



**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2014

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on August 11, 2014 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 six members of Council present: Mrs. Bonnie Wiley, Mr. James Wiley, Mr. Guiles Richardson, Mrs. Louise Crabtree, Mrs. Angie Kirk, and Mr. Michael Flaherty. Also present were E. Rod Davisson, Administrator, Eve M. Ellinger, Law Director, Michael Confer, Chief of Police; and, Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2014. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes. The minutes of the July 28, 2014 meeting were approved.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 43-14 An Ordinance To Establish August 29, 2014 As A Holiday For Obetz Employees And Declaring An Emergency.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 36-14 An Ordinance Modifying Obetz Code Section 149.04 Regarding Insurance Coverage. Mr. Davisson summarized Ordinance 36-14. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 36-14. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 38-14 An Ordinance To Provide For A Contracting Procedure For Upgrades To The Obetz Electrical System, And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Davisson summarized Ordinance 38-14. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 38-14. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes.

Emergencies

No emergencies.

Tabled

Ordinance 25-14 remained tabled.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation and Health (Council Member Kirk) – Mrs. Kirk stated that there was nothing new to report. Mrs. Wiley stated that she is working with Hamilton Township to bring a low cost spay and neutering mobile unit to the area. Mrs. Wiley also stated that she was speaking with Judy Hogan who informed her that Obetz no longer operates a food pantry. Ms. Hogan is sending individuals to the Obetz Methodist Church or Leave A Mark Church. Mrs. Wiley stated that she thinks it is good that Obetz isn't involved in a food pantry any longer. Mayor Scott, Mr. Davisson, and Council discussed food pantries and the history of the Sunshine And Smiles Food Pantry which was operating from the Community Center. Mr. Richardson stated that the Obetz Church of the Nazarene has a Wednesday evening free supper and food pantry as well. Mrs. Wiley thanked all the volunteers. She encouraged people to continue volunteering.

Safety and Streets (Council Member Crabtree) – No report.

Public Utilities (Council President Pro-Tem Flaherty) – No report.

Finance (Council Member J. Wiley) – No report.

Legislation (Council Member Richardson) – No report.

Planning and Zoning Commission (Council Member B. Wiley) – No report.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott – Mayor Scott stated that National Anthem auditions were this evening and the hours of the splash pad have changed.

Eve M. Ellinger, Law Director – No questions for Ms. Ellinger.

J. Michael Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated that Pelatonia came through town on Saturday.

Stacey Boumis, Council Clerk –No questions for Ms. Boumis.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator/Economic Development Director – Mr. Davisson stated that income tax receipts for the month of July were up and that staff is busy preparing for the Zucchini-fest.

Hamilton Township Fire Department – Firefighter John Blankenship stated the fan drive was a success. He also provided run statistics. The Fire Department is selling t-shirts, the proceeds of which will be donated to Race for the Cure.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS


No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

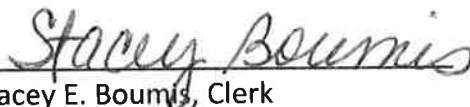
Mrs. Wiley stated that she wants help with the cats. People need educated; they should not be criminalized for feeding cats. The Village needs to get involved. Mrs. Wiley invited a representative from Colony Cats to discuss strategies for dealing with stray and feral cats. The Colony Cats representative recommended creating a trap, neuter, and return program. She stated this type of program is inexpensive, humane, and effective. Catch and kill programs are costly and don't work. The Ohio Revised Code considers a cat a companion animal that cannot be killed. Council, Mayor Scott, and members of the public in attendance discussed these issues. Residents in attendance stated that this issue needs further discussion. (Residents did not come to the podium and state their name for the record.) Mayor Scott stated that auditions for singing the National Anthem at the ZucchiniFest were this evening and that this issue can be discussed further at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 6:35 PM.



D. Greg Scott, Mayor



Stacey E. Boumis, Clerk