



**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 28, 2013

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on May 28, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Mayor D. Greg Scott presiding.

Roll Call

Mayor Scott called the roll with five members of Council present: Mrs. Bonnie Wiley, Mr. James Wiley, Mr. Michael Flaherty, Mr. John Souders, and Mr. James Triplett. Also present were Eugene Hollins, Solicitor; Kenneth Hinkle, Police Chief; E. Rod Davisson, Administrator/Economic Development Director, and, Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director/Council Clerk.

Mayor Scott called for a motion to excuse Councilmember Crabtree. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Souders – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Triplett – yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of May 13, 2013. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – abstain. The minutes of the May 13, 2013 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

Rick Heiser addressed Council. He complained about drug usage and alcohol abuse at the Obetz Cemetery. He stated that he has lost his job. Mayor Scott stated that Obetz does not control the cemetery. Mr. Davisson stated that Obetz received complaints regarding drug usage. The Police Chief conducted an investigation. It is on-going and cannot be discussed in a public meeting. He further stated that Obetz does not control the hiring and firing at the cemetery.

Ordinances

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 29-13 An Ordinance To Enact Section 181.021 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of Obetz To Increase In The Village Income Tax Rate From The Current Rate Of Two Percent (2.0%) To A Rate Of Two And One-Half Percent (2.5 %) To Become Effective On January 1, 2014 For The Purposes Of Public Safety Including, But Not Limited To, Police Services, And Related Costs Of The Village And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 29-13.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 30-13 A Ordinance Providing For The Submission To The Electors Of The Village Of Obetz, At The General Election To Be Held On November 5, 2013, An Ordinance To Enact An Increase In The Village Income Tax Rate From The Current Rate Of Two Percent (2.0%) To A Rate Of Two And One-Half Percent (2.5%) To Become Effective On January 1, 2014, For The Purposes Of Public Safety Including, But Not Limited To, Police Services, And Related Costs Of The Village. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 29-13.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 31-13 An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 27-13, Amending The Village Of Obetz' Procedures Regarding Pension Pick-Up Contributions, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 31-13. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 31-13. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley, seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 31-13. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley, seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 23-13 An Ordinance To Modify Section 549.10 Related To The Discharge Of Firearms Within The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 23-13. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 23-13. Motion made by Mr. Triplett, seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-13. Motion made by Mr. Triplett, seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 24-13 An Ordinance To Modify Section 1325.04 Related To Swimming Pool Enclosures Within The Village Of Obetz And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 24-13. Mr. Flaherty stated that the maximum fence height in the Butler Farms subdivision is 42". He further stated that the fence height should be lowered in the Ordinance to allow residents in Butler Farms to have pools. Mayor Scott called for a motion to modify Ordinance 24-13 reducing the required fence height from 48" to 42". Motion made by Mr. Flaherty, seconded by Mr. Souders. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 24-13. Motion made by Mr. Wiley, seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 24-13. Motion made by Mr. Wiley, seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 25-13 An Ordinance To Modify The Codified Ordinances To Include Chapter 733 Related To The Licensing Of Indoor Shooting And Archery Ranges Within The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 25-13. Mayor Scott called for a motion to

suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 25-13. Motion made by Mr. Triplett, seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 25-13. Motion made by Mr. Triplett, seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 28-13 An Ordinance To Amend The 2013 Appropriations Regarding The Electric Fund. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 28-13. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 28-13. Motion made by Mr. Wiley, seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 28-13. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley, seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty– yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes.

Standing Committee Reports

Recreation and Health – Mr. Souders stated that baseball and softball is going well and he likes the partnership with Teays Valley. Teays Valley has very nice facilities. He also reported that the splashpad will be open July 1st.

Finance – Mr. Davisson reported that last month was the largest income tax collection month in the history of the Village. He further stated that the JEDZ is performing above projections.

Legislation – Nothing to report.

Public Utilities – Nothing to report.

Safety and Streets – Council and Mr. Davisson discussed street and park improvement projects planned for the summer. The projects include storm sewer line repairs at McFadyen Park; repainting of light poles on Dexter Court; and, the construction of fencing around Lancaster Park.

Planning and Zoning Commission – Nothing to report.

Village Officials' Reports

Mayor Scott – Mayor Scott discussed the Mayor's Business Lunch which was May 17th. He further stated that he received a positive response from the Stewart family regarding Stewart Hall. The Alum Creek Drive/Groveport Road roadway improvements will be complete in mid-September. The staff also underwent OUPS training recently. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ryan property. He stated that the underground tanks will need to be removed. He further stated

that Lancaster Street will be repaved this year and the storm sewer inlet at the intersection with Obetz Avenue will also be repaired.

Eugene Hollins, Solicitor – Mr. Hollins stated that the Ryan property eviction hearing is tomorrow. An executive session is also needed to discuss economic development and land transactions.

Kenneth Hinkle, Police Chief – Chief Hinkle stated there will be an OVI checkpoint in Obetz on June 29th. Alum Creek Drive will be closed on June 22nd from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM in order to install trusses at the intersection of Groveport Road. Pelatonia is coming through Obetz again this year. The race is August 9th.

Stacey Boumis, Council Clerk – Nothing to report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator/Economic Development Director – Mr. Davisson stated that things are going well. He is currently evaluating all operations and working on employee and operations manuals.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Remarks from the Audience

Mrs. Betty Dyer stated that Block Watch is meeting tomorrow at 6:00 PM at the police station.

Executive Session

Mayor Scott called for motion to go into executive session to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley, seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Triplett – yes; Mr. Souders – yes. Council went into executive session at 7:13 PM.

Council returned from executive session at 7:50 PM. Mr. Souders left during the executive session.

Adjournment

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley, seconded by Mr. Wiley. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

D. Greg Scott, Mayor

Stacey E. Boumis, Clerk