

**Village of Commercial Point
Council Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2019**

Mayor Joiner called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. FO Hastings took roll call with the following members present: Mr. Townsend, Ms. Wolfe, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Grassel and Mr. Moore.

Mr. Townsend motioned seconded by Mr. Grassel to approve the July 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Administrative Reports:

- A. Mayor- Nothing to report
- B. Village Engineer- Not present
- C. Village Solicitor- Village Solicitor Shamp discussed legislation that Mr. Moore asked about. It was regarding adding fees for park operations and building development, he said it will be ready for the first read at the next meeting.
- D. Police Department- Chief Jordan discussed the June report. He said he received a resignation from OFC Jackson, who went to another agency. He said OFC McCrabb will move to the position of PT upon completion of the psychological exam. He said our previous examiner has retired so he is looking into a new one. He said he also received an email from OFC Boes with his resignation ending in August. He said it was based on issue he is dealing with. He said he spoke with him and what was going on would not require a resignation, but it was up to him. He asked to go into Executive Session for personnel issues. He also said they may want to look at the fine schedule and possibly change some of the fines to help with new technology for Mayor's Court.
- E. Village Administrator- VA Crego said the Foxfire paving is scheduled for this week. He said he provided council with information in the last meeting about the Belshazzar project and they are scheduled to discuss this tonight and need a decision if they move forward or not. He also said he left them information on the Charter government and now we are looking at the opportunity where we will be moving from a village status to a city status. He said that kind of move is difficult because there are positions and things we have never had before. He said developing a charter is not like developing a zoning code, he said they are developing something very specific to this village. He said in the language itself, it says if we reach city status, this government will continue. He said they did find out this past week, they need to have permission from the electorate to form a village charter commission and then in the same election cycle we need to have a slate of people running for the 15 positions of the charter committee so they will be elected on the same day. He said it is a long process.
- F. Zoning Inspector- ZI McCoskey said he has a few comments. He believes the overall appearance of the community is good but he has had a few comments. With the upcoming Kart races we want the best appearance as possible. He said the comments we about shrubbery and trees hanging over the sidewalks. He said if you have the situation, please just cut them. He said he has sent a few personal letters with pictures, which he prefers that approach. He said we are aware of all the annexation, zoning and re-zoning. He said there is a procedure and we have a board in place. One of the procedures is everything is filed in the office and open for public viewing and we will not put it on public social media.
- G. Fiscal Officer- Fund Status as of 6/30/2019: General \$2,030,833.31, Street Construction Maint & Repair \$283,890.97, State Highway \$21,790.02, Parks & Recreation \$3,033.57, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax \$7,925.74, Enforcement & Education \$1,824.39, Oh Peace Off Education & Training \$3,980.00, Housing Developments \$80,748.59, Other Capital Projects \$117,368.75, Water Operating \$2,467,936.99, Sewer Operating \$3,300,786.40, Garbage Operating \$30,774.46.

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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:

Mr. John Murphy asked if he is permitted to come to the village council meetings to express his concerns as a law enforcement officer of this village when it concerns the public. Village Solicitor Shamp said yes.

Business Items:

- A. Approval of the 2020 Tax Budget-Mr. Thompson motioned, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the 2020 Tax Budget. Roll Call: Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Townsend-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes and Mr. O'Neil-Yes. All in favor, motion approved.
- B. Belshazzar Paving Project-VA Crego said the project is an extensive re-work of the street. He said he has received comments from some council members on what they would like to see and they are incorporated in the cost and design, which has been provided. He said the amount \$330,000 is an important investment in rehabbing downtown. He said another thing they can do is determine not to go this route and do a deep milling and paving for \$80,000 and have the same configuration as now. He said what he is looking for tonight is a yes/no to move forward with the design and engineering so they can put it in the works. He said if they go into the process of having it done they can start the first of the year so it can be well ahead of the Festival and Go Karts. Mr. Moore asked if the new engineering firm has looked into grants. VA Crego said we are at the unfortunate point where the average household income exceeds our opportunity to have grants. Mr. Moore asked if the administration has a concept of what the downtown would look like. VA Crego said nothing recently. Mr. O'Neil said in the proposal he read they will use solar street lights. He said he likes the idea of saving the power and money but he is not sure they will be bright enough for what we need. VA Crego said they had the same question and New Albany and a couple other major cities only use solar lights. Mr. O'Neil asked if he could find out a specific street they are on so he can go out to that street and see them. VA Crego will find one. Mr. Moore said before they agree to spend \$300,000 he would like to know what administration has in mind for the area. FO Hastings said they do have the previous drawing and will locate it. Mr. O'Neil asked if we would lose the two parking spots in front of the Post Office. VA Crego said yes. Mr. Moore asked if we can get an idea of what a concept would cost us? VA Crego said yes he will email it to them.

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Legislation:

Second Reading:

- C. **Ordinance 2019-08** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 ZONING CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT, OHIO

- D. **Ordinance 2019-09** AN ORDINANCE SPECIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF AN UNDER-SPEED/ UTILITY VEHICLE IN THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

- E. **Ordinance 2019-10** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE EXISTING ZONING FOR PARCEL NUMBER L2700010054400 COMPRISED OF 34.026 ACRES ON DURRETT RD

Third Reading:

- F. **Ordinance 2019-07** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF 28.386+/- ACRES FROM SCIOTO TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. O'Neil said they have talked about it but at what point will they discuss the things they want to see happen with that area and when will they see them in writing. Mr. Don Plank said they have filed the zoning application for it. He said they are going to the Planning & Zoning Commission Board and have that discussion and will have the discussion with council when it comes to them. Mr. Plank said their zoning process starts now. FO Hastings said this is just to approve the annexation. She said the zoning to go to R3 will be in front of the Planning & Zoning Commission Board on August 22 for the Public Hearing. She said they will make a recommendation to council. Council will then have a Public Hearing within 60 days once they receive it, they will review it and then they have 45 days from the Public Hearing, they need to have a rendering on whether it is approved or not. She said the only reason the emergency language is on there is so it will take effect immediately rather than in 30 days. Mr. O'Neil said he does not think the zoning is the issue. The issue is what is happening with the green space. Mr. Plank said as they talk about the village wants it will be part of the zoning process. Mr. O'Neil motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Moore. Roll Call: Mr. Moore-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Townsend-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes and Mr. O'Neil-Yes. All in favor, motion approved. ZI McCoskey said with the new zoning code, there is a route they need to take with the new process but he will draw it out for everyone.

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Mr. O'Neil motioned to amend the agenda to add Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Thompson. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. O'Neil motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 for personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Thompson. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. O'Neil motioned to end Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Moore. All in favor, motion approved.

Mr. O'Neil motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moore . All in favor, meeting adjourned.



Gary Joiner, Mayor



Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer

*Minutes provided by Paula Baldwin, Administrative Assistant