

VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

June 15, 2015

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

Mr. Sadler made a motion seconded by Mr. Laxton to approve the May 18, 2015 COW Minutes. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

Solicitor Hess reported that he had attended the Pickaway County Health Department meeting on June 9, 2015 that Mr. Struckman had informed us about. He said the proposed funding was voted down. He said the proposal included the Health Department asking for an additional \$ 40,000 to operate the department. Solicitor Hess said the Mayor of Circleville wanted the percentage that Circleville pays to the Health Department to be reduced. A decision was made that the City of Circleville would take on the responsibility of the nuisance properties and therefore the additional funding would not be needed. Solicitor Hess informed Council that there would be a public hearing scheduled before the COW meeting on July 20, 2015 regarding the zoning for Hilljack Trucking. At this time, Solicitor Hess congratulated the Teays Valley Softball Team for winning the State Tournament and becoming State Champs. Solicitor Hess said after the March public hearing regarding the closing of the alleys, he had prepared an ordinance to close the alleys. He said there were issues brought up during the meeting that caused Engineer Grosse to want the Village to have an easement along the property. He said it is the Village's responsibility to maintain the ditch due to the existing utility easements; however Engineer Grosse is requesting an easement where the alley is now. Solicitor Hess said legal descriptions and a survey will need to be done before we can move forward. Mr. Shelton said he thought most of Council was on board with abandoning the alleys and he will make a phone call to Engineer Grosse.

Mayor Hammond congratulated the Teays Valley Softball Team for winning the State Champs title. He also reported that the Commercial Point Homecoming went well. Mayor Hammond introduced our two new reserve officers, Officer Janine Waas and Officer Corey Owen. He said that both officers worked during the Homecoming. Officer Owen and Officer Waas thanked Council for the opportunity to work for the Village of Commercial Point. Mr. Shelton welcomed them. Mayor Hammond said Council received an email from Ms. Hastings on June 2, 2015 regarding the engineering fees for the Walker Road project. He feels the engineering fees are too high. He feels if we do all the engineering work on the project and then the township doesn't want to pay for their portion, we will be out the money that we paid to engineer the entire project. He has informed Engineer Grosse that only \$ 1,000 will be spent on engineering fees until after we speak to the township and get their feedback. Mayor Hammond said the engineering fee for the sidewalk project is expensive. He said if Council is not planning on doing all the projects, why are they willing to spend all the money if we aren't going to do all the work? Mayor Hammond asked Council to consider if they want everything done that they have asked Engineer Grosse to do. Mayor Hammond reported that Village Administrator Shelton and Ms. Hastings are working on the record retention documents. He said work is being done on the online bill pay as well.

At this time, there was discussion on the engineering fees and the process that Engineer Grosse has to go through to get these projects ready for Council and then for bids. Mr. Sadler said that Council had asked Engineer Grosse to put section 1 and 3 out for bid already since it was going to cost approximately \$88,000 and be within the budgeted amount. Mayor Hammond asked Council to look at the budget numbers. He is estimating approximately \$ 800,000 in the carryover budget from 2015. Mr. Shelton asked Council to think about it and let him know what they wanted to do. Mr. Laxton said if we can afford to do all the sidewalk projects, why not do them. Mr. Geiger said he would like to see additional sidewalks since the money is there. He said he has heard rumblings that we don't spend the money. He said he is in favor of spending it on the sidewalks. Mr. Sadler said the target number for sidewalks this year is \$ 100,000. He said he would hate to dip into the extra money for additional sidewalks when there are other areas that could use some help too. Mr. Wissinger said he agrees with Mr. Sadler. He said if we are adding money to the sidewalks, there are road repairs in the Village that could use some additional spending as well. Mr. Shelton said he has mixed feelings. He said yes the sidewalks bring people out to enjoy their neighborhood; however he agrees with Mr. Wissinger that there are additional roads that need to be repaired as well.

Chief Jordan handed out the May Police Report. He said the two new reserve officers are doing well. He said he is working with the Sheriff to make sure we have the 90 hours of coverage. He said there were no issues during the Homecoming and all the reserves worked during the weekend. He said this Homecoming was the largest crowd turnout that he has seen.

At this time, Mr. Shelton congratulated the Teays Valley Softball Team. He thanked the Men's Club members and congratulated them on a wonderful event for our Village. He thanked the volunteers and McGuffy Lane and said the fireworks were great. He thanked Chief Jordan and the Sheriff and deputies for a good event.

Mr. Wissinger said everything was addressed in tonight's meeting that had been discussed at the Public Service committee meeting.

The Safety Committee hasn't had a meeting since May 28, 2015 however they are waiting to hear back from ODOT regarding the placement of "dangerous intersection" signs. The gate in West Scioto Green has been moved and the residents are happy. Someone asked about the trees being trimmed back at the intersection of St. Rt. 762 and West Scioto Street. Ms. Hastings said the bank has been called and will be taking care of this issue.

Mr. Sadler asked Ms. Hastings to post a Zoning Committee Meeting for June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Laxton said he spoke with the contractor regarding the center of the Village. He will be getting us a new quote.

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

Randy Shelton, President of Council

Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer