



**VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT
COW MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2011**

President Weaver called the meeting to order. Ms. Hastings took roll call with the following members present: Mr. Kuzelka, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Gooden-Kinney, Ms. Weaver and Mr. Benedik. Ms. Hutchins was absent. Mayor Goldhardt, Solicitor Crites, Engineer Grosse and Chief Jordan were also in attendance.

Mr. Cruz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Benedik to approve the November COW minutes. All members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Crites had nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Goldhardt had nothing to report.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Grosse had nothing to report.

Kristie Branch (Southern Point)

Ms. Branch spoke to Council about the water issues she is having at her home. She talked about a substance that was located on her heating element in her hot water tank. She informed Council she had a water softener company test her water and they said it was very hard water. At this time, Engineer Grosse informed Council and other members of the audience that one of the three softeners at the plant is not working properly. The Village is in the process of correcting the problem. He assured the residents in attendance that the water is safe to drink and within the EPA limits. Engineer Grosse also stated that hardness tests are performed daily at the plant. He will continue to update Council on this matter.

Jason Harral OPWC

Mr. Harral was asked to attend tonight's meeting by Mr. Kuzelka. Mr. Harral works with municipalities on grants/funding. He has been working with Mr. Kuzelka on the possibility of getting grants/funding for West Scioto Street. Mr. Harral said the application for 2012 is due by October 1, 2011. He would help with the preliminary work, cost estimates and filing the application. Ms. Weaver asked if this was the same type of grant we previously had worked on with Engineer Grosse. Engineer Grosse said it was the exact same thing that has been denied in the past. Mr. Harral said there are many funding options. A 30 year loan with 0% interest, matching funds, and a combination of a partial grant and loan are some of the options.

Traffic Study

Mr. Cruz asked for an update on the speed study from Chief Jordan. Chief Jordan said that he was waiting until March to do the 48 hour study. Council asked to have it completed before the March COW meeting. Chief Jordan agreed to have it completed by then.

Website Committee

Ms. Gooden – Kinney had nothing to report.

Celerity Network

A representative from Celerity Networks was to contact Solicitor Crites. He has not yet been contacted by them.

Emergency Measures

The Council and the Mayor agreed to work together this year to reduce the number of ordinances and resolutions passed as emergency measures.



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Community Men's Club Donation

Mr. Kuzelka proposed that the Village make a donation to the Community Men's Club for allowing Council to hold meetings in their facilities for over three years. No dollar amount was set at this time. Solicitor Crites will look into the legalities of this matter and report back to the Mayor and Fiscal Officer.

Professionalism List

Mr. Benedik asked that the list he prepared and distributed at the previous meeting be withdrawn at this time due to the amount of opposition expressed by some of the council members. The list was withdrawn and there was no further discussion.

Walker Point Street Light

Engineer Grosse reported that he had contacted South Central Power about placing a street light at the entrance to Walker Point Phase II. The first option is to place a light on the existing pole across the road from the entrance. This would require a transformer to be installed as well. The cost would be around \$500.00. The second option would be to place a new pole to match the existing street lights in Walker Point. This would require purchasing & setting the pole, digging a trench from within Walker Point to the new pole, burying electric and connecting everything together. This option would cost significantly more. Council felt the first option would be best because it would provide more light at the intersection and would cost less as well. Engineer Grosse is to work with Mayor Goldhardt to have the light installed on the existing pole as Council requested.

Bar Screen Filter

Mayor Goldhardt asked Council if they wished to proceed with the Bar Screen Filter project this year. Engineer Grosse explained the benefits of installing a bar screen filter at the utility plant. Council indicated that they would like to proceed with this project for 2011. Mayor Goldhardt and Engineer Grosse will move forward and keep Council advised.

Tractor Replacement

Mayor Goldhardt reported back to Council with three estimates for a new skidster to replace the existing tractor as they requested. Since all of the estimates were close in price, Council had no preference on which one to purchase. They did suggest that Superintendent Sherrick visually inspect and test drive them before making his final decision. Mayor Goldhardt will work with Superintendent Sherrick in purchasing the new equipment.

Street Committee

Mr. Kuzelka reported that their committee met and discussed numerous projects for the year. Once the permanent budget is set, they will be able to obtain bids and prioritize their list. At that time they will give Council their recommendations.

Land Use Book

Solicitor Crites introduced Kristina McNeish from his office. She updated council on the progress of the Land Use book. She is currently reformatting the Land Use book from a pdf file to a word document. She is also eliminating references to the township when possible. Once completed, we will basically have a new book written expressly for the Village for Council to review.

Old Office Location

Mayor Goldhardt reported that the rental trailer has been removed from the site. He also said that he had received a request to remove the existing steps and ramp if they could have the lumber. Solicitor Crites will look into the matter. He will create a resolution for Council to consider if needed that declares the steps and ramp surplus and of no value.



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Police Committee Report

Ms. Gooden-Kinney handed out a sheet to the Council members outlining three options to set officers' pay, schedule hours and set shifts. The approximate cost of each option was included. The sheet contained a suggestion to provide shirts for the officers. It also stated concerns about the officers' qualifications and fitness. Many pros & cons of the options were discussed at length. Since Chief Jordan missed the committee meeting when the list was drafted, Ms. Weaver requested that he submit his thoughts and recommendations for the department to the council. No decisions were made at this time.

New Business

Mayor Goldhardt advised council that he had received a letter from the Board of Elections inquiring about using the Municipal Building for a polling location and wanted their input. Council felt that this was a good idea and had no objections. Mayor Goldhardt will meet with the Election Board to discuss the matter further.

Mayor Goldhardt asked council if they wanted to go over the 2011 permanent budget at the next COW meeting or if they wanted to hold a special meeting. They felt there was no need for a special meeting. He and the Fiscal Officer will put together a budget worksheet and distribute it to Council before the next COW meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Gooden-Kinney and seconded by Mr. Kuzelka to adjourn. All members present were in favor. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Margie Weaver, President

Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer