

**Village of Commercial Point
Council Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2020**

Mayor Goldhardt called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. AA Baldwin took roll call with the following members present: Ms. Wolfe, Mr. Grassel, Mr. Moore, Mr. Mitchem, Mr. Thompson and Ms. Joiner.

Ms. Wolfe motioned, seconded by Mr. Grassel to approve the December 2, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Moore, Ms. Joiner and Mr. Mitchem abstained. Motion passed.

Administrative Reports:

- A. Mayor's Report- Mayor Goldhardt welcomed the new council members and said he looks forward to working with everyone.
- B. Village Engineer's Report-Engineer Grosse discussed the bid opening for the Water Treatment Plant. He said they will have a formal presentation for council, which will involve financing at a later time. He said Scioto Crossing is moving ahead and have back to them with section 2.
- C. Village Solicitor's Report-Nothing to report
- D. Police Department Report-Chief Jordan welcomed the new council members. He said he did not give them the December monthly report because he is going to meet with Mayor Goldhardt and see how he would like it structured.
- E. Village Administrator's Report-VA Crego thanked everyone who has stepped up for the Charter. He discussed a handout he distributed to council regarding his 4 year report. Ms. Joiner asked about unfinished business regarding lighting. FO Hastings advised we did contact South Central Power and it was more expensive than the other company looked at. She said with the timing of the year we decided to stop and will look at it again this year. Ms. Wolfe asked for an update on Genoa Crossing. VA Crego said a lot of clean up has happened by the HOA. Mr. Moore asked if the company is in any violation of our current zoning code. VA Crego said no, but they are in violation of the International Property Code. Mr. Moore asked the solicitor if it is within our powers to pass an ordinance requiring builders to follow a timeline standard and if not we can take them down. VS Shamp said yes. He said at the minimum we have the nuisance but the village should look into passing something.
- F. Zoning Inspector's Report- ZI Kuzelka said they need more people for the P & Z Board and will keep it open until the end of this month. He discussed the situation at Genoa Crossing and advised residents are happy with what has taken place and he will continue to monitor the situation.
- G. Fiscal Officer's Report-Nothing to report

Legislative Reports:

- 1. Bruce Moore-Mr. Moore discussed the committees and reminded administration to try and make their budgets a little more specific.
- 2. Tracy Joiner-Nothing to report
- 3. Jason Thompson-Mr. Thompson asked VA Crego to look at the flashing stop signs at Walker Road and the one by Pettit's. He said they are not working.

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4. Laura Wolfe-Nothing to report
5. Ryan Mitchem-Nothing to report
6. Aaron Grassel-Nothing to report

Business Items:

- A. Mr. Thompson nominated Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Mitchem for President Pro Tempore. All in favor, motion passed.
- B. Mayor Goldhardt discussed the meeting dates. He advised the list is not complete, but the ones listed are the 1st Monday of each month. He discussed having a Committee of the Whole meeting with council. He advised there is no voting or citizen comments, although it is open to the Public. He said it is a working meeting for council. He advised if we need another council meeting we can have a meeting following the C.O.W. meeting. He asked to have the current dates approved. Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Ms. Joiner. All in favor, motion passed.
- C. Mayor asked if council would be available to meet Monday January 13th at 7:00pm. Mr. Moore said he is willing to try, but his only concern there is something that needs 3 readings, we make sure there is some form of communication with all involved. Mr. Thompson said for the same reasons of Mr. Moore likes having the two meetings to vote, but he is willing to try.
- D. Mayor Goldhardt said there are 3 remaining charges against the Village Marshall. It is his decision to dismiss the charges.
- E. Ms. Joiner made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel regarding the appointment/dismissal of the probationary officer. She asked for herself and Mr. Mitchem to be updated on what actions have been taken in previous council meetings. Ms. Joiner invited Chief Jordan and Officer Griffith to attend. Mr. Thompson opposed. Mr. Mitchem seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Moore-No, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Ms. Joiner-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Mitchem-Yes, and Mr. Thompson-No. Motion passed. Mayor Goldhardt also asked VS Shamp to attend. Entered into Executive Session at 7:24 pm. Mr. Moore motioned to resume the council meeting at 8:22 pm, seconded by Mr. Thompson. All in favor, motion approved. Ms. Joiner motioned to go back into Executive Session for personnel issues specifically related to Officer Griffith's appointment/dismissal, seconded by Ms. Wolfe. All in favor, motion passed. Entered into Executive Session at 8:23pm. Ms. Wolfe motioned, seconded by Mr. Moore to return to Executive Session at 8:41 pm. All in favor, motion passed. Mayor Goldhardt presented his recommendation to council regarding the appointment/dismissal of Officer Griffith. His recommendation is dismissal. He discussed a letter he sent to Council with his reasons. VS Shamp asked for a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation to dismiss the probationary officer. Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the recommendation to dismiss, seconded by Mr. Grassel. Roll Call: Mr. Mitchem-No, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Joiner-No, Ms. Wolfe-No, Mr. Moore-No. Motion failed. VS Shamp advised the officer will remain on probationary status under the revised code.

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Legislation:

For First Reading:

Resolution 56-2019 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 WITH THE SCIOTO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR SNOW REMOVAL ON THE VILLAGE STREETS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Ms. Joiner to suspend the readings. Roll Call: Ms. Joiner-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Mitchem-Yes. All in favor, motion passed. Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Ms. Joiner to approve the resolution. . Roll Call: Ms. Joiner-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Mitchem-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 57-2019 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR MAYOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO IBI GROUP NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$ 94,400.00 FOR THE ENGINEERING COSTS OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INFLUENT LIFT STATION PROJECT. Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Ms. Joiner to suspend the readings. Roll Call: Ms. Joiner-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Mitchem-Yes. All in favor, motion passed. Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Ms. Wolfe to approve the resolution. . Roll Call: Ms. Joiner-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Mitchem-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 01-2020 A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE REALIGNMENT OF MONIES WITHIN THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND FROM THE OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ACCOUNT 2901-490-399 AND TRANSFER SAID MONIES TO THE OTHER SALARIES – ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE (ENGINEER) ACCOUNT 2901-710-139-1020. Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Ms. Wolfe to approve the resolution. Roll Call: Ms. Joiner-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Mitchem-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 02-2020 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF 209.609+/- ACRES FROM SCIOTO TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

Resolution 03-2020 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REZONING OF ±154.45 ACRES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT, OHIO. Mr. Moore said he would like to make a statement regarding this. He said he has reservations about the package presented to the village. He said there are things in the Pre-Annexation agreement he does not agree with. He said they need to present a reason how it benefits the village and why it should be partially funded by the village.

Resolution 04-2020 A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE REALIGNMENT OF MONIES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE TRANSFERS OUT 1000-910-910 AND TRANSFER SAID MONIES TO THE SALARIES – FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS ACCOUNT 1000-110-190-1015. Mr. Grassel motioned, seconded by Ms. Wolfe to approve the resolution. . Roll Call: Ms. Joiner-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Mitchem-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

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Resolution 05-2020 A RESOLUTION TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

For Third Reading:

Ordinance 2019-25 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF 28.256+/- ACRES FROM SCIOTO TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF COMMERCIAL POINT AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Scioto Crossing Phase 2). Mr. Moore motioned, seconded by Mr. Grassel to approve the ordinance. . Roll Call: Ms. Joiner-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Mitchem-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 47-2019 A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS. Ms. Joiner motioned, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the resolution. . Roll Call: Ms. Joiner-Yes, Mr. Grassel-Yes, Mr. Moore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Wolfe-Yes, Mr. Mitchem-Yes. All in favor, motion passed.

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



Allan D. Goldhardt, Mayor



Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer

*Minutes provided by Paula Baldwin, Administrative Assistant



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January 4, 2020

Council Members,

One of the items to be decided at this Monday night's council meeting is whether the Village wishes to confirm or dismiss our probationary police officer. As some of you may know, when the Village Council decides to add a police officer to the department, it is the mayor's duty to appoint an officer subject to the council's approval. Once that officer is confirmed by the council, the officer begins a six month probationary period as required by the Ohio Revised Code. At the end of the six month probationary period, the mayor is required to make a recommendation to the council to either confirm the appointment or remove the officer from the Village Police Department. Officer Griffith has completed the probationary period and now I am required to make the recommendation to council.

I would like to start by saying that the completion of Officer Griffith's probationary period could not have come at a worse time. Due to the results of the recent election, I have to make my recommendation after being on the job for a total of two days. I am also aware that two of you will be making your decision after just getting sworn in and being seated at the council table for the first time. Although this situation is not ideal, it is a decision that must be made as required by law.

Officer Griffith came into my office on Friday evening and introduced herself to me. We only spoke for about five minutes, so I do not know her personally. Also, I don't know anything about her background, work ethic, capabilities or job performance. My recommendation is based solely on what has transpired and the Police Chief's recommendation.

Officer Griffith was appointed to the Village Police Department about one year ago. After serving her probationary period for six months, a decision was to be made to confirm her appointment or dismiss her. At that time, a very unusual decision was made to do neither and instead extend her probationary period for an additional six months. This in itself causes concern for me. Obviously, village officials were not comfortable in confirming the appointment for whatever reason at that time. I have spoken to Chief Jordan over the past two days requesting his input on the situation. After serving as Officer Griffith's supervisor over the past twelve months, his recommendation is to dismiss Officer Griffith from the police department.

In light of the above facts, at this time my recommendation to council is to dismiss Officer Griffith. Having said that, if the majority of council wishes to confirm her appointment, I will be more than willing to work with and welcome her as an officer of the Village.

Allan D. Goldhardt
Mayor, Village of Commercial Point