

**VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 6, 2014**

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, Mr. Wissinger, Mr. Sadler, Mr. Geiger, Mr. Laxton and Ms. Evans. Engineer Grosse, Solicitor Hess and Chief Jordan were also in attendance.

Mr. Shelton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evans to approve the December 2, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wissinger, Mr. Shelton and Ms. Evans were in favor. Mr. Geiger, Mr. Laxton and Mr. Sadler abstained due to being new on Council. The motion passed.

Ms. Evans made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gooden-Kinney to approve the November 18, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes. All members were in favor with the exception of Mr. Shelton who abstained. The motion passed.

**Administrative Reports:**

A. Mayor's Report – Mayor Hammond welcomed the new Council members and thanked them all for running for Council and getting elected. Mayor Hammond informed everyone in attendance of the monthly meeting that is held the first Monday of every month. The meeting attendees are John Thompson, Plant Superintendent, Debby Shelton, Village Administrator, John Grosse, Village Engineer and Mayor Hammond. These meetings are open to all.

B. Village Engineer's Report –

C. Village Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Hess informed Council he heard from the Attorney General's Office that Quasar requested a withdrawal of their permit, for the sludge lagoon. He thanked Ms. Hastings and Ms. Shelton for getting the word out. Ms. Evans thanked Solicitor Hess for his due diligence for keeping Council and the rest of the public informed. Mayor Hammond thanked Solicitor Hess as well as Berger Hospital and Westport Homes for their continued support. Solicitor Hess said the entire community was very involved and supportive as well as this Council and the previous Council, throughout this whole process. Mayor Hammond thanked Mr. Struckman for his patience and support in this matter.

D. Police Department Report – On file at the Municipal Office.

E. Village Administrator's Report – Village Administrator Shelton informed Council that she had created a new website for the Village. She informed everyone that their email address would be changing and was in hopes this would be by the end of the week. She said the previous website program was hard to update. She is using Web Expression to host our site for a cost of approximately \$ 150.00 per year.

F. Fiscal Officer's Report – Fiscal Officer Hastings gave the following report. Fund Balances as of December 31, 2013 are as follows: General Fund \$ 772,635.27; Street Construction \$ 158,440.36; State Highway - \$ 12,698.43; Parks and Rec - \$ 2,873.57; Permissive Motor Vehicle - \$ 7,482.93; Housing Developments - \$ 10,176.07; Water Operating - \$ 1,583,787.74; Sewer Operating – \$ 1,383,483.48; Garbage Operating - \$ 15,859.95.

**Legislative Reports**

**A. Legislative Authority Reports**

1. Randy Shelton – Nothing to report
2. Nicole Evans – Nothing to report
3. Clarence Wissinger – Nothing to report
4. David Sadler – Nothing to report
5. Mark Geiger – Nothing to report
6. Brad Laxton – Nothing to report

At this time, Mayor Hammond asked if there were any citizens who wanted to address Council. Mr. Scott O'Neil said he had a few items to address. Mr. O'Neil said he had visited the website and noticed there was music noted at the bottom of the screen. He feels the songs are not appropriate. He said he wouldn't let his children listen to them. He said he didn't feel a government website was a place for this type of music. Village Administrator Shelton said she hadn't noticed any music at the bottom of the screen and it could possibly be from Mr. O'Neil's settings on his computer. Mr. Wissinger said when he tried to open it using Google Chrome, the website was compacted and hard to use. He asked Mr. O'Neil if he was using the same program. Mr. O'Neil said it worked fine for him using Google Chrome, however it was very compacted when he tried to use his phone. Mr. Shelton said he had a few issue using

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his ipad, however once he turned it sideways, the website was fine. Mr. O'Neil questioned the picture choices that were used on the website. He liked the page listing all of the local businesses, however didn't feel the Citizens Bank and Subway belonged on the front page. He feels if these two businesses are paying for this prime spot, that would be fine, however he would like to know how he could apply to be listed on the front page as well. Village Administrator Shelton said there was no hidden agendas and that she just used pictures that were taken from around town.

