

**Village of Commercial Point  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 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. Townsend, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Thompson and Ms. Wolfe. Village Administrator Crego, Solicitor Hess, Engineer Grosse and Zoning Inspector McCoskey was also in attendance.

Mr. O'Neil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the December 4, 2017 Council Meeting minutes. All in favor, motion approved. Mr. O'Neil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the December 11, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes. All in favor, motion approved. Mr. O'Neil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the December 18, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes. All in favor, motion approved.

Administrative Reports:

- A. Mayor- Mayor Joiner said he is very pleased to see the water tower completed in Chestnut Commons. He said it is not operational yet but should be by mid-March or April. He said our booster station is moving along. He said the budget came in well for the end of the year.
- B. Village Engineer – Nothing to report
- C. Village Solicitor's- Solicitor Hess said for clarification the motion for the prior minutes. He said the two new member could not vote because they were not here so it falls back to the two council members that were present for those meetings. He said we have a number of things up for tonight. He said we have the election of the President of Council Pro-Tempore nomination and vote. He said we also have two vacant seats to be filled and it is council's responsibility to fill them. He said we have a number of applicants that have expressed interest. He said we will go into Executive Session to discuss the pros and cons of each applicant. He said no decision or vote will be made in Executive Session. He said any voting or decisions will be made before the public forum. He welcomed the two new council members and welcomed back the previous council members. He said he looks forward to working with him. He said there will be training provided to them through the municipal league. He said this will be provided to them during the next council meeting when they have a full council. He encouraged them to attend the training. He said it provides very good information.
- D. Police Department- Chief Jordan covered the monthly police report.
- E. Village Administrator- Village Administrator Crego said the tower is up and when weather permits it will be sandblasted and properly coated inside and out before it can be put into service. He said regarding the booster station, they were hoping it would have already been in service by now, but there are a few issues to work out. He said we are not at a critical moment with it yet, but we are adding enough new customers that it will become an issue soon. He said we are starting to receive feedback from customers about low water pressure. He said we continue to talk with interested parties and developers about coming into the village. He said there is nothing firm, just the inquiry phase now. He said the WWTP crew did not work last week due to the weather, but they were onsite today. He said we are still on schedule. He said the two issues to mention is he has been working with Zoning Inspector McCoskey on a new zoning code. He is hoping it will be completed by Spring. He said he has asked a few individuals to serve on a zoning board. He said Mark Geiger has agreed to join the new board. He said he has spoken to 5 other people and is hoping they will agreed to join the board which will meet once a month on Monday's. He said the other issue is we will need to deal sooner than later on becoming a Charter Village. He said we will have more power within our laws and it allows us to regulate precincts so we have different representation from the village.
- F. Zoning Inspector's- Zoning Inspector McCoskey said applications have slowed down. He said he did receive two new applications for Chestnut Commons. He said our village

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was not prepared for the coming growth. He said they are working on the manual that Village Administrator Crego spoke about. He said he would encourage anyone who would like to participate to do so.

- G. Fiscal Officers- Fiscal Officer Hasting covered the Fund Status as of 12/29/2017: General \$1,807,649.90, Street Construction Maint & Repair \$260,164.62, State Highway \$33,755.41, Parks & Recreation \$3,033.57, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax \$7,630.01, Enforcement & Education \$1,957.00, Ohio Peace Off Education & Training \$2,480.00, Housing Developments \$86,566.78, Water Operating \$2,367,089.16, Sewer Operating \$2,574,292.96, Garbage Operating \$20,071.98. Totaling: \$7,164,691.39.
- H. Mayor Joiner said he and Mr. O'Neil attended the Scioto Township meeting last week. He said they welcomed the new members. He said they asked the township partner with the village in respect to the zoning to protect the village and township from sludge ponds and mining.

Legislative Reports:

- 1. Ben Townsend- Mr. Townsend welcomed the new members and thanked everyone who turned in applications.
- 2. Scott O'Neil-Nothing to report
- 3. Jason Thompson-Nothing to report
- 4. Laura Wolfe-Nothing to report

Citizen Comments: No comments

Business Items:

- a. Elect President of Council Pro-Temp: Mayor Joiner explained the position. He said it will be a person who sits in the seat should he vacate it or is not present for a meeting. He said they take on all of the authority of the Mayor's seat as well as maintain the voting privileges. He asked for nominations. Mr. O'Neil nominated himself. Mr. Townsend nominated himself. Mayor Joiner asked for a second. Mr. Thompson seconded the nomination for Mr. O'Neil. Ms. Wolfe seconded the nomination for Mr. Townsend. Solicitor Hess said they will need a roll call vote. He said we can open it up if the nominees would like to make a statement. Neither member made a statement. Mr. Thompson asked what happens if it is split vote. Solicitor Hess said the Mayor would break the tie. Roll Call: Mr. O'Neil-Scott, Mr. Thompson-Ben, Ms. Wolfe-Ben, Mr. Thompson-Ben. Mr. Townsend is the new President of Council Pro Temp.
- b. Vacant Council Seat Presentations:
  - Erik Bishop- Not present
  - Ron Mowery- Mr. Mowery lives at 418 Alberta Drive. He said he is truck driver, age 51. He said they like the smaller communities. He said he was born and raised in Columbus but does not like the big city. He said he likes the closeness to the big city but likes being out. He has been married 30 years, has a son in the Navy, a part of the Blue Angels. He said he does not have much experience to offer. He said he knows growth is inevitable, and he would like to be a part of that in one form or another. He said he is open minded and loyal. Mayor Joiner asked if for some reason he was not elected, would he have a willingness to participate in committees. Mr. Mowery said if he is able

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to, then yes it just depends on his schedule. Mr. Thompson asked how long he has lived in the village. Mr. Mowery said he moved here in 2005.

Brad Laxton-Mr. Laxton lives at 162 Chestnut Estates Dr. He said he was previously on council. He said he would have run again except he thought they were going to move to Circleville. He said they have decided to remain in Commercial Point. He said he has a relationship with most of council. He said he works well with everyone, he is calm and takes the facts. He said he keeps personal issues out of his decisions.

Aaron Grassel-He has lived in Commercial Point for 12 years. He currently works in Grove City as a Police Officer for 19 years. He said in regard to community service he has a good record as a police officer in Grove City. He said he loves our village. He said everyone is friendly, but he does believe we will see growth and he would like to be a part of that. He thinks it is important to have someone that is forward thinking and will do what is best for the village. He said if not elected, he would volunteer for one of our committees. He said he has three kids at Scioto Elem and has been married for 12 years. Mr. Thompson asked if Grove City had any issues with him applying for this position. Mr. Grassel said no.

Bruce Moore-Mr. Moore lives at 318 Adrien. He said he has been a resident his entire life and is in a position where he is able to give back. He said he has experience in his life where the community has surrounded his family. He said he is a complex commercial litigation attorney. He said prior to this he was a training development manager. He said he brings a unique background that allows him to educate, mediate and resolve conflict. He said he thinks this is a valuable skillset on council. He said he has already spoke with the Mayor and if this does not pan out he is willing to explore options with a development committee. Mr. Thompson asked what made him decide to run for council now. Mr. Moore said he has only been out of law school a few years and while he was developing his career, it was not possible to be as involved as he would have liked. He said when the mayor reached out and asked for assistance he tried to provide information for different issues. He said the mayor suggested it may be a good fit and it is a good time in his life.

Daniel Cales-Mr. Cales has lived his entire life in Commercial Point. He has been n the military for 6 years and work full-time in a warehouse with different backgrounds. He said growing up here he feels like he know what a lot of people would want and would like to see. He said he does not have a background in politics.

Additional Items:

Executive Session-Mr. Townsend motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:28pm, seconded by Jason Thompson. All in favor, motion approved.

Mr. O'Neil motioned to return to Council meeting at 7:56pm, seconded by Mr. Thompson. All in favor, motion approved.

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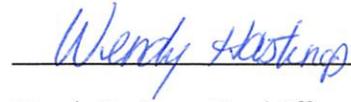
Mr. O'Neil motioned to modify the agenda for a council member vote, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Roll Call: Mr. O'Neil-Yes, Mr. Townsend-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes. All in favor motion approved. Mayor Joiner asked for nomination. Mr. Thompson nominated Aaron Grassel, seconded by Mr. O'Neil. Roll Call: Mr. O'Neil-Yes, Mr. Townsend-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes. All in favor motion approved. Mr. Townsend nominated Bruce Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Roll Call: Mr. O'Neil-Yes, Mr. Townsend-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes. All in favor motion approved.

Mr. O'Neil motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Townsend. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.



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Gary Joiner, Mayor



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Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer

\*Minutes provided by Paula Baldwin, Administrative Assistant