

VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

March 18, 2013

President Gooden-Kinney called the meeting to order. Fiscal Officer Hastings took roll call with the following members present: Mr. Wissinger, Ms. Evans, Mr. Shelton, Ms. Gooden-Kinney and Mr. Thompson. Solicitor Hess and Mayor Hammond were also in attendance.

Mr. Wissinger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shelton to approve the February 11, 2013 COW Minutes. All members were in favor with the exception of Ms. Evans who abstained. The motion passed.

Solicitor Hess apologized for missing the last meeting. He was out of the state. He reported that he had a meeting with Mayor Hammond, Scioto Township representative and Grove City regarding the JEDD. Legislation will need to be passed as well as a public hearing will need to be posted. Further information and documents will be forthcoming. Solicitor Hess commented on a complaint that was received by the Village regarding unauthorized snow plowing being done by Mayor Hammond. He said he found no case law that had anything to do with this type of complaint. In his legal opinion, he feels that since we have a contract with the Township Trustees to plow our streets, we should not allow any individual to plow. He feels if a private individual would damage the village streets, Council would be looking for reimbursement to cover the cost of the repairs. There is no exception for the Mayor. He said if Mayor Hammond wants to plow individual driveways that would be fine, but he would suggest we leave the plowing of the Village streets to the Township.

Solicitor Hess said he was asked to look into the possibility of a full-time Police Chief and officer and what the requirements are. He said Council has a choice to make regarding if the full time positions are to be posted as new positions or if they want to promote the existing part time officers we have now. Solicitor Hess

said there are specific requirements to become a full time officer. There is a required physical which determines a presence or absence of cardio, heart or lung disease and a 6 month probationary period to make sure this is the right person for the position. Another requirement for a full time police officer is they have to contribute to Ohio Police and Fire Pension. The OPERS money that the part time officers have paid in to date will not transfer over. A handout was given to all of Council regarding these requirements.

At this point in the meeting, a very heated discussion was had by Council regarding the police department positions. A decision on how to move forward with the Police Department will be discussed at the April 8, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor's Report – No report

Engineer's Report – No report

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

Kimberly Gooden-Kinney, President

Wendy L Hastings, Fiscal Officer