Next Mr. O'Neil asked about the stripping down the center of W. Scioto St. Engineer Grosse said he was unable to locate any documents that showed this section of street being stripped before the paving was completed a few years ago. Mr. O'Neil provided a picture that he retrieved from Google Maps that showed stripping down the center of the street from before the paving was completed. Mr. O'Neil said this could be from 10 years ago, however it does show that the road was stripped.

Finally, Mr. O'Neil said he saw in the police report that our tornado siren wasn't working properly. Mayor Hammond was unaware that it wasn't working. Chief Jordan said the last time the siren was tested, the noise was heard however, the siren did not spin. It was stuck in one spot. Mayor Hammond said this is something that needs to be checked into. This was repaired within the last year and should be under warranty. Mr. O'Neil feels that since this siren has been so much trouble, maybe the Village should invest in an additional siren to be placed by Chestnut Estates and another one by Foxfire for backup reasons.

At this time, Mayor Hammond asked for a nomination to elect a President of Council. Mr. Wissinger made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evans, to elect Mr. Randy Shelton as President of Council. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Geiger – Yes, Mr. Laxton – Yes, Mr. Sadler – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Mr. Shelton – accepted and the motion passed.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Shelton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geiger to accept the proposed Meeting Date Schedule. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

Resolution 01-2014 – A resolution to ratify the realignment of monies within the General Fund from the Other Personal Services Fund 1000-110-190-1012 and transfer it to the Salary (Police Sergeant) Fund 1000-110-190-1002. Mr. Shelton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wissinger to adopt Resolution 01-2014. Mr. Wissinger asked why this transfer was needed. Fiscal Officer Hastings explained that Sgt. Murphy had worked a few more hours than budgeted for due to attending a training class as well as he was paid Holiday pay of \$ 50 per day when he worked a Holiday per the Employee Guidelines. A small amount was needed for the final payroll of 2013. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Mr. Sadler – Yes, Mr. Geiger – Yes, Mr. Laxton – Yes. The motion passed.

Resolution 02-2014 – A resolution to ratify the realignment of monies within the Water Fund from the Other Capital Outlay Fund 5101-539-590 and transfer it to the Salary (Utility Superintendent) Fund 5101-539-190-1009. Ms. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wissinger to adopt Resolution 02-2014. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Mr. Sadler – Yes, Mr. Geiger – Yes, Mr. Laxton – Yes. The motion passed.

Resolution 03-2014 – A resolution to ratify the realignment of monies within the Sewer Fund from the Other Capital Outlay Fund 5201-549-590 and transfer it to the Salary (Utility Superintendent) Fund 5201-549-190-1009. Mr. Laxton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 03-2014. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Mr. Sadler – Yes, Mr. Geiger – Yes, Mr. Laxton – Yes. The motion passed.

At this time, Mr. Struckman informed Council that the meeting dates for the Scioto Township Trustees have changed their meeting days to the first and third Thursday of the month. Meetings being held between December – March are at 7:00 p.m. and meetings held between April – November start at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Hammond encouraged all of Council to attend these meetings if possible.

Solicitor Hess gave a brief explanation for the new Council Members on resolutions and ordinances and the waiving of the three readings. He said when we are moving monies, the three readings do not need to be waived. The action takes place immediately.

At this time, Engineer Grosse said he would like to get with the Street Committee and discuss what projects they would like to see completed this year. Solicitor Hess suggested that the alleys in the Village should be a part of the Street Committee. Mr. Shelton asked about a Safety Committee to discuss additional sidewalks for the Village. Mayor Hammond feels the sidewalks, roads and street markings all should fall under the same umbrella. He said the Council Rules state you have to have 3 members of Council on a committee. He feels all of the individual committees and meetings that have to be held by the committees, takes up a lot of your personal time. He feels in previous years, it

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was very difficult to get enough people together to hold a committee meeting. He thinks the COW meetings are a great place to talk and figure things out together. Mr. Wissinger feels that sidewalks should be completely separate from the Street committee. Mayor Hammond said whatever the pleasure of the Council is, that is fine with him. Mayor Hammond feels a Finance Committee is a great idea and would be helpful in working out the budget.

