



**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

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The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on February 9, 2015 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. Angie Kirk, Mrs. Louise Crabtree, and Mr. Michael Flaherty. Also present were E. Rod Davisson, Administrator, Eve M. Ellinger, Law Director, Michael Confer, Police Chief, and, Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2015. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes. The minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting were approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

State Representative Heather Bishoff was present and addressed Council. According to Representative Bishoff, the State budget is in its theoretical stage; it will be a rollercoaster right now. Representative Bishoff stated that the priorities for her office are to keep Rickenbacker Air Force Base here and to continue investing in infrastructure. She shared her phone number (614-644-6002) and encouraged Councilmembers and the Mayor to contact her should they need anything.

**ORDINANCES**

**First Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 14-15 An Ordinance Designating The Publication Locations For Ordinances.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 17-15 An Ordinance Modifying Section 939.05 Of The Codified Ordinances Related To Payment Of Utility Bills.

**Second Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 09-15 An Ordinance Adopting Garbage And Refuse Regulations Within The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 09-15. He stated that the ordinance makes it mandatory for someone to have trash service; this has always been the understanding but now there will be regulations for this.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 11-15 An Ordinance Increasing The Salary Of All Elected Officials. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 11-15. Mr. Davisson stated that Council has not had a salary adjustment since 2002.

### **Third Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 06-15 An Ordinance To Modify Section 549.11 Related To The Discharge Of Arrows And Other Objects Within The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 6-15. He stated that the ordinance stems from Mrs. Wiley's cat being shot with an arrow. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 06-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – no; Mrs. Crabtree – no; Mrs. Kirk – no. Because there was a tie, Mayor Scott was required to break the tie. Mayor Scott voted "no"; therefore Ordinance 06-15 did not pass.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 07-15 An Ordinance Confirming Jordan A. Elzey As A Police Officer And Declaring An Emergency. Chief Confer discussed Officer Elzey. He stated that there have been no issues with his performance or disciplinary concerns. Mr. Davisson also stated that there have been no issues. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 07-15. He stated that Officer Elzey has done a good job. Chief Confer stated that there have been no issues with Officer Elzey. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 07-15. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes.

### **Emergencies**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 15-15 An Ordinance Authorizing The Village Administrator To Execute Necessary Conveyance Documentation To Acquire Approximately 0.3512 Acres, More Or Less, Fee Simple Interest From Robert Jones And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 15-15. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 15-15. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 15-15. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; 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.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 16-15 An Ordinance Approving The Recodification, Editing And Inclusion Of Certain Ordinances As Parts Of The Various Component Codes Of The Codified Ordinances Of Obetz, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 16-15. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 16-15. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; 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. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-15. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; 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 18-15 An Ordinance To Approve Additional 2015 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 18-15. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 18-15. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes. Mayor Scott

called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 18-15. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; 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 19-15 An Ordinance Authorizing The Modification Of The Municipal Income Tax Credit Agreement Between The Village Of Obetz And Zulily, Inc. And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 19-15. He stated that corporate taxes are typically very low. The majority of money the Village receives from corporations is from the income tax paid by the employees. In Obetz' current agreement with Zulily, the amount of income tax paid is given as a credit against Zulily's corporate income tax. Currently the corporate tax liability for Zulily is so low that there is money left over after applying the credit. It is not clear in the current agreement whether this credit can be carried over to the next year. The revised agreement allows Zulily to carry over the tax credit. This will encourage Zulily to grow in Obetz. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 19-15. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 19-15. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes.

#### **Tabled**

No tabled ordinances.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Kirk stated that Mr. Beggrow has installed a new sign at the ice rink that lets the public know if the rink is opened or closed.

#### **VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

*Mayor Scott* – Mayor Scott stated that he attended an economic development conference in Phoenix with Mr. Davisson, Mr. Corbitt, and Ms. Garvine. He stated that ice skating season is almost over. He also stated that he spoke to Becky Dixon, the mother of Chris Dixon, and she is excited about the new park being named Dixon Quarry. Mayor Scott explained to the public who Chris Dixon was. He also thanked the Street Department for their efforts regarding snow removal.

*Eve Ellinger, Esq., Law Director* – Ms. Ellinger stated that she is finalizing the Innosource agreement. Someone from the company should be here on staff full-time beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. She discussed the program with Council stating that Mark Beggrow is assisting her. They are working with the school districts to develop a program to link schools to businesses. Mr. Davisson stated that he will need approximately \$200,000 to get the program up and running. Ms. Ellinger stated that these will be good jobs for residents and they will include benefits.

*Michael Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer reviewed crime statistics with Council. There have been 136 dispatched runs since the last meeting. On Super Bowl weekend the OVI Task Force arrested three individuals for DUI. Mr. Davisson also stated that Chief Confer is working with Madison Township on Toy Road traffic issues. Obetz set up our traffic box to monitor traffic on Toy Road.

*Hamilton Township Fire Department* – Chief Shillingburg stated that there was a fire on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Columbus Motor Speedway. There was approximately \$80,000 worth of damage to the building. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

*E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator/Economic Development Director* – Mr. Davisson stated that he needs Councilmember's worksheets for capital projects and nominees for the utility commission. He shared the preliminary designs for the new street signs. He also discussed the state and federal regulations that dictate background color of signs, size of letters, and retroreflectivity. He discussed pole type and stop signs. Council requested a sample of two of the signs so they can evaluate them and determine the design of the new street signs which will include Obetz' new logo. Mr. Davisson stated that Mr. Fischer is working on a proposal to start the GIS asset management project. Mrs. Wiley asked Mr. Davisson if it would be possible to give residents a check in order to share in Obetz' wealth. Mr. Davisson stated that he is investigating this for utility bills. Residents in the audience stated that they would prefer a credit on the utility bill.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Revisions to Council Rules*

Mrs. Kirk stated that the copy of the rules distributed this evening to Council incorporate the change suggested by Mrs. Wiley. She asked Council to review the copy and be prepared to finalize the rules at the next meeting.

### *ZucchiniFest Entertainment*

Mr. Davisson stated that the talent buyer suggests Montgomery Gentry over Sara Evans. Both are available. Mrs. Kirk stated that ticket prices are higher for Sara Evans which explains why her attendance numbers are smaller. Councilmembers and Mayor Scott decided to pursue Montgomery Gentry. If something happens and a contract cannot be reached with them, Sara Evans will be selected.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

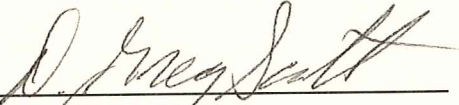
Mrs. Wiley discussed the incident involving her cat being hit with an arrow. Mrs. Wiley asked Councilmembers why they voted "no" on Ordinance 06-15. Council and the Mayor discussed Mrs. Wiley's question. Mrs. Wiley stated that her neighbor was not charged with shooting her cat because it cannot be proven if it was intentional. Mayor Scott stated that you cannot take away liberties from the people. Mrs. Kirk stated that she wanted to be able to shoot arrows with her grandson in her backyard. Ms. Terri Dietschle (in the audience) stated that it is wrong to poison animals; Mrs. Betty Dyer (in the audience) stated that she was told by the Humane Society that she could not shoot a skunk in their yard. Mr. Flaherty stated that Mrs. Wiley's situation sounds malicious and the legislation was too general.

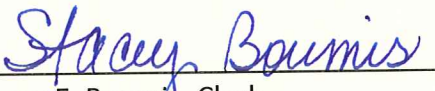
Mr. Davisson advised Mrs. Wiley to take any proposed ideas she has for legislation to the Legislation Committee of Council. Mr. Richardson, Chair of the Legislation Committee of Council, called a Committee meeting for March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Richardson stated that Madison Christian Church would like directional signs installed on the NE corner of Bixby Road/Groveport Road. Council did not care if the signs were installed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:30 PM.

  
D. Greg Scott, Mayor

  
Stacey E. Boumis, Clerk