



**Village of Commercial Point
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2022**

Ms. Geiger called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Administrative Assistant Baldwin took roll call with the following members present: Ms. Geiger, Mr. Mitchem, Mr. Crego, Ms. Plybon, and Ms. Ratliff. Ms. Wolfe was not present.

Upcoming Legislation:

Parking Violations Bureau Ordinance

Solicitor Cartee informed the Council that all changes requested in the previous meeting were made on the draft ordinance. He said he did have to revert back to a thirty-day payment because it is required per the ORC. He also added the language to include the utility payment box as a payment option. Mr. Crego noted a couple wording corrections that he felt were needed on page five. He discussed the collection bureau and the extra fees that were charged by them and were noted in the court case distributed by Solicitor Cartee. He asked if we could use standard citations instead of special parking tickets and envelopes. Solicitor Cartee said we can use the standard citations, or we could create our own special parking tickets. Mr. Crego discussed the section on government vehicle use. He asked if we have signs with time limits on them, is this just for future use, or is it even necessary. Solicitor Cartee said it would be in place for future use since we currently do not have any signs with time limits for parking or any parking meters. Mr. Crego noted that the legislation says the Parking Violations Bureau may, not shall, give notice to the Ohio Registrar. He asked if we find someone with multiple parking violations, are we required to report it. Solicitor Cartee said his interpretation is that it is in the legislation for egregious violators with multiple infractions. He said if the Council has further questions, to please email him. He will have this legislation ready for the first meeting in January.

2023 Meeting Dates:

Mayor Goldhardt distributed proposed 2023 meeting dates and possible conflicts. Mr. Crego asked if we are moving the meeting dates on the "less-celebrated" Monday holidays. Ms. Geiger asked with the days listed, is office is closed on one or more of these days. Mayor Goldhardt said the office is closed on all days noted except for July 3rd. Ms. Geiger felt if the office is closed for a holiday, then the Council should not have a meeting that night. Mayor Goldhardt suggested moving the January 16th meeting to January 23rd since there are five Mondays in January. Since February 20th is a holiday, he suggested moving that meeting to February 27th. Ms. Geiger asked about July 3rd. Mr. Mitchem said most people are gone that weekend. It was suggested to move that meeting to July 10th and move the September 4th meeting to September 11th. Mr. Crego feels they have not been faithful to timeframes because there has been so much to look at during the C.O.W. meetings. He suggested they have a firm understanding that the C.O.W. meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. If there are pertinent items, instead of making the C.O.W. meeting longer, have another one on the 4th Monday of the month to pick up extra items. Ms. Geiger said if this is needed, we can post a 24-hour notice for the meeting. Mayor Goldhardt suggested not having a regular meeting scheduled after a C.O.W. meeting to resolve that problem. Mr. Crego thinks we are busy enough that we should stay with two regular council meetings a month. He said if it proves not to be the issue at some point, then he is open for anything. Mayor Goldhardt said this year was extremely busy, but he is seeing things slow down. He is wondering if we still need the two meetings a month or do we go back to one regular meeting and one C.O.W. meeting a month like it used to be. He said if things start picking up, we can always go back to two regular meetings a month. Ms. Ratliff said she is in favor of holding one regular meeting a month and one C.O.W. meeting a month. She said if we need to go back to two regular council meetings a month, we can. Ms. Plybon said she likes it as it currently is. Solicitor Cartee said there are some pieces of legislation that have specific timeline requirements. Ms. Geiger suggested adding a special meeting if needed in those situations. Mr. Mitchem said it didn't matter to him if we keep to the same schedule or try one regular meeting and one C.O.W. meeting a month. Ms. Geiger feels we should try the new way but can always go back to the original set-up if needed. Mayor Goldhardt will update the list with the new dates for the Council's consideration by the next meeting.

2023 Council Rules:

Ms. Geiger asked about the delivery of the agenda and if it should be changed to the mayor's responsibility since he is the one doing it. The Fiscal Officer said prior to Mayor Goldhardt coming back into office, it was



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her responsibility. He offered to do it for her. Mayor Goldhardt said he made a few other wording changes in the rules as noted. Mr. Crego said it all looked good to him. Solicitor Cartee suggested the rules should state that the President Pro Tempore chairs the Committee of the Whole meetings.

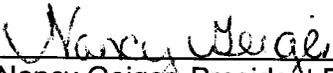
Trees in Village Right-of-Way:

Mayor Goldhardt said they have received a complaint from the school regarding trees scraping the school buses. He said we currently have some trees between the curbs and sidewalks, and we do not allow this any longer. He asked how the Council wants to handle this. He said our options are that we trim them, we hire someone to trim them, or we cut them down. Ms. Geiger asked if the homeowner planted them. Mayor Goldhardt did not know who originally planted the trees in question. He said the complaint from the school was about a few trees located in Walker Point. Mr. Crego said he understands that practice is no longer allowed, but at one time it was. Ms. Geiger asked if there is an ordinance about this. Mr. Crego said the only reference is in the Zoning Code. Mayor Goldhardt said that between the curbs and sidewalks are where our utility lines are located. That is why the ordinance was originally enacted. Ms. Geiger asked how many trees are involved with the school complaint. Fiscal Officer Hastings said about ten trees. There was further discussion about the cost and homeowner issues. Mr. Crego feels we need to research this issue further. There was discussion on the HOA rules too. Ms. Geiger will reach out to some people she knows on the HOA board for more information. It was decided to discuss this further in the January C.O.W. meeting.

Additional Business:

Ms. Geiger said she met with Fiscal Officer Hastings and Mayor Goldhardt to discuss health insurance. She understood that a former council member was going to gather information and report it back to the Council but that did not happen. She thinks we should see if it is possible to get better insurance as well as taking insurance out pre-tax. Solicitor Cartee said he has someone at his firm checking on the pre-tax issue. Ms. Geiger said we should consider offering short-term or long-term disability insurance. She understands that we do not currently allow vacation time or personal time to accumulate but should consider it. Mayor Goldhardt said he has no problem if they want to start allowing employees to accumulate time once again, but the Council will need to appropriate the funds for it. He also noted that if an employee leaves Village employment, the Village would have to make a cash payout to that employee for all days that were carried over. Ms. Geiger would like to discuss this further at the next C.O.W. meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Geiger and seconded by Ms. Plybon. All members present were in favor, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned



Nancy Geiger, President Pro Tempore



Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer