

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 26, 2015

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on May 26th, 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 five members of Council present: Mrs. Bonnie 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, Stacie Garvine, Assistant Clerk of Council, and Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director.

Mr. James Wiley was absent due to health issues. Mayor Scott called for a motion to excuse Mr. Wiley. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—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 May 11th, 2015 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. The minutes of the May 11th, 2015 meeting were approved.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READINGS

Ms. Garvine 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.

Ms. Garvine 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.

SECOND READINGS

Ms. Garvine 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. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 35-15. He stated that bond anticipation notes are a way to fund a project. Once the project is complete, the notes are converted to long term bond financing.

THIRD READINGS

No third readings.

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Garvine read Ordinance 39-15: An Ordinance Authorizing The Village Administrator To Award The Contract For The Police Department Renovations To R.W. Setterlin And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 39-15. The project estimate was \$149,000. R.W. Setterlin came in at \$161,000. Mr. Davisson recommended awarding the contract to R.W. Setterlin. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 39-15. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 39-15. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Kirk.

Ms. Garvine read Ordinance 40-15: An Ordinance To Approve Additional 2015 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 40-15. He explained how the various additional appropriations would be used. The funds will be used to fund the new police officers and hire an individual to locate permissive motor vehicle taxes that were not paid to Obetz that should have been. Council, Mr. Davisson, and Ms. Ellinger discussed Ordinance 40-15. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 40-15. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 40-15. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Kirk.

TABLED

No tabled ordinances.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott—Mayor Scott stated that there are six teams in the bocce league this Spring and the games started last week. Two part time employees were added to the Service Department. July 2nd is employee recognition. Fish have been added to the pond at Dixon Quarry. Income taxes are up over last year. Also, firm rules need established for the splash pad. Mayor Scott stated that the splash pad is not making any money because of costs to pay the attendants.

Eve Ellinger, Esq., Law Director—Ms. Ellinger stated that there are forty open positions on the Obetz jobs website.

Michael Confer, Police Chief—Chief Confer stated that there have been 780 calls for service since the last meeting.

Hamilton Township Fire Department—No report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator/Economic Development Director—Mr. Davisson stated that he wanted to discuss the splash pad first. He stated that we have it wrong when it comes to how we are handling the splash pad. The current regulations are too tight and kept people out in the winter and will keep people out this summer. Currently it is \$1500 a week to operate the splash pad. Mr. Davisson recommended opening the splash pad to everyone. He further recommended establishing two rules – no one over twelve should be on the splash pad unless they are accompanying a kid and no smoking in that park. Get rid of the attendants; put in vending machines. The first year the splash pad was open it was operated with no fence and no attendants. Council, Mayor Scott, and Mr. Davisson discussed the splash pad. Council can reconsider having attendants at the splash pad should there be issues in the future. Mrs. Dyer stated that daycare centers using the splash pad are an issue. Council agreed to open the splash pad to everyone and make it free for all.

Mr. Davisson shared videos of Dixon Quarry. He discussed the fish that were put in the pond. Next year the fitness stations will be developed as well as the fishing dock. The park won't be open until the end of July. The shelter will just be the shell this summer and will be finished out over the winter. Eric Baker asked if the flags from Veterans Park could be moved Dixon Quarry. Mr. Davisson stated that people need to be kept out of the park until the construction is completed.

Mr. Davisson discussed the upgrades that have been made to the water plant. The media in the tanks have been changed; the floors and ceilings have been redone; the tanks have been sand blasted and repainted; the front of the building and brine tank have been repaired; and a trench box and hydro-vac/valve exerciser has been purchased.

A new fence has been installed around the former Nichols Towing lot. Everything has been torn down and the lot is being prepared for sod. The outside of the Municipal Building will be repainted. The building signage will also be updated.

The Village's current lawn care contract with Quality Improvements was discussed. Mr. Davisson stated that when the Village was mowing all of the parks, rights of way, and public facilities, it was costing the Village approximately \$300,000 a year. The decision was made to bid out the work. The contract was awarded to Quality Improvements which is owned by Tracy Dotson, an Obetz resident. The contract has now expired. Mr. Davisson handed out the previous contract which shows where Quality Improvements is mowing. The value of the contract is approximately \$130,000. Mr. Davisson stated that it does not make sense for the Village to start mowing again. Mr. Davisson outlined the options for proceeding. The first option is to give the contract to Quality Improvements. The second option is to get competitive pricing from other companies. The third option is to go with a formal bidding process. The contract amount is below the amount required for formal bidding. Mr. Davisson stated that unless the contract for Quality Improvements is extended for the year, it will take approximately four weeks to get competitive pricing and therefore the contract needs to be extended for another month. Mr. Davisson stated that he is happy with the services provided with Quality Improvements. Mrs. Kirk stated that to be fair, she wanted to pursue competitive pricing. Mrs. Crabtree agreed.

Ms. Ellinger discussed the distressed mowing contract. She stated that there are three contractors that can be used to provide mowing services under this contract. The distressed mowing contract was not competitively bid due to the amount of the contract.

Mrs. Wiley stated that Mr. Dotson is doing a great job. She further stated that since the money is tax payer money, competitive pricing should be pursued. Mr. Flaherty asked if Mr. Dotson would be able to counter. Mr. Davisson stated that competitive pricing allows the Village to negotiate; competitive bidding does not. Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Richardson also agreed with pursuing competitive pricing. Mr. Davisson stated that the prices will be shared with Council.

Mr. Davisson stated that this year the Village will be fixing the railroad overpass. He further stated that he could use more help. It's a balance.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

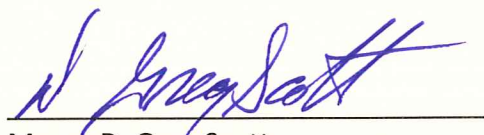
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REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

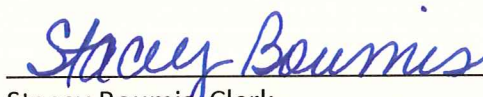
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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:42 PM.



Mayor D. Greg Scott



Stacey Boumis, Clerk