After some discussion as to what committees Council was interested in having, Mr. Shelton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geiger to adopt a Finance Committee consisting of Mr. Wissinger, Mr. Sadler and Ms. Evans. All members of Council were in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Shelton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laxton to adopt a Street Committee consisting of Mr. Wissinger, Mr. Laxton and Mr. Geiger. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

Ms. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shelton to adopt a Zoning Committee consisting of Mr. Shelton, Mr. Geiger and Mr. Laxton. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

Mayor Hammond reminded Council that a committee can be created at any Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Shelton asked if any action needed to be done regarding the Go-Kart races. Mayor Hammond said no, there is a 3 year contract in place. They will need to submit their event plan to Council. As long as it meets the original items that were agreed on, nothing needs to be done. If it doesn't meet the requirements, then Council has the right to void the contract.

At this time, Mayor Hammond spoke about something he saw at the Grove City Council Meeting that he would like to maybe put into our agenda. At the end of the Grove City meeting, before the adjournment, each Council Member was given the chance to give final thoughts, announcements, thank you(s) etc. Mr. Laxton thought it was a nice idea. Mr. Wissinger feels that is what should be happening when we go through the Legislative Reports, earlier in the meeting. Solicitor Hess said typically this happens during the meeting during the Legislative Reports. He said Grove City chooses to do it at the end of their meeting. We will leave it where it is on our agenda.

Mr. Shelton asked about the next step for the tornado siren and the possibility of budgeting for additional sirens for the Village. Chief Jordan reinforced that you should not really hear the siren if you are inside your home. They are more to inform the people that are outside to seek shelter. He continued and said there are other alternatives to a siren. The reverse calling is an option. Village Administrator Shelton and Fiscal Officer Hastings said they are getting prices on that product for other reasons now. Mr. Sadler asked if we could run a test ourselves. Chief Jordan said it can be done, however we would have to purchase additional equipment. More information to come.

Mr. Mike Struckman informed Council that last Friday when they were plowing snow, they had children in the streets where they were plowing. If this continues, he said they will have to wait until after 9:30 p.m. or so to plow the Village streets due to safety reasons. He said this happened at 6:30 p.m. He said it was dark and the boys were dressed in black. Mayor Hammond agreed with needing to plow later due to the safety of the children. Mr. Struckman informed Council they have between 10 & 15 ton of salt left. Mayor Hammond said he placed an order with Mr. Terry Brill while Mr. Struckman was off during the month of December. Mr. Struckman was going to check with Mr. Brill.

Another item Mr. Struckman suggested is when the Zoning Committee looks at the ordinance, maybe add the requirement of placing a fence around the subdivisions for the safety of the children in the neighborhoods. Mr. Struckman reminded Council that they did adopt a comprehensive plan that can go along with the zoning ordinance.

At this time, Mr. Shelton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evans to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible contractual issues for the Village. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Mr. Sadler – Yes, Mr. Geiger – Yes, Mr. Laxton – Yes. The motion passed.

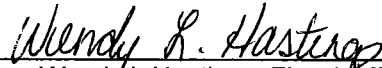
At 8:44 p.m. Mr. Shelton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geiger to return to the Council table. A roll call vote was taken: A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Ms. Evans – Yes, Mr. Wissinger – Yes, Mr. Sadler – Yes, Mr. Geiger – Yes, Mr. Laxton – Yes. The motion passed.

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



Joe Hammond, Mayor



Wendy L Hastings, Fiscal Officer