REALIGN MONIES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES – STREETS ACCOUNT 1000-620-399 AND TRANSFER IT TO THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES – SIDEWALKS ACCOUNT 1000-670-396. Mr. Cruz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shelton to suspend the three readings. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Mr. Cruz – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes. The motion passed. Mr. Cruz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shelton to adopt Resolution 14-2013. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Mr. Cruz – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes. The motion passed.

**Resolution 15-2013** – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DL SMITH CONCRETE & DESIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 34,621.50 FOR THE ADDITION TO THE 2013 SIDEWALK PROJECT AND DECLARING IN EMERGENCY. Mr. Cruz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson to suspend the three readings. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Mr. Cruz – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes. The motion passed. Mr. Shelton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wissinger to adopt Resolution 15-2013. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Mr. Cruz – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes. The motion passed.

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

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Joe Hammond, Mayor

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Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer