VILLAGE OF OBETZ RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2016

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on August 8, 2016 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. Mr. Michael Flaherty was absent. Mayor Scott called for a motion to excuse Mr. Flaherty. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Wiley-yes; Mr. Richardson-yes; Mrs. Crabtree-yes; Mrs. Kirkyes; Mrs. Wiley—yes. Also present were E. Rod Davisson, Village Administrator; Michael Confer, Police Chief; Stephen Smith, Law Director, and Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott stated that the minutes from the July 25th meeting are not ready and will ready at the next meeting.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 58-16: An Ordinance To Accept The Donation Of Approximately 31.85 Acres From The Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 59-16: An Ordinance To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan And Development Text For Parcel Number 152-000091 Also Known As 4851 Groveport Road.

SECOND READINGS

No second readings.

THIRD READINGS

No third readings

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 53-16: An Ordinance To Accept The Obetz – Groveport Rickenbacker Fiber Extension Project LGIF Grant Study And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated that the Village received a \$15,000 Local Government Innovation Grant to fund the study. The study has been completed and the recommendations can be incorporated into the Village's long range capital improvement plan. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 53-16. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes. Mr. Wiley moved to adopt Ordinance 53-16; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 54-16: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To 2016 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 54-16. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirkyes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes. Mrs. Crabtree moved to adopt Ordinance 54-16; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 55-16: An Ordinance To Provide For An Advance For The Purpose Of Providing Funds To The Fiber Network Study Fund And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated that the Village will be reimbursed from the grant funds. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 55-16. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk-yes; Mrs. Wiley-yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes. Mr. Wiley moved to adopt Ordinance 55-16; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk-yes; Mr. Wiley-yes; Mrs. Wiley-yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 56-16: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Prairie Township And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated that there was an error on the spreadsheet used to determine the amount of money that is paid to Prairie Township as a part of the JEDZ. The current Finance Department found the error. Additional funds are owed to the Township. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 56-16. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk-yes; Mrs. Wiley-yes; Mr. Wiley-yes; Mr. Richardson-yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes. Mr. Wiley moved to adopt Ordinance 56-16; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 57-16: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Ice Miller LLP And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated that Ice Miller prepared the Obetz - Groveport Rickenbacker Fiber Extension Project LGIF Grant Study. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 57-16. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk-yes; Mrs. Wiley-yes; Mr. Wiley-yes; Mr. Richardson-yes; Mrs. Crabtree-yes. Mr. Wiley moved to adopt Ordinance 57-16; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes.

TABLED

Ordinance 50-16: An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 925 Of The Codified Ordinances Related To Right Of Way Use remained tabled.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation and Health - Mrs. Kirk stated that the class of 2011 won the Alumni Softball Tournament hosted by Obetz last weekend. Football and cheerleading are in full swing.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott – Mayor Scott extended his condolences to the family of Mark Wilson. He stated that he attended the TIRC meeting Wednesday with the Administrator. He further stated that the Zucchinifest is in seventeen days.

Michael Confer, Police Chief—Chief Confer stated that Pelotonia was last weekend. There were 2800 bikes. He further stated that in the last two weeks there were 364 calls for service.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated that the volunteers are still needed for the Zucchinifest. Please let her know if you are interested in volunteering. She further stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission is Wednesday.

Stephen Smith, Esq., Law Director — Mr. Smith stated that a letter has been submitted to PUCO regarding the Village's changes to its right of way code.

Rod Davisson, Administrator — Mr. Davisson had a PowerPoint presentation. He showed the layout of the new disc golf course being installed across from Butler Farms. Next he discussed the Village's income tax collections are up 24% in 2016. He then discussed the Village's Standard and Poor's rating. The Village has an AA- rating on its general obligation debt and an A+ rating on its income tax debt. Mr. Davisson stated that Council members have their Zucchinifest hospitality tent packets at their desk.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Scott stated that he appointed Chuck Hughes to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He called for a motion to confirm the appointment. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes. Mayor Scott stated that Mr. Hughes will be serving the remainder of Jeff Robinson's term.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mrs. Betty Dyer stated that the water has been hard the last few months and it is ruining her dishwasher. Mr. Davisson discussed water hardness with Council. Mrs. Dyer also asked when Thelma Drive would be repaired. Mr. Davisson stated that the Village does not own that street; it is a private drive.

Mr. James Reese addressed Council. He commended the Chief and stated that the Chief has always been fair with him. However, he stated that he feels his 23 year old son is being harassed by the police. He discussed his son's interactions with the police over the last six months. Chief Confer stated that he would meet with Mr. Reese after the meeting and begin looking into the accusations.

A resident on Bridlewood Court addressed Council. She stated that she is having trouble getting out of her driveway. She lives at the corner of Bridlewood Court and Sandridge Street. She stated that she would like to see no parking on one side of Bridlewood Court. Council, Mayor Scott, and Mr. Davisson discussed this issue. The matter was referred to the Streets and Safety Committee.

Mr. Coffenberry addressed Council. He wanted to know when the trees from Brown Park that are hanging over onto his property would be cut down. Mr. Davisson stated that it will be in the next seven to ten days.

A Mulberry Grove resident addressed Council. He stated that a lot of small children in the neighborhood play in the roadway. He is concerned about them getting hit. Chief Confer stated that he will have his officers speak to the children and their parents.

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 6:58 PM.

Mayor D. Greg Scott