

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2016

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on January 11, 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 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, Stacie Garvine, Assistant Development Director, and Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director/Clerk of Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2015 Council meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; 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. The minutes of the December 14th, 2015 meeting were approved.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Scott welcomed State Representative Heather Bishoff. State Representative discussed the State budget. She stated that 2015 was the first year of the biennium. One of the most important parts of the budget is the transportation component that was passed. She further stated that military service members and veterans are on the forefront of discussions at the legislature. She discussed the educational system. The State canceled its PARCC contract and is currently discussing testing procedures. The 20th District continues to talk about transportation. Interstate 270 needs widened. State Representative Bishoff told Council and audience members to contact her at any time should they have questions or need help with issues.

State Representative Heather Bishoff swore in James Wiley to the office of Council Member for the term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019.

State Representative Heather Bishoff swore in Michael Flaherty to the office of Council Member for the term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019.

State Representative Heather Bishoff swore in D. Greg Scott to the office of Mayor for the term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 01-16: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Necessary Conveyance Documentation To Acquire Approximately 0.1377 Acres, More Or Less, Fee Simple Interest From Thelma Deann Moore And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 02-16: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Necessary Conveyance Documentation To Acquire Approximately 0.4 Acres, More Or Less, Fee Simple Interest From Michael L. Draudt III And Declaring An Emergency.

SECOND READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 82-15: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For The Dedication Of Midpoint Drive. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that the road is in the Centerpoint Business Park.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 89-15: An Ordinance Adopting Obetz Code Chapter 557 Related To Panhandling. Ms. Boumis stated that the Ordinance regulates aggressive panhandling and prohibits panhandling in certain locations throughout the Village. It does not take away an individual's right to ask for money in a non-aggressive way. Mr. Davisson stated that there have been complaints about panhandling in front of the K&M Market.

THIRD READINGS

No third readings.

EMERGENCIES

No emergencies.

TABLED

No tabled ordinances.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports. 2016 committees have not been finalized.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott—Mayor Scott congratulated Mr. Flaherty on the birth of his grandson. Mayor Scott stated that Jordan Doll has resigned and taken a position with the City of Westerville. Jacob Gifford, a Hamilton Township and Ohio State University graduate recently started with the Village. He is the Village's public information officer. There are two postings on the ObetzJobs.com website for positions in the Street Department.

Mayor Scott asked if there were any questions. Ed Hann addressed Council. He stated that he was here on behalf of his mother, Edith Hann. Mr. Hann has questions regarding the Village's utility billing policies. He stated that his mother spends the winter in Florida. The water is turned off at the street. He stated that the rate should be reduced since the water is turned off at the street.

Mr. Davisson discussed utility billing. He stated that the bill contains a service fee and a commodity fee. The service fee covers the lines and the costs to operate the system. The commodity fee is the cost of the water/sewer service. When water is turned off, the customer is only paying the service fee, not the commodity fee. Everyone pays the same monthly service fee. Mr. Davisson discussed the new water meters and their capabilities. He further stated that when the Water Commission begins meeting, it can take up the service charge question as well as rates.

Mrs. Crabtree asked about the cost to turn on and off water service. Mr. Davisson stated that it was a \$35 charge.

Rick Seidle, an audience member, asked when the new billing system would be in place. Mr. Davisson stated that the Village is working on implementing it as soon as possible. However, at the end of the day, you will still pay for the amount of water you use, regardless of whether you are billed in 10 gallon increments or 1000 gallon increments. Billing in 10 gallon increments will give people a more stable bill. Mrs. Wiley asked how people will know about the new billing procedures. Mr. Davisson stated that he will put the information on the back of the water bill or send out a special notice. He further stated that rates have not increased for three years and an increase is needed. Mr. Seidle asked if the online billing system will be changed. Currently only the full amount of the utility bill may be paid. Mr. Davisson stated that with the new website an individual will be able to make partial payments. Mr. Davisson further stated that trash prices are staying the same. Mayor Scott stated that this year the delinquent bill window will be decreased from 90 days to 60 days. Mr. Davisson stated that Mike Corbitt, the Village Engineer, is working on a plan to get Obetz off Columbus water.

Eve M. Ellinger, Law Director – Ms. Ellinger stated that 67 Obetz residents have been placed into jobs through Obetzjobs.com. There are 24 companies participating. In 2016, Obetz Jobs will be increasing its marketing efforts and continue to work with the school districts. Mr. Flaherty asked if Amazon will be posting its jobs on Obetz Jobs. Ms. Ellinger stated that the Village will reach out to them and encourage them to do so.

Michael Confer, Police Chief—Chief Confer reviewed 2015 statistics. In 2015 there were 19,044 calls for service. He reminded everyone that if the snow is over 2 inches, to remove their cars from the streets.

Hamilton Township Fire Department—Chief Shillingburg stated that there were 63 EMS runs and 27 fire runs in December. For the year there were 387 EMS runs and 204 fire runs.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated that there will be a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday.

E. Rod Davisson, Administrator—Mr. Davisson did not have any additional comments. At the next meeting he will have a presentation for Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Council President Pro-Tem

Mr. Davisson explained the process. Mayor Scott opened the floor for nominations. Mrs. Wiley nominated Mrs. Crabtree. Mrs. Kirk nominated Mr. Richardson. No additional nominations. Mayor Scott closed nominations. Council voted by secret ballot. Mr. Davisson read the votes. There were four votes for Mrs. Crabtree and two for Mr. Richardson. Mrs. Crabtree was elected Council President Pro-Tem.

Election of Council's Representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Scott stated that Mrs. Wiley's term on the Planning and Zoning Commission has expired. Mayor Scott opened the floor for nominations. Mrs. Crabtree nominated Mrs. Wiley to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mrs. Kirk nominated Mr. Richardson. Mr. Richardson withdrew his name because the meetings are on Wednesdays and he is not available that day of the week. Mayor Scott closed nominations. No voting necessary since there was one nomination. Mrs. Wiley was elected to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Davisson stated that the term is four years. Mrs. Wiley is currently two years into her four year term in office. If Mrs. Wiley is not re-elected, then her appointment will expire at the end of her term in office.

Confirmation of Mayor's Citizen Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Scott stated that three seats on the Planning and Zoning Commission are up for appointment. He further stated that he has selected Michael Flaherty, Paul Munk, and Robert Kramer to serve on the Commission. Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Munk have previously served on the Commission. Mr. Kramer is a new resident and wants to get involved in the community. Mayor Scott called for a motion to confirm the appointment of Michael Flaherty, Paul Munk, and Robert Kramer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; 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.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

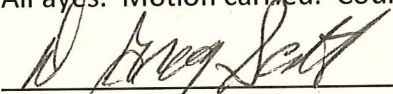
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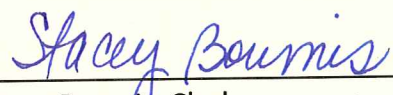
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Scott called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; 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. Council went into Executive Session at 7:00 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:58 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:00 PM.


Mayor D. Greg Scott


Stacey Boumis, Clerk