



**VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 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. Kuzelka, Ms. Gooden-Kinney, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Wissinger and Mr. Thompson. Solicitor Crites and Engineer Grosse were also in attendance. Mr. Cruz was absent.

Mr. Kuzelka made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wissinger to suspend the procedural rules for this meeting. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

Solicitor Crites informed Council that a meeting was held at his office with Mr. Grosse, Mayor Hammond, Trustee Struckman, Solicitor Brosius for the Township and Council President Kuzelka last week. Since Mr. Grosse had missed our last COW meeting, he requested this additional meeting. Solicitor Crites explained why a "Special" meeting was needed. He was asking Council if they agreed for him to continue to move forward with the JEDD project.

Many questions were asked. Mr. Kuzelka asked if the changes that had been discussed in previous meetings were included in the new proposal. Solicitor Crites explained that he had not moved forward with the contract due to costs. Mr. Shelton asked what meeting Mr. Kuzelka was referring to. Again, Solicitor Crites explained about the meeting that was held in his office last week. Solicitor Crites said Mr. Wissinger was the only one to ask questions via email as he had requested.

Mr. Kuzelka said an important fact for Council to consider was the proposal was for 50 years and was to improve our Fire Department for the residents of Commercial Point. There was no cost involved for the residents, only the benefit of having a full-time fire department. Mr. Kuzelka said looking into the future, if we don't join with the Township on this venture, it could possibly hurt us in the long run. Mr. Thompson asked for clarification on how if we don't agree to this proposal, there won't be any opportunities to work together in the future. Solicitor Crites said the main topic from both parties is "Cooperation".

Mr. Shelton asked what Village property was going to be used. Engineer Grosse said we would be using .522 acres in Southern Point where our water tower now sits. Mr. Shelton asked about the location of the old water plant on Walker Road. Engineer Grosse said that property did not fit the guidelines.

Mr. Thompson asked if the Village would still be receiving the 1% as previously proposed. Solicitor Crites said Yes. Mr. Thompson said he is all for the safety of our residents, however he would like to see more money coming to the Village to help improve our safety which would be the Police Department.

Ms. Gooden-Kinney asked about the legal fee issue. Solicitor Crites said that it would be addressed in the final copy of the contract. Ms. Gooden-Kinney was concerned about having to ask the "Board" for permission to do improvements to the property included in the JEDD. Solicitor Crites said that no such "permission" would be needed.

Mr. Kuzelka wanted to make sure everyone emails their concerns for future developments in the contract.

Mr. Shelton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gooden-Kinney to authorize Michael Crites, Law Director, to move forward with the JEDD agreement. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Shelton – Yes, Ms. Gooden-Kinney – Yes; Mr. Wissinger – Yes; Mr. Kuzelka – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes. The motion passed

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

Joe Hammond, Mayor

Wendy L. Hastings, Fiscal Officer