VILLAGE OF OBETZ RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2015

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on June 22nd, 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 five members of Council present: Mrs. Bonnie Wiley, Mr. James Wiley, Mr. Guiles Richardson, 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, Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director, and Stacie Garvine, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Mayor Scott called for a motion to excuse Mr. Flaherty. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8th, 2015 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. The minutes of the June 8th, 2015 meeting were approved.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 46-15: An Ordinance To Adopt The Tax Budget For The Village Of Obetz, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2016 And To Submit The Same To The Franklin County Budget Commission And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Scott stated that there would be a public hearing at the next meeting.

SECOND READINGS

No second readings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing for Ordinance 37-15. Ms. Boumis discussed Ordinance 37-15. She stated that the proposed changes improve the Village's review of site plans. It clarifies when engineering plans are due and also requires stormwater management plans to be submitted separately. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed changes and recommended approval. No questions. Mayor Scott closed the public hearing.

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing for Ordinance 38-15. Ms. Boumis discussed Ordinance 38-15. She stated that the preliminary site plan proposed by the property owner allows the property owner to

make temporary improvements to the property until the property is ready for redevelopment. Mrs. Kirk asked about the type of temporary uses permitted. Ms. Boumis stated that they were offices of contractors including landscape contractors. She further stated that the plan requires the junk to be removed from the site. No additional discussion. Mayor Scott closed the public hearing.

THIRD READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 37-15: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1137 Of The Codified Ordinances Related To The Submittal Of Site Plans, Engineering Plans, And Stormwater Management Plans. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 37-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 38-15: An Ordinance To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan And Development Text For Parcel Numbers 153-000037 And 153-000046 Also Known As 4265 Alum Creek Drive. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 38-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes.

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 45-15: An Ordinance To Approve Additional 2015 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the additional appropriations. He stated that the additional funds will be used for contractual services for Buxton; increased fees for collecting income taxes; benefit changes related to healthcare; and water meter upgrades. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 45-15. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 45-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes.

TABLED

No tabled ordinances.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Standing Committee reports.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott—Mayor Scott stated that construction of the shelter in Dixon Quarry started yesterday. The rocks from the quarry were taken to the monument company for use as signage. He likes the new sound system in Council Chambers; everyone should be able to hear. Also, Zucchinifest is two months away.

Eve Ellinger, Esq., Law Director—Ms. Ellinger discussed the Obetz Jobs Program. She stated that there are 27 open positions — 75 jobs currently posted on the site. Ten companies are currently participating. There are 39 candidates in the system. Mayor Scott inquired regarding resume kiosks.

Michael Confer, Police Chief—Chief Confer stated that Saturday, August 8 will be Pelotonia. There are 8,000 people signed up to ride. Block Watch has a meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 PM at the OCC. Over the last few weeks there have been 767 calls for service. Mayor Scott stated that he wants a sign installed in front of Mulberry Grove informing residents of the time when Pelotonia would be coming through Obetz. The race starts at 7:00 AM. Most riders are through Obetz between 9:30 to 10:00 AM; however, there may be riders as late as 11:00 AM.

Hamilton Township Fire Department—Chief Schillenberg stated that a local there is a local warehouse that has been donating food to the Fire Department. The Fire Department has then been distributing it to the seniors at the Community Center.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator/Economic Development Director—Mr. Davisson reviewed the proposed signage for the Splash Pad. Council and Mr. Davisson discussed the proposed signage and the smoking policy. Mayor Scott stated that if a smoking area is designated, it should be outside the fence. Mrs. Crabtree stated that the entire park should be smoke free. Mr. Wiley and Mrs. Wiley stated that a place should be designated for smoking. Council, members of the audience, and Mr. Davisson discussed the issue. Mayor Scott stated that it did not matter to him either way. Council members stated that smoking should not be allowed anywhere in the park, including in near the Bocce courts. Mayor Scott further stated that he talked to a driver about going too fast in the parking lot. Traffic needs to slow down.

Mr. Davisson discussed the Village's summer construction projects. Dixon Quarry is still closed. The new park will be ready to go in mid-August. Recreation Trail will be paved after the Zucchinifest. Mr. Davisson discussed the Village's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He stated that the document is 100 pages of financial information and that Obetz is most likely the only village in the state of Ohio to prepare such a document.

The Village's Summer Camp starts July 8th and runs through the month of July.

Mr. Fischer stated that 150 grass violations have been issued to this point. Currently the Code Enforcement Officer is working on vehicle violations. Council members, members of the audience, and Mr. Davisson discussed code enforcement. Mr. Davisson stated that the Village will examine its grass code in regards to how vacant lots are handled.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Dyer stated that the road by Bridlewood Village looks bad and the road needs resurfaced.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Scott called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes. Council went into Executive Session at 7:04 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:47 PM with all five members present.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jerry Benson stated that a resident in the Mulberry Grove subdivision stated that trash cans are needed around the park adjacent to the subdivision. He further stated that people don't know about Dixon Quarry. He also discussed the need for additional basketball courts in the community.

Council members, Mayor Scott and Mr. Davisson discussed the Mulberry Grove subdivision as well as other subdivisions within Obetz.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Mayor D. Greg Scott

Stacey Bournes, Clerk