

**Village of Commercial Point
Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 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. Thompson, Ms. Wolfe, Mr. Moore, Mr. Grassel and Mr. O'Neil. Village Administrator Crego, Solicitor Hess and Utility Superintendent Thompson were also in attendance..

Mr. O'Neil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the March 5th, 2018 Council Meeting minutes. All in favor, motion approved.

Administrative Reports:

- A. Mayor-Nothing to report.
- B. Village Engineer – Not present
- C. Village Solicitor's- Solicitor Hess said there are three pieces of legislation up for review tonight. He said set for first reading are two resolutions 2018-06 and 07. He said both resolutions revolve around the realignment of monies, one to Communities Project account and one to the Police Cruiser account. He said the other piece up for a third reading is regarding the plat for Chestnut Commons Phase III. He said we are asking that this be tabled tonight due to a few loose ends.
- D. Police Department-Not present
- E. Village Administrator- Nothing to report.
- F. Zoning Inspector's- Nothing to report
- G. Fiscal Officers- Nothing to report

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

Citizen Comments:

Ms. Deb Breech addressed council regarding the recycling. She said she has been in the community since 2001 and her husband has lived here his entire life. She said she loves Commercial Point. She said she is here tonight because most of the people who live in the original Village of Commercial Point are either at or beyond the age of retirement and are on fixed incomes. She said they received a raised last year on Social Security, but Medicare took it away from them. She said they cannot afford another unnecessary charge. She said they are not against recycling, they recycle themselves. She takes measures to permanently reduce their waste, but they also have the free bins around the corner. She said there is no reason to assess these folks \$7 or more if this is set in stone. She said they cannot afford it. She said they would have to choose to medication, bills and eating to pay for this. She said she has spoken to many in the original village residents who just cannot afford this. She said she know some of the housing developments would like to see this. She suggested they discuss it with their HOA. She said Southern Point currently has an ala carte recycling curb side service. She suggested folks reach out to them and see how they did it. She strongly suggested council to go out and speak to the residents in the original village before voting on this issue.

Ms. Nancy Geiger addressed council regarding the police cruiser. She said her concern is purchasing another \$40,000 cruiser when we just leased one last year. She said we only have 1 out

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at a time. She said we have a budget committee and we trust them to do what is best for the citizens and when they put a lot of time and effort in it and decided it was not in the best interest buy a car this year and then someone goes back decides they didn't like it and now we are purchasing one is disrespectful to them. She said they work hard on the budget. She said it doesn't mean you can't look at it next year. She said she feels over the past couple of years the police has been the focus. She said she knows the Police was the focus and platform of the Mayor when he came in here and she feels he has worked on that platform and he has done what he said he wanted to. She said she would like to see the money goes towards other things in the village. She said she has not seen a road paved in a while, no new sidewalks, no sidewalk repairs, no new lights. She said the housing developments have nice lighting, the village could use new lights. She said you cannot walk around the village at night because it is so dark. She said crosswalks, no one stops at them, more signage and definitely needs restriped. She said there are so many things that could be done in the village and not have everything put towards the police department. She said she would like to see them patrol more. She said she has brought it to the mayor's attention that since she is through here quite a bit with the schools, the cars are parked here more times than not. She would like to see them patrolling. She said she does see Officer Maynard in the mornings at West Middle School which is great. She said Scioto Elementary is nightmare, especially during pickup. She said there is a lot more traffic and it is like a race track. She asked about the manual for \$3600 and understands the village will get a kickback. She said she knows manuals are important but doesn't understand what the manual is about. She understands there are videos with class that officers will have to take and if they do not Chief Jordan will be notified. She asked if they do not, will there be reprimands and if not who will hold Chief Jordan accountable, will it be you Mayor? Mayor Joiner said yes it will. Ms. Geiger asked if they have his word. Mayor Joiner said yes. Ms. Geiger said she would ask council to think about the budget committee does and if this is something that is an emergency and what we can really put in our village.

Mr. Mark Geiger said he didn't have a lot to add, the other two pretty much covered everything. He said council is elected officials and they know who they speak for, some may feel like someone else speaks for you. Just do what you were elected to do. He always felt in a community like this one of those things was being fiscally responsible and buying two \$40,000 cars back to back years is not fiscally responsible.

Ms. Becky Blevins asked council a few questions. She asked with the addition of the last two officers we now have 24 hour coverage. Mayor Joiner answered Yes. She asked how many officers are on per shift. Mayor Joiner said we have a working Chief who works 1st shift, second shift officer that works 2-10, third shift officer, patrol sergeant who works a flex schedule, part-time officers who work in between. Ms. Blevins confirmed there is one person per shift. Mayor Joiner answered yes. Mayor Joiner said that varies if someone is off on vacation. Ms. Blevins asked if they have specific assignments. Mayor Joiner said several people up here have a background in law enforcement and we want to see them doing patrol and its great to hear Ms. Geiger talk about Officer Maynard. He said they have general patrol, business checks, calls, community events. Ms. Blevins confirmed the Chief is on the first shift. Mayor Joiner said yes. Ms. Blevins asked what his duties are. Mayor Joiner said he is the administrator he patrols, works with other police agencies, administrative and working within the department. He said any issues with equipment falls on him to handle. Ms. Blevins confirmed what Mayor Joiner is saying is that the Chief spends a lot of time in an office or building structure rather than on the road. Mayor Joiner said he is going to assume, he does not know. Ms. Blevins said so essentially we do not have anyone on the road for 1st shift. Mayor Joiner said we have someone available for calls. He said taking care of the public and calls is primary. Ms. Blevins said if he is in a meeting somewhere or in a class, does someone cover for him. Mayor Joiner said yes. Ms. Blevins said that helps her as she has a few questions for the Mayor. She said if we only have one or possible two officers per shift, and we currently have three good vehicles, why do we need another vehicle? Mayor Joiner said from an overall police department regarding their

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cruisers, we have one that currently have over 130,000 miles, another one, the Caprice, one we bought cheap and it has been worse mechanically than the one with over 130,000 miles. We have a ford explorer, the Chiefs vehicle, which is not a pursuit rated vehicle. He said there is nothing wrong with it, it is just not pursuit rated. Ms. Blevins asked if it is good for town. Mayor Joiner said yes. Mayor Joiner said we have the new Explorer which has the all-wheel drive which is more suited for law enforcement needs. He said it is more of a safe vehicle for the officers. Mr. Townsend said we do not need it. Ms. Blevins agreed that we do not need it and the money could be spent elsewhere. She said maybe the Caprice could be used at the elementary school where is it absolutely atrocious. She said she has told Mayor Joiner in a message. She said you can sit there lined from Scioto Street clear back to the elementary around 8:55am to 9:05am and you can not get out on Scioto. She said people pull out in front of people. She said it is an accident waiting to happen. She said even for the school busses She said they need someone not sitting in a vehicle, but directing traffic. She said there are kids walking to school on both sides of the road and vehicles everywhere and not a police officer in site. Mr. Townsend asked what time she is talking about. Ms. Blevins said about 8:50am. She said she does not understand if Chief Jordan is supposed to be on duty for 1st shift then he needs to get his tush over at the school and direct traffic. She said she is adamant about this because of the kids walking and is worried about them getting hit. She said if Chief Jordan is on duty it won't hurt him to get his tush there for 20 min and take care of traffic more so than not getting the 4th car. She said she feels that is a waste of our tax dollars and we do not need it. Mayor Joiner said he appreciates her courage to come and say what she feels. He said it is a council decision regarding the cruiser. He said what he said to her is just an over all view of the police department. He said if they want to put a cruiser on it is up to this group to decide. He said he has talked to the Chief about the traffic and the flow of traffic at the school and he know that is a priority and always has been. Ms. Blevins said evidently it is not a priority to him. She said he has not been there. Mayor Joiner said he understands that. Ms. Blevins said one thing she did not have her list that she just thought of is the tree that she has seen branches come down out of. She said she sent it to the Mayor the other day, the little boy who died from getting hit in the head from the branch. She said it needs to be taken care of, it is public safety. Ms. Blevins said her neighbor walked past it two hours before the large branch fell. Mr. O'Neil asked where it is located. Ms. Blevins said on Front and North Street. Village Administrator Crego said he knows where it is and will handle it.

Mr. Charles England addressed council regarding water pressure at Chestnut Estates. He said it may be a moot point since the ordinance was tabled tonight but respectfully request that is tabled until the booster station is up and running and water pressure is better. Mr. O'Neil asked if there are lots already approved but not built yet. Mayor Joiner said no. He said there is no further building going or approved plats. Utility Superintendent Thompson said the manufacturer wanted to do a start up Friday but the contractor did not have their bacteria samples passed so per the EPA it was not possible to do. He said as of Saturday it was passed. He said the scada work has yet to be done, but the parts are ordered. He said it is not in service as of today and cannot give an honest timeframe.

Ms. Deb Breech asked when council will be voting on recycling. Mayor Joiner said this whole thing that has been stirred up over this recycling is not something council is even prepared to discuss yet. He said we have already put it out to bid and we are set to put it out to bid to check on cost. He said he is not in favor of increasing the bills. He said we are working to see if we can add a couple additional dumpsters to the township building. He said there are a lot of things being worked on now. He said he believes what you saw on Facebook was to get an overall general feel and you know how Facebook is. Ms. Breech said a lot of folks in the original village cannot afford Facebook and did not know about it until they discussed it with them. Mr. O'Neil said if council did not put anything out to bid, as it stands right now the trash will be going up at the end of the year if we extend the contract with Rumpke. Ms. Breech asked how much. Mr. O'Neil said he did not know. Fiscal Officer Hastings said not even a \$1. Mr. O'Neil said it is, which is why he suggested putting it

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out to bid to include recycling. He said the bid should include non-recycling and with recycling. He said one company was picking up in Ashville for trash can, trash and recycling for \$14.80 a month. Ms. Breech said it makes no sense to do that when we have a free solution in place. Mr. O'Neil said it may not make sense but he is going to explore it. He said if they are talking about the price are \$.25 or \$1.00 he just wants to know that. He said before when people were talking about \$7.00 there was never a difference between adding recycling or not, it was \$3.40. He said there are a lot of things people say that are not true. He said he would like to look at everything before the contract expires. Ms. Breech asked if the RITA tax is something that can be used towards this? Mr. O'Neil said it could be then people on the other side of the coin say you are wasting their tax dollars. Mayor Joiner said they do not have the information to make a decision on this tonight.

Mr. Lynn Johnson said he is for recycling but when he lived in Los Angeles they had curb side and they had to put a stop to it because at night the drug addicts and took the recycle bin to take out scrap and then they had animals in it also. He said it becomes litter.

Business Items

- A. Removal of Stop Signs on Grove Run Road-Mr. Thompson said this is the recommendation of the Safety Committee in conjunction with the police department and Village Administrator Crego. Village Administrator Crego said he had no part in this decision.. He asked if there are questions. Ms. Wolfe asked if they found a safe way for kids crossing? Mr. Townsend said he would be in favor of taking those signs down if they had something in the works of what they are going to do for that crosswalk. Mr. Thompson said he thought they decided the crosswalk needs to be up towards the front. Mr. Townsend said they decided that but do they have plans to put that in action? He said until they do, there is no point in removing the stop signs. Mr. Thompson said he would assume we would not remove the stop signs until that was in place. Mr. Townsend said it is up for a motion and vote. Mr. O'Neil said we can approve it, but it doesn't mean we need to act on it right away. Mr. Thompson said how it is worded on here common sense says you will not jerk them out until the crosswalk was done. Mayor Joiner said at the last meeting it was closed with everyone going to location and looking at it and coming back to the table and discussing it further. He said we are not ready to vote on it tonight. He said we need to have a plan in place. Village Administrator Crego told them to develop a plan and tell him exactly what they want done on paper and he will make it happen. Mayor Joiner said whoever from council wants to champion this work with Village Administrator Crego to do the research and bring it back and formulate a plan on it. Ms. Wolfe asked if this is Safety Committee role? Mr. Townsend said yes, they brought it to council. Mr. Grassel said he is not opposed to having a following up Safety committee meeting to readdress the cruiser with the new information and consensus of tonight and address and develop a plan for the crosswalk to be moved prior to the removal of the stop signs.
- B. New Position Discussion-Village Administrator Crego said they are asking for a position that will address a problem that they have had for several years. He said it is becoming larger. He said in our typical system of handling new developments in subdivisions or independent build we end up issuing the zoning permit then we have no additional involvement. At that time the Circleville Building Department takes over and they run through the checklist and they issue the occupancy permit. The problem, they do not look for things we look for such

