

**Village of Commercial Point
Council Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018**

Mayor Joiner called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Fiscal Officer Hastings took roll call with the following members present: Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Townsend and Ms. Wolfe. Mr. Grassel was not present. Village Administrator Crego, Engineer Grosse and Solicitor Hess were also in attendance.

Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the November 5, 2018 Regular Council Minutes. All in favor, motion passed. Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the November 19, 2018 Regular Council Minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Administrative Reports:

- A. Mayor- Mayor Joiner said he has been working on securing a server for the village, he is gathering quotes. He said with Solicitor Hess's input he was able to interview a perspective Village Solicitor, which is with us tonight. He said Rod Davisson meets all the criteria we need for the village. He introduced Mr. Davisson and asked for him to give a little background on himself.

Mr. Rod Davisson said he was born and raised in Shadesville. He currently lives in Obetz. He has practiced law for 15 years , mainly focused on the civil side of municipal law. He said he has been the Administrator in Obetz for 6 years and has been successful in helping to develop the city. He is excited to see the direction Commercial Point will go. He said he was also a 3 term Mayor. He said he has written and created the Charter for the Village of Obetz. He also has experience in teaching multiple classes with OML. Mr. O'Neil asked what he can do for the village? Mr. Davidson said as an advisor it is not his job to tell us what to do, but to help us get to where we want to be. He said we have to start with an understanding where we want to be. He said in every town there is disharmony among elected officials and residents and he does a good job of bringing people together. He said he has no personal interest, his only interest is to see good people achieve good things. He said he is qualified to understand municipal law. He has experience from the top of the executive branch to being the advisor. He said he also has experience with utilities.

- B. Village Engineer – Engineer Grosse said the wellfield is moving along. He said the drive entrance going south is in. He said this Thursday the OWDA loan for the WWTP that council approved will be reviewed and once approved we should have the money Friday. He said the Engineer gave the date of October 1, 2019 to bid out the water plant. He said it should be completed by 2020.
- C. Village Solicitor- Solicitor Hess swore in Officer Griffith this evening. She is the new fulltime Police Officer. He reviewed the two pieces of legislation before council this evening. Solicitor Hess said his opinion on his replacement, he and Mr. Davidson are friends as he is with other attorneys who have shown interest. He said however, we have reached a point in the growth of our community where they need someone who specializes in municipal law. He said he believes Mr. Davidson's experience blends well with where we want to go. Solicitor Hess said he has shared some of the struggles we have had so he is coming into this with his eyes wide open. He Thanked everyone for allowing him to be the Solicitor of the village for a number of years.
- D. Police Department- Not Present
- E. Village Administrator- VA Crego wanted to share the appreciation and how proud he is of Bert Cline. He said Mr. Cline passed his level 2 Waste Water Certification and now we have an additional operation who is skilled at a level that if something happened or US Thompson needed, could step in and help. Mr. O'Neil asked if this is as high as you can go. VA Crego said no, you can go to 4.
- F. Zoning Inspector- Not Present

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- G. Fiscal Officers- FO Hastings said the bank rec is not completed. She said the police cruiser has been sold. She said it sold for \$2810 and payment was made today.

Legislative Reports:

1. Ben Townsend- Nothing to report
2. Scott O'Neil- Nothing to report
3. Jason Thompson- Nothing report
4. Laura Wolfe-Nothing to report
5. Bruce Moore- Nothing to report
6. Aaron Grassel-Not Present

Legislation:

For First Reading:

Resolution 38-2018 A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE TRANSFERS OUT ACCOUNT 1000-910-910 AND TRANSFER SAID MONIES TO THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION (Police Department) FUND 1000-110-225. Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve. Roll Call: Mr. Townsend-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. O'Neil-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

For Third Reading:

Ordinance 2018-13 AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT, OHIO, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL. Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Roll Call: Mr. Townsend-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. O'Neil-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

Additional Items:

Mayor Joiner asked what needs to be done to make sure we are ready to go with Mr. Davisson on January 1, 2019. Solicitor Hess said Mr. Davisson will need to put together a contract, by statute it is a 2 year contract. He said he can provide the one he has used. He also has a 30 day notice for termination by either party. He said he will work with Mr. Davisson on getting a contract that is suitable and get it to council. Mr. Thompson asked if they can have it by next meeting, Solicitor Hess said yes. Mr. O'Neil asked if there were going to be others to interview. Mayor Joiner said no. Mr. O'Neil said his concern is if it didn't go through will they be left with nothing. Solicitor Hess said he does not take the bench until February and is willing to stay on until then to help. Mayor Joiner said from everyone he has spoken to there is no one more qualified. Mr. Thompson asked if money

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wise are we in the same ballpark. Mr. Davisson said we will be his only potential client and whatever Solicitor Hess billed is fine with him. Mayor Joiner said Mr. Davisson also brings in prior knowledge working with Kenmore, Tom Hart and Don Plank. He said it is important to make the transition seamless. Solicitor Hess said they can have a discussion on how to handle the criminal cases in Mayor's Court. He said we mainly have speed and Driving Under Suspension. Mr. O'Neil said as we grow it is good to have his knowledge, but asked Mr. Davisson how he is in employment type issues. Mr. Davisson said middle of the road because of course he has to deal with those issues in the Administrator position. He said they tend to put him on the difficult deals and issues. Mr. Moore said everyone he has spoken with highly recommends Mr. Davisson. Mr. O'Neil asked if his contract would mirror Solicitor Hess if it does not work out such as the 30 day notice, and does he oppose that. Mr. Davisson said no he does not have issue with that. Mr. O'Neil said if council or he wants out there should be an option.

Mr. Townsend said a few weeks ago he was approached by Trustee Wolfe about the Township wanting to partner with us and the Police Department. He said after speaking with Chief Jordan, due to staffing issues and workload they currently have, they will not be able to accept the contract. He said they will submit a letter to the township with a formal response. Solicitor Hess said he was contacted and has drafted a letter indicating we are having growing pains but over the next year we will welcome a conversation with the township and may be in a better position to enter into a contract with them.

Ms. Wolfe motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thompson. All in favor, meeting adjourned.



Gary Joiner, Mayor

Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer

*Minutes provided by Paula Baldwin, Administrative Assistant