

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2015

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on May 11th, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Mayor 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, Mr. Michael Flaherty, Mrs. Louise Crabtree, and Mrs. Angela Kirk. Also present were E. Rod Davisson, Administrator, Eve M. Ellinger, Law Director, Michael Confer, Police Chief, Eric Fischer, Assistant Development Director, and Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27th, 2015 meeting. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—abstain; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—abstain. The minutes of the April 27th, 2015 meeting were approved.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Scott swore in Thomas J. Maynard to the position of Police Officer. Mayor Scott swore in Mark T. Melcher to the position of Police Officer.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 35-15: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) Of Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds For The Purpose Of Expanding And Improving The Municipal Electric System In The Village Of Obetz, Including Installing Underground Wiring And Transformers And All Appurtenances And Improvements Related Thereto.

SECOND READINGS

No second readings.

THIRD READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 26-15: An Ordinance Supporting The Big Walnut Watershed Balanced Growth Plan. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 26-15. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes.

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 34-15: An Ordinance To Approve Additional 2015 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 34-15 and how the additional appropriations will be used including code enforcement and roads. He

further stated that the Village's revenues continue to increase. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 34-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 34-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 36-15: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With InnoSource, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 36-15. He stated that InnoSource is the Village's partner in the Obetz Jobs Program. It was important to get the program started. The contract was not completed prior to Rod's absence due to his health. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 36-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 36-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes.

TABLED

No tabled ordinances.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Kirk, Chair of the Recreation and Health Committee, provided a report. She stated that football and cheerleading sign-ups begin May 18th. The Dixon Quarry pond will be stocked with fish at the end of May. Softball and baseball games begin May 18th. The splashpad is opening May 23rd. The Hamilton High School Football Team has volunteered to assist in the clean-up of Dixon Quarry.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott—Mayor Scott welcomed David Zeller, the Village's new Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Scott further stated that construction of Centerpoint Building #6 will begin shortly. He announced the streets that will be paved this year. The list includes Brett Court, Palamino Drive, Trotter Drive, Lisle Avenue, and Recreation Trail. The fence has been removed around Nichols Towing and staff is working to clean up the lot. There was a meeting last Monday with InnoSource, several businesses, and the school districts. It was a good meeting to kick-off the process. The splashpad is opening May 23rd. There is a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday and the next Council meeting is Tuesday, May 26th.

Eve Ellinger, Esq., Law Director—Ms. Ellinger stated that she is scheduling individual meetings with businesses. People may begin posting resumes on the obetzjobs.com website. Mr. Davisson stated that he is working with InnoSource to create a program for folks with criminal records seeking jobs. He is also working on a program called Growing Graduates. The program is for both graduating high school students as well as graduating college students. Kiosks will be set-up at the Government Center and Community Center where people can access the website and submit their resume.

Michael Confer, Police Chief—Chief Confer thanked Block Watch for the flowers. The flowers were presented to the Chief in recognition of National Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week. Chief Confer thanked Council for the new officers. A speed box was recently installed in Mulberry Grove. Since the last meeting there have been 835 calls for service.

Hamilton Township Fire Department—Chief Schillingberg stated that he recently took a tour of Dixon Quarry with Chief Confer and the new park looks good.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator/Economic Development Director—Mr. Davisson stated that his goal is to have the fitness trail installed in Dixon Quarry by mid-July. The stations won't be completed until 2016. Fish are coming in two weeks; the design of the shelter is nearly complete. The dock will be added in a future phase.

Mrs. Wiley inquired about the plans for the Nichols Towing site. Mr. Davisson stated that it will be grass in the short term.

Mr. Davisson stated that he will be out next week attending a retail conference. The goal is to attract new development to Obetz. Mayor Scott, Eric Fischer, and Stacie Garvine will also be in attendance. Mayor Scott and Council discussed the conference.

Mr. Davisson stated that Code Enforcement will now be referred to as the Village's Property Improvement Program. Mr. Fischer addressed Council. He stated that 100 properties have been cited for grass this year. Next, vehicles in violation will be targeted. Mr. Flaherty stated that Rockford Homes is not mowing the vacant lots like they should. Council, Mr. Fischer, and Mr. Davisson discussed dandelions and when individuals are cited for grass and weed violations. Mr. Davisson stated that the yards should be treated to remove the dandelions or the yards should be mowed. Mrs. Kirk stated that the Village needs cleaned up and she supports the efforts of Mr. Fischer. Mrs. Wiley stated that the rental houses on Orchard Lane are not being maintained. People are burning trash.

Mr. Davisson discussed his "Value Obetz" concept. He stated that the Village continues to make park improvements and works to attract new retail development. When properties are not maintained, they kill the housing values of the neighborhood. There needs to be an overhaul of the way Obetz works. People are buying cheap properties and turning them into slums. Mayor Scott continues to push the Village to get the houses cleaned up. Mrs. Kirk stated that houses in old town are not well maintained. Council should be an example of what properties should look like.

Mayor Scott stated that the process starts with the landlords. Mr. Davisson stated that while he likes the walls and street lights on the old side, it needs curbs and gutters. Drainage needs addressed and the roads need widened. The feel of that side of town needs changed. Mrs. Kirk stated that she is embarrassed by downtown. Mr. Davisson stated that first infrastructure in the downtown needs fixed. Make people want to be there. Mayor Scott stated that he wants people to stop parking campers in yards and in front of their property.

Mr. Davisson discussed his idea of a tool rental/exchange program. If someone doesn't have the tools needed to maintain their property, this program would allow people to borrow certain tools from the Village. Examples of tools include mowers, paint sprayers, and power washers. Mr. Davisson further stated that he wants to start a Property Improvement Program. From the audience, Mrs. Pamala Scott asked about older people who cannot always maintain their property and who have no help. Mr. Davisson stated that Mr. Fischer is working with some local churches that offer help to older residents in need.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

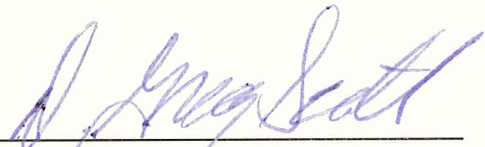
None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:27 PM.



Mayor D. Greg Scott



Stacey Boumis, Clerk