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as elevation, utility access points, etc. We end up later with drainage issues in the yard because these items were missed. In the meantime the person in charge in Circleville has retired so they are leaning on someone in Chillicothe. He said we need someone who follows up from the zoning permit through the development phases to make sure the final product is what we want. He said we are looking at a 5-10 hours a week position but it is very defined. It works strictly from the zoning code we are developing. He said this position will also make sure right a way permits are being enforced as written as well. Mayor Joiner asked how this position will differ from the Zoning Inspector? Village Administrator Crego said a zoning application goes to Zoning Inspector McCoskey, he then goes out and makes sure it goes where is it supposed to on the lot. He said after that we have no involvement. He said from the time the zoning certificate is issued, this person will take over and make sure everything is finished correctly. He said we have opportunity to decide if we are going to do our building inspections. He said if we can continue to work with the county with the situation then we will take this as an investment because each year we are on a year to year contract with the building department. He said right now its important to get someone involved. Mr. Moore asked if right now to offset the cost can we charge for a final zoning signoff? Village Administrator Crego said actually the developer is already paying for these inspections to be done.

- C. Approval of Employee Guidelines to include new position-Fiscal Officer Hastings said she needs a motion and 2nd. Mr. Townsend asked if we already have the money in the account to cover the position, Fiscal Officer Hastings said no, that will be coming. She said right now the Engineer is paid out of the Housing Development Fund when the inspections come in so this person will also be paid out of that. Fiscal Officer Hastings said we do have the money she just does not have the line item created. Mr. Townsend motioned to approve the Employee Guidelines, seconded by Mr. Moore. Roll Call: Mr. O'Neil-No, Mr. Grassel-No, Mr. Townsend-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Thompson-No, Mr. Moore-Yes. Vote is a Tie. Mayor Joiner broke the tie with a yes vote. Motion passed.
- D. Approval of Employee Pay Schedule to include new position-Mr. Townsend motioned to approve the Employee Pay Schedule, seconded by Mr. Moore. Roll Call: Mr. O'Neil-No, Mr. Grassel-No, Mr. Townsend-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes. Motion passed.

Legislation

For First Reading:

Resolution 06-2018 A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE REALIGNMENT OF MONIES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE TRANSFERS OUT ACCOUNT 1000-910-910 AND TRANSFER SAID MONIES TO THE OTHER COMMUNICATIONS – COMMUNITY PROJECTS ACCOUNT 1000-110-329. Fiscal Officer Hastings said when they did the temporary budget they moved \$2000 and when we did the permanent budget we only put \$500 and we have spent more than \$500. Mr. Thompson motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the resolution. Roll Call: Mr. Townsend-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes,

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Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. O'Neil-Yes. All in favor, motion approved.

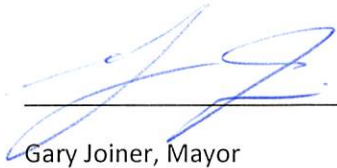
Resolution 07-2018 A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER MONIES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE TRANSFERS OUT ACCOUNT 1000-910-910 AND TRANSFER SAID MONIES TO THE MONEY RESERVED FOR POLICE CRUISER ACCOUNT 1000-110-393. Mr. O'Neil motioned to table, seconded by Mr. Moore. Roll Call: Mr. O'Neil-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Townsend-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

For Third Reading:

Ordinance 2018-01 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF CHESTNUT COMMONS SUBDIVISION, PHASE III. Mr. Moore motioned to table, seconded by Mr. O'Neil. Roll Call: Mr. O'Neil-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Townsend-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

Additional Items:

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