

**VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 22, 2014**

Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming tonight. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mr. Wissinger, Mr. Sadler, Mr. Laxton, Mr. Geiger and Ms. Evans. Solicitor Hess and Chief Jordan were also in attendance. Fiscal Officer Hastings, Mr. Shelton and Engineer Grosse were absent.

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

Mayor Hammond said Chief Jordan had requested a meeting with Council. Chief Jordan asked Council to refer to a document that he had given them before the meeting. (Attached to the minutes) Chief Jordan reviewed the status of our current vehicles. He asked Council to consider the purchase of a new vehicle for the Police Department. Chief Jordan provided a quote for a new Explorer and a new Tarus. He said the SUV would cost \$ 32,877.00 and the Sedan would be \$ 29,550. He said the SUV seems to be the better vehicle for the need of the department due to the size of the vehicle. He said these quotes are on a state bid contract. Chief Jordan said with the mileage on the vehicles we have now, this purchase is a need and not a want. He said the last new vehicle that was purchased before the Explorer was back in 1996 they purchased a Crown Vic. This vehicle had the engine blow after 10 years and 88,000 miles. Ms. Evans asked what the cost would be to fix the Dodge Durango. Chief Jordan said he hadn't taken it in for a quote however when he took it for its last oil change, the tech told him the mounts where the exhaust manifolds went to were all rusted out. Chief Jordan said he would take it and get a quote, but he feels it has a lot wrong with it. Ms. Evans confirmed that it wasn't a vehicle that was used primarily. Chief Jordan said that was correct. He said the only reason he has not gotten rid of it is in case of an emergency situation and we would have to have it. Chief Jordan said it has roughly 130,000 miles on it. Mr. Geiger asked Chief Jordan if the 2015 Explorer was rated to be a police vehicle unlike the 2009 Explorer. Chief Jordan said it was. Mr. Sadler asked how much money has been spent to fix the Crown Vic. Chief Jordan said less than \$ 1,000. Ms. Evans asked Chief Jordan why he has waited so long to ask Council for a new vehicle. Chief Jordan said he started looking in June/July when the Durango went in for an oil change. He said with the discussions of disbanding the department, he didn't feel Council would want to hear about purchasing a new vehicle for the department. Once the decision was made to keep the department, he contacted the State to find out what kind of pricing he could get on a vehicle. He said he found out there was a deadline of October 2014 to purchase a Ford vehicle and that is why he wanted to get the information to Council. Mr. Sadler asked if the quote was for a fully equipped vehicle. Chief Jordan said we would be moving some equipment from our older vehicle into this new one and didn't need to purchase new equipment. Mr. Laxton asked Chief Jordan if he had contacted other agencies to see if they were getting rid of any of their vehicles. Chief Jordan said he had with no luck. Ms. Evans asked how often we have more than one officer in a cruiser. Chief Jordan said not very often. He said he would like to bring on more reserve officers and fill the other 30 hour position in which case you might have a few more instances where two officers are out at the same time. Ms. Evans said it was safe to say not very often and we have two good cars now. Chief Jordan said he would rather say 1 ½ good cars since the Crown Vic has a lot of miles on it. Ms. Evans confirmed the Explorer has 33,000 miles and the Crown Vic has 116,000 miles. Chief Jordan said that was correct. Mr. Sadler confirmed that Council had not budgeted for a new cruiser this year. Ms. Evans said nothing was budgeted this year since we had just bought a vehicle last year. Mr. Wissinger asked Chief Jordan if he had thought about buying a diesel vehicle. Chief Jordan said he would have to get prices on a truck because there is not a car that runs off of diesel for this line of work.

Ms. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sadler 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