

VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on September 28th, 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, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mrs. Louise Crabtree, and Mrs. Angela Kirk. Also present were E. Rod Davisson, Administrator; Eve M. Ellinger, Law Director; Michael Confer, Police Chief, and Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director/Clerk of Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14th, 2015 Council meeting. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. The minutes of the September 14th, 2015 meeting were approved.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READINGS

No first readings.

SECOND READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 59-15: An Ordinance Submitting Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council Regarding Several Village Tax Incentives And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 59-15. He stated that all the Tax Incentive Review Council recommended continuing all abatements in their current form.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 60-15: An Ordinance Approving The Village Of Obetz Annual Conversion Plan Which Allows Employees To Convert Vacation And Sick Time To Cash In Accordance With The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) Specifications, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 60-15. He stated that the program allows employees to cash in sick and vacation time – up to 155 hours – in accordance with the guidelines established by OPERS. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 60-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 60-15. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 61-15: An Ordinance Amending Section 305.05 Of The Codified Ordinances To Re-Establish Parking On Magoffin Drive. Mayor Scott stated that all parking privileges

have been reinstituted. This ordinance just cleans up the language in the code. Mr. Davisson stated that this ordinance cleans up the Codified Ordinances.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 62-15: An Ordinance Adopting The Walnut Creek Retail Center Plan. Mayor Scott stated that there will be a public hearing on the plan at the next meeting. Mayor Scott opened the public hearing on The Walnut Creek Retail Center Plan. Ms. Boumis stated that the Plan provides the foundation for creating zoning regulations and establishes the vision for the future of that portion of Alum Creek Drive. She further stated that the Village worked with the architecture and planning firm of Meyers and Associates. She stated that Peter Scott was here to review the Plan.

Mr. Scott reviewed the Plan. He stated the development site is approximately 49 acres and is located on the west side of Alum Creek Drive. The site consists of several parcels with different owners. He discussed commercial and retail design trends – using a Main Street approach; embracing green space; and providing mixed use programming and enhancing community needs. He described the approach to the Plan. The Plan creates economic vitality; enhances connectivity with the surrounding neighborhoods; embraces the natural environment; and creates a design guideline foundation as a form of identity. He stated that there are three concepts in the plan. He reviewed the three concepts discussing the approach to developing the site.

THIRD READINGS

No third readings.

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 64-15: An Ordinance To Approve Additional 2015 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson reviewed the appropriation changes. The big change is providing enough money to cover the landscape contract through the end of the year. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 64-15. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 64-15. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 65-15: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Stantec Consulting Services, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 65-15. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 65-15. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 65-15. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes.

TABLED

No tabled ordinances.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott—Mayor Scott discussed Beggar's Night. The time of Beggar's Night was changed to 5:30 to 7:00 PM to allow people to get to the Hamilton Township High School football game. Mayor Scott stated that construction at Dixon Quarry is coming along and that the bus line in the warehouse district is operational.

Eve Ellinger, Esq., Law Director—Ms. Ellinger stated that employees are thankful for the bus line and the Village has received very positive feedback. Currently there are 225 job openings on the Obez Jobs website. Fifty-eight residents have gotten jobs as a result of the program.

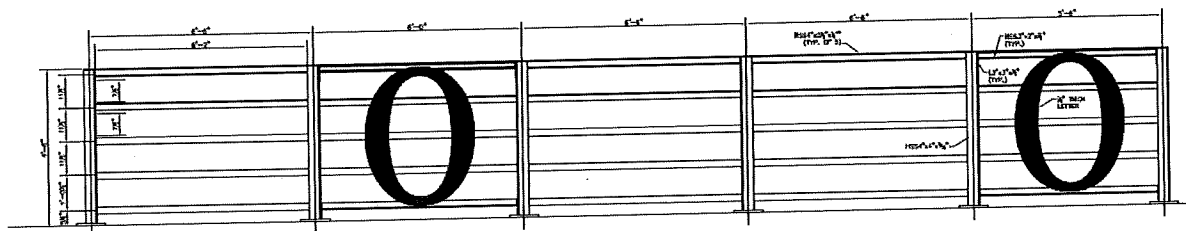
Michael Confer, Police Chief—No report

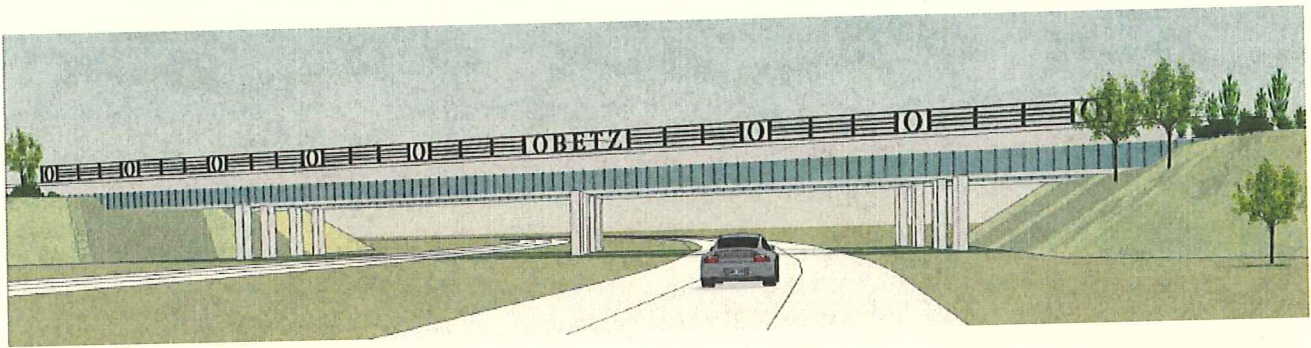
Hamilton Township Fire Department – No one from the Fire Department was in attendance.

E. Rod Davisson – Mr. Davisson discussed the GREAT (Groveport Rickenbacker Employee Access Transit) bus line. He stated that the bus line augments the existing COTA service. It provides last-mile, door-to-door service to industrial parks not currently served by COTA and enhances transportation options for "peak" seasons. The service is free to workers. The bus line is a partnership between Obez and Groveport. COTA has provides support in terms of marketing; being the primary contact for customer complaints; and developing the ride schedule.

Mr. Davisson discussed the upcoming fall paving projects. The areas scheduled for paving are Pelham Place and Lisle Avenue. Brett Court draining issues will not be addressed until next year.

The railing for the I-270 bridge was discussed. Mr. Davisson shared the railing design. He stated that the cost to the Village is approximately \$250,000. Council agreed to move forward with the project.





Mr. Davisson stated that Obetz' contract with Waste Management expired on November 30th and that Obetz joined SWACO's Trash Consortium 2 in order to solicit bids for trash service. Three companies bid on the contract – Republic; Local Waste; and Rumpke. Mr. Davisson discussed Obetz' current trash services and the options presented in the bids from the three companies. Council and Mr. Davisson discussed options and trash service within Obetz. Council stated that they like the current level of service that they have and that they want to reject the bids received as a part of the Consortium's bidding process.

Mr. Davisson stated that the Mayor's Business Breakfast is on Friday, October 23rd at 7:30 AM at the Dixon Quarry Shelter. Following the breakfast, the Mayor is hosting a golf outing to raise money for the Obetz Food Pantry.

The Hamilton Township alumni football game is Friday after the game. Canned food or money donations will be accepted for the Obetz Food Pantry. The Alumni Football Game is open to all alumni and attendees.

Mr. Davisson discussed the progress of the Dixon Quarry Shelter and shared pictures of the interior and exterior. He stated that the Village will start taking shelter reservations on April 1st. This winter, Council needs to establish the guidelines for renting the shelter.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Richardson stated that residents are concerned over the fire hydrants on Rathmell Road. The hydrants are difficult to see due to overgrown vegetation. Mr. Davisson stated that the landowners are responsible for maintaining the property but that the Village would trim the vegetation.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Jerry Benson addressed Council. He stated that a resident on Orchard Lane is concerned about a tree that overhangs into the road.

Mr. Davisson stated that fencing and basketball equipment is on order for the courts. Two basketball courts will be created in the Community Center Park. The courts will be designed in a way that preserves the use of the tennis court.

Mr. Davisson stated that the Village offices are closed on October 12th and that the next Council meeting is on Tuesday, October 13th. Mr. Davisson also reminded political candidates to not put signs in the public right of way.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Scott called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. Council went into Executive Session at 7:05 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10 PM with all Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Mayor D. Greg Scott


Stacey Boumis, Clerk