

**VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 19, 2015**

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

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

Mayor Hammond said now is the time to set the committees for 2015. He said the Council rules require three members of Council to be on each committee. Mr. Shelton said there were recommendations for four committees and suggested that every Council member chooses two committees to be a part of. Mayor Hammond suggested combining a few of the different committees to a total of only three committees. He suggested combining the Zoning and Safety committees. Mr. Sadler said these two issues were not similar and suggested maybe combining the Finance and Roads committees. Mr. Geiger said he didn't have a problem with the four different committees. Mr. Shelton agreed. Each Council member said which two committees they would like to be on. The results are as follows:

- Finance Committee – Ms. Evans, Mr. Wissinger, Mr. Laxton.
- Safety Committee – Mr. Shelton, Mr. Sadler, Mr. Geiger
- Road/Sidewalk/Park Committee – Ms. Evans, Mr. Geiger, Mr. Wissinger
- Zoning Committee – Mr. Shelton, Mr. Sadler, Mr. Laxton

After these committees were set, Engineer Grosse suggested establishing a Utility Committee. He said this is the single biggest issue the Village has financially and in need. Mayor Hammond said at the present time, the utility issues are being taken care of by himself, Engineer Grosse, Village Administrator Shelton and Utility Superintendent Thompson. He said the Council members can weigh in anytime they choose. Engineer Grosse feels 2015 is going to have some major, multi-million dollar projects this year and would like to see at least a few Council members involved so they can get all the details. Solicitor Hess suggested, instead of having a Roads/Sidewalk/Park committee to include utilities, having a Strategic Planning Committee which would cover all of these topics. He said most discussion on the sidewalks and streets takes place in the beginning of the year while the utility and parks discussion can last throughout the year. Mayor Hammond said we have a very large utility budget but our main focus has been on the general budget. He said he agrees with Engineer Grosse that Council should be part of the decision making when it comes to the utilities since there is going to be large amounts of money being spent. He said up until this point, the administration has been making decisions for the utilities. He said we are now past this point and Council needs to be involved. Engineer Grosse suggested the committee to be called the Public Service Committee. Mayor Hammond asked Solicitor Hess if that would be OK. Solicitor Hess said that was fine with him. He said it would cover all of the subheadings of roads, sidewalks, parks and utility. Mr. Shelton agrees that the roads and sidewalks will be discussed at the beginning of the year, while parks and utilities are ongoing. It was decided to change the name to Public Service Committee to include roads, sidewalks, parks and utilities. Members of this committee are Ms. Evans, Mr. Geiger and Mr. Wissinger.

Mr. Laxton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt the committees as listed above. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

**Resolution 02-2015** – A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE REALIGNMENT OF MONIES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ACCOUNT 1000-725-399 AND TRANSFER SAID MONIES TO THE OPERS FUND 1000-725-211. Mr. Geiger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sadler to adopt Resolution 02-2015. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Laxton – yes; Mr. Geiger – yes; Mr. Sadler – yes; Ms. Evans – yes; Mr. Shelton – yes. The motion passed.

**Resolution 03-2015** – A RESOLUTION TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Hammond read this resolution as title only for the first reading.

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