



Village of Commercial Point
Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 15, 2021

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Administrative Assistant Baldwin took roll call with the following members present: Mr. Thompson, Ms. Joiner, Mr. Grassel, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Geiger and Mr. Mitchem.

Pettit's Potential Rezoning Request

Ms. Trish Pettit addressed council to discuss the property they have for sale next to their market. She was wondering if she should rezone the property first. She also asked for council's input on the possibility of a 55+ community. She stated that she had not been contacted by any developers and that she was just looking into her options. Several ideas were discussed with council. Solicitor Cartee suggested that she not rezone the property until she decides exactly what she wants on that property.

Proposed 2021 Permanent Budget

Ms. Joiner discussed the Budget Committee Meeting and the proposed changes made to the 2021 budget. In discussing the sidewalk increase, she said they are looking at Congress, 22 Main Street and an area between Chestnut Estates and Pettit's Market. Ms. Geiger said that she and Administrator Crego met today and discussed sidewalk improvements.

Officer & Sergeant Positions

Mr. Thompson explained that the Finance Committee would like to make the Sergeant's position full-time and add a full-time patrolman position. He said what will change is adding about eight hours to each position each week and also adding benefits to both positions. He said they would also like to keep the part-time position unfilled for now. Solicitor Cartee advised Council that they will have to pass legislation for the positions. Mayor Goldhardt asked if the positions need to be posted, and if so, in-house only or open to the public as well? Solicitor Cartee will get back with an answer. Mr. Mitchem asked how many officer's we currently have. Mr. Thompson said we have two full-time patrolman, two part-time patrolman, one part-time Sergeant, one part-time Captain and a full-time Chief. Mr. Mitchem just wants to make sure we are prepared for the growth. Ms. Geiger asked with adding more hours, will officer shifts overlap. Chief Jordan said with some shifts, you see two officers now. His goal is to have two officers per shift in the future when needed. Ms. Geiger asked if they would overlap during school hours. Chief Jordan said not yet, but with additional hours, they may look at doing this.

Dangerous Dog Ordinance

Ms. Joiner said she was approached by a resident asking if Council would consider changing an ordinance in the Village that specifically names a Staffordshire Pit Bull as vicious and therefore is not allowed to be kept within the Village. She asked if this language is in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. Solicitor Cartee said this issue came up a few months ago with a case in Mayor's Court. He has looked into it and found that two courts in Ohio have struck this language down as being unconstitutional. He said the 4th district has not yet made a ruling on this, but in his opinion, they would follow their sister courts. Ms. Joiner would like to have the language on our current Village ordinance updated. Solicitor Cartee will prepare legislation for Council to consider.

Village Administrator

Administrator Crego shared a letter received from Ashville thanking the Village of Commercial Point for its assistance with their water line break issue. He also discussed the EPA visit to the water plant and said everything went well. He is now preparing a list for street repairs and asked if anyone has any areas in need of attention to email the information to him. He stated that he had a meeting with Ms. Geiger to talk about sidewalks in the village. He also thanked Officer Kelly for reporting water pouring out of a line at the industrial park construction site.

New Business

Chief Jordan asked Council if they would consider donating the Crown Victoria to Eastland Vocational Center Criminal Justice Program. He said it would save us from having to pay to decommission the car. He said we would remove the radar and the radio, but everything else is either outdated or made for that car specifically. He has spoken with a few instructors and they liked the idea. Mr. Thompson asked Solicitor Cartee to prepare the legislation needed. Chief Jordan also thanked the Budget Committee and appreciated their questions.



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Chief Jordan advised Council that he and Captain Thatcher went through the policy book, made updates and forwarded it to Solicitor Cartee for review. Upon his review, he submitted it back to the Chief and Captain with comments. Starting next month, Chief Jordan will be putting out daily training bulletins for the officers.

Chief Jordan advised Council that he has been attending Pickaway County Police Chief meetings.

Mayor Goldhardt asked if Council would consider changing the Captain's hours from 20 hours a week to 1,040 hours per year. This would not change the total number of hours worked by the Captain within the year or increase the budget in any way, but it would allow greater scheduling flexibility within the department. Solicitor Cartee said he would prepare legislation for Council's consideration.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Joiner and seconded by Mr. Grassel. All were in favor, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.



Jason Thompson, President Pro Tempore



Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer