

**Village of Commercial Point
Council Meeting Minutes
July 2, 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: Ms. Wolfe, Mr. Grassel, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Townsend and Mr. Moore. Village Administrator Crego and Engineer Grosse were in attendance. Solicitor Hess was not present.

Administrative Reports:

- A. Mayor- Nothing to report
- B. Village Engineer –Engineer Grosse said they have selected an engineering firm for the water treatment plant. He said they are now negotiating the scope of the project and have a meeting on July 19th. He said once that is complete they will provide us with an actual dollar amount at which time, it will be brought to council for approval. He said that is anticipated for the first meeting in August.
- C. Village Solicitor- Not present
- D. Police Department- Not present
- E. Village Administrator- VA Crego said the water tower came online this morning, He said we still need to set up electronic signaling and controlling devices. He said the Public Hearing this evening was at 6:00 and he is looking forward to the first reading this evening.
- F. Zoning Inspector's- Nothing to report
- G. Fiscal Officers- FO Hasting said the Financial report will be ready for the July 16th meeting.

Legislative Reports:

- 1. Ben Townsend- Nothing to report
- 2. Scott O'Neil- Nothing to report
- 3. Jason Thompson- Nothing to report
- 4. Laura Wolfe-Nothing to report
- 5. Bruce Moore-Nothing to report
- 6. Aaron Grassel-Nothing to report

Deb Breech asked if we could re-arrange the citizens comments to take place after the trash/recycle information is shared with the group? Mayor Joiner said citizen comments are going to be handled differently. He said citizens will receive 5 min to talk, but citizens will announce who they are and discuss their topic. They will not receive any feedback from council or himself. A citizen confirmed that they cannot ask a questions. Mayor Joiner said no. He said this is what citizen comments are about, it is not a conversation. A citizen asked where they direct questions. Mayor Joiner said they can email any of the council members and they can bring it back to the next meeting during additional items. Mr. O'Neil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to switch items 6 and 7 on the Council Meeting Agenda. All in favor, motion approved.

Business Items:

- A. Trash/Recycle-Engineer Grosse said they have reviewed the bids and keep in mind he is not an attorney but from his experience with bids, we received two bids, one from Local Waste and one from Rumpke. He said the Local Waste Bid was \$13 just for trash and \$3.00 for Trash and Recycling. He said Rumpke was \$13.25 for trash only and \$16.26 for trash and recycling. He said by contract they know Local Waste can't do it for \$3. He

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said they filled the forms out wrong, however it is a contractual form that is clear on what it will cost to do total recycling. He said his interpretation of the contract is we have to accept things as they are. He said if council says we are not doing recycling, just trash then your lowest bid is Local for \$13.00 a month for the first year. He said if council says no we want to go ahead and recycling then it bumps it \$16.26 for Rumpke and by contract \$3.00 per month from Local. He said council can reject all bids. He said if they want to award for trash and recycling then the \$16.26 for Rumpke is what they want to do. He again clarified that he is not their legal counsel but has done enough with contracts to have an understanding. He says he has discussed this with the representative from Local Waste and they are aware of the interpretation of the contract. Mayor Joiner asked if there is an opt in. Engineer Grosse said there is an opt in but unfortunately Local Waste also did the same thing on that. He said they are going to do it for \$5.00, which he knows is not possible and Rumpke would do it for \$19.00. Mr. O'Neil asked what was put out in the public notice because he did not see it. Engineer Grosse said in the Legal notice it states the VOCP reserves the right to waive irregularities to reject any and all proposals to increase/decrease or omit any items and award the contract to lowest and best qualified bidder. The proposal must contain the full name of every person or company interested in the bid. Mr. Moore said he thinks this is a question for Solicitor Hess and it should be tabled. Mayor Joiner said he agreed. He said he does want to hear from the public though. Mr. O'Neil asked if we have any additional information pertaining to recycling. FO Hastings said she has been talking to Pickaway County and they have offered if we go with all in recycling they will pay for every customers recycling for the 1st year. She said they will pay 50% the 2nd year. She said if we chose the opt in the minimum is 250 customers. She said they would pay for all customer that would opt in but only up to the \$3.01 for the 1st year. Mayor Joiner said we have been looking at other options. He said he is not for leveraging it across everyone across the village. He said we were looking at getting the same bins in the village that the township had but Pickaway County said the it is cheaper for us to get the recycling and them help pay for our residents. Mr. O'Neil said both bids reflect a senior citizen price discount of 10% less the cost. Mr. O'Neil asked Mr. Moore if he wanted to discuss their idea of the fund. Mr. Moore said he thinks its is best to wait and see what Solicitor Hess says. Mr. O'Neil said he thinks they should go ahead and tell them. Mr. Moore said no he will wait. Mayor Joiner said when you start talking about funding things it still comes out of our general fund. He said that is how we pay for salaries, road repairs and other items. He said if we keep pulling money out that are not a necessity, eventually you minimize what comes in. Mr. Moore said one thing discussed was looking for a grant. Mr. O'Neil asked if it would be proper to hear from our vendors.

Mark O'Brien, Regional Vice-President for Rumpke: he said in the bid, the price for trash only include a cart, He said they are the largest recycler in the state of Ohio. He said they do 480,000 homes in Columbus now. He said the recycling would also include a 65 gal cart. He said 95 gal for trash and a 65 gal for recycling. Mr. O'Neil asked if it would be cheaper if residents did not take the carts. Mr. O'Brien said that is part of their bid so

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no. He said they want to be proactive. He said they have an education program and can help us sell the recycling program. He invited anyone would like to visit they recycling center to please come. Mayor Joiner said he who is the one everyone take their recycling to. Mr. O'Brien said it is Rumpke. He said the foundation Rumpke is built on is recycling. Mayor Joiner said he has heard there is a problem with recycling in China. Mr. O'Brien said China has eliminated shipments into their ports. He said they used to allow 5-6% for contaminance but now it is .5%. He said the unique thing about Rumpke is they have a lot of domestic fills they sell to. Mr. O'Neil said the previous hauler took whatever furniture you put out. He said since Rumpke has taken over they mandated the plastic wrap. He said if Rumpke is selected going forward, is it still going to be a mandate that it is wrapped in plastic. Mr. O'Brien said they prefer to because of bed bugs. He said they will also wrap them if the resident calls them. He said their concern is the safety of their driver. Mr. O'Neil said he understands that but he has seen furniture sit out for a week. Mr. O'Brien said if it isn't acceptable they sticker it and call it into dispatch so they can make a note of it on the customer account. FO Hastings said we have many residents call in asking about large items and they are told it needs to be wrapped. Mr. O'Neil said he believes it has gotten better, but he still sees it. Mr. O'Brien said they wrap quite a bit of stuff. Ms. Wolfe asked if there is a charge for them wrapping it. Mr. O'Brien said no. Mr. O'Neil asked if it is something they do on the day of pick up. Mr. O'Brien said if they know it is there, they can not keep the roll in the truck because of the size.

James Weaver, Controller, Local Waste Services. Mr. Weaver discussed the misunderstandings with the completion of the contracts. He asked if the cart discussed by Rumpke was included in the actual bid. Mr. O'Brien said no, it was a part of the addendum. Mr. Weaver said you can't pivot on one and then say to the other your out because your \$3.00 is not correct and then let them add a cart on. Fiscal Officer Hastings said it was not in their bid, they did not put the cart in with their bid because they knew that was one of the questions. Council agrees this issues should wait for Solicitor Hess to discuss the contract details. Mr. Weaver said their drivers use their own judgment on taking furniture. He said each truck has a tablet in it to take pictures of furniture if there is an issue. Mr. O'Neil asked who will handle the billing if we do the opt in. FO Hastings said she will. He thought the customer would be direct billed because it does not state otherwise. FO Hastings said in the bid it states we will handle our own billing. Mr. O'Neil said if someone wants a cart today they pay them direct. FO Hastings said they do today, but going forward it is included in their price. Ms. Wolfe asked if Local Waste included a can. Mr. Weaver said yes but for an additional fee.

Citizen Comments:

Becky Blevins-As a citizen she cares about the village and how it grows, how we get along and what it looks like. She thanked VA Crego for getting rid of the tree on North Street which she deemed as a safety issue. She said regarding the Jake Brake signs, she had an email she forwarded to Chief Jordan on June 21st that he was to mark where the signs were to be so they could be placed, she

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asked if this has been done. VA Crego said he has not received any information on it. Ms. Blevins asked when they can expect for this to be done. Mayor Joiner advised citizens are making comments, this is not a conversation. Ms. Blevins said she stand on record wanting to know when Chief Jordan will do his job. She said regarding the trash in the square, she sent an email request to FO Hastings who advised she would have someone empty them. Ms. Blevins said as of two days ago they are still overflowing. FO Hastings said they were could not locate the bags for them but they have been found. Utility Superintendent Thompson said he would change them tomorrow. Ms. Blevins said she picks up trash everyday on the way to the post office and she could not put it in the trash because the bins were overflowing. FO said it will be don't tomorrow. She said she is for recycling but does not feel the cost should be forced on everyone especially if they cant afford it. She said it is good, but not a required necessity, it is a personal choice. She said she has a concern about the containers Rumpke discussed and if they have a lid. She is concerned trash will blow throughout the village. She asked if the Ordinance binder could be checked out. FO Hastings said the ordinances are online.

Deb Breech discussed the recycling. She said she loves the village and recycles but does not feel the charge should be forced on any of the residents. She has a concern that most people are not aware of this issue possibly happening. She said we need to communicate better so everyone who does not have social media knows about the possible increase. She said she is in support of the ala carte.

Nancy Geiger said she does not think the recycling is a fair cost to assess to everyone. She discussed a complaint she turned into the Zoning Inspector about 6 weeks ago regarding a property. She said the response she received was who the owner was, but that should not matter. She still has not heard anything back from it. She said described the issues with the property and distributed the pictures she took to the council. She said it is a safety issue because you cannot see the fire hydrant as well as you cannot walk on the sidewalk. She thanked FO Hastings for calling Pickaway County, she said it sounds like a great deal.

Kati Rossi thanked FO Hastings for calling Pickaway County, she said it sounds like a great idea, She said she also liked the idea of looking into grant money. She said she knows there are a lot of people in the community on fixed income and she understand looking out for them but she is being forced to pay for trash and she recycles and has less trash. The only free option she had was taken away. She said it makes her sad that we do not have a recycling option in our community. She said she feels there needs to be a chart listing what we pay now and the options.

Joe Hammond discussed recycling and he feels it is a personal choice. He said his understanding when he was involved it was all or nothing. He said his concern is two trucks in a small congested area. He said we have property that perhaps we could use to place dumpsters for the village to use. He said perhaps the vendors could help with this. He said they will make money in handling our recycling as the young lady stated, we will pay for those containers. He said he has a concern for the large trucks on our roadways. He said whoever we award the contract to should provide us with a dumpster. He also mentioned in 2.5 years we have no new sidewalks, street painting, stop bars, no lighting improvement in the old village. He said we need to have our village looking better. He

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said we purchased a new cruiser, which many disapproved of but now we need to improve the village.

Legislation

For First Reading:

Resolution 17-2018 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE VINTON COUNTY BANK FOR CONSTRUCTING A RAW WATERLINE AND WELL FIELD FOR THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT AND TO PROVIDE ASSURANCE OF A SOURCE OF LOCAL FUNDS AND TO DELCARE AN EMERGENCY. FO Hastings said it need to be an emergency so we can get started on the project. She said administration decided we are going to fund part of it to include the engineering out of our funds and this would cover the majority of the project itself. Ms. Wolfe motioned, seconded by Mr. Moore to suspend the readings. Roll call: Mr. Townsend-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. O'Neil-Yes. All in favor, motion passed. Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Ms. Wolfe to approve resolution. Roll call: Mr. Townsend-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. O'Neil-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

Ordinance 2018-02 AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE THE CURRENT ZONING CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT, OHIO

Additional Items:

FO Hastings said she placed the email from Mr. Weaver to all council members. Mr. O'Neil asked Mr. Geiger if she complained to the Zoning Inspector regarding her pictures. Ms. Geiger said she completed the complaint form 5-6 weeks ago. She said he told her he would speak to Mr. Struckman. She said she emailed ZI McCoskey on June 18th and has received no response. Mr. O'Neil said he would like to see it in person. He asked Mr. Struckman if he would have the renters or himself clear the sidewalks. Mr. Struckman said if someone would have said something he would not of even had to have the pictures. He said Mr. McCoskey talked to him about the stop sign that was covered and this evening Mr. McCoskey provided him with the zoning letter but no one had contacted him.

Mr. Thompson asked Rumpke if they would have two trucks. Mr. O'Brien said they would have two trucks the same day. Mr. Weaver said Mr. Moore asked if recycling was weekly or bi-weekly. Mr. Thompson said the contract states bi-weekly. Mr. O'Neil said he has heard we put it out bi-weekly but he has not seen it. Mayor Joiner said it is normal, council does not receive the bid packet.

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Mr. Grassel asked from a zoning perspective if we need to cover the weed issue. VA Crego said it is covered in the zoning information sent to the council. Mayor Joiner said to Mr. Hammond point on Walker road, they have looked into it and he appreciates him bringing it up. FO Hastings said if we did the bins at Walker road, we would have to fence off an area for the fire department who is leasing it and fence off an area for the bins. She said Pickaway County said it is more cost effective for them for pay for the first year for us then the bins. FO Hastings stated the reason the bins were removed from the township is due to the township trustees, not the village, we had nothing to do with that. She said we could not get bins because they were at the township because in a certain amount of space, you can only have so many bins. Mayor Joiner said the school has recycling bins for paper products. Mr. O'Neil said it is only certain paper products.

Mr. O'Neil 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