

VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2016

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on July 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Council President Pro-Tem Louise Crabtree presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Crabtree 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 Rod Davisson, Village Administrator; Michael Confer, Police Chief; Stephen Smith, Law Director, and Stacie Garvine, Economic Development Assistant Director/Assistant Clerk of Council.

Council President Pro-tem Louise Crabtree asked for a moment of silence to honor the police officers.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Crabtree called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22nd Council meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes. The minutes were approved.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READINGS

No first readings.

SECOND READINGS

Ms. Garvine read Ordinance 50-16: An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 925 Of The Codified Ordinances Related To Right Of Way Use.

THIRD READINGS

No third readings

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Garvine read Ordinance 51-16: An Ordinance To Approve Additional 2016 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mrs. Crabtree gave a brief explanation of the appropriations and called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 51-16. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes. Mr. Wiley moved for a motion to adopt Ordinance 51-16; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as

follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes.

TABLED

No tabled ordinances.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation and Health – Mrs. Kirk stated that the football and cheerleading registrations are available online through Obetz' website until July 22nd. Also, our rugby team, the Ohio Aviators, will play the Denver Stampede on July 31st at 3:00 PM for the first Pro Rugby National Championship. The game will be recognized as Obetz Appreciation Day. Discount tickets will be available for \$15 and tickets can be purchased at the OAC. Body Fitness and spinning classes are now offered at the OAC free of charge.

Mrs. Wiley stated there is a Planning and Zoning meeting on Wednesday.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Michael Confer, Police Chief—Chief Confer stated that in the last two weeks there were 497 calls for service. There was one speeding citation; and five parking citations; one felony arrest, and five misdemeanor arrests. Mrs. Kirk stated she saw a video of some of our officers playing basketball with the kids in the park and she thought it was excellent and applauded our police officers and asked that Chief Confer thank them.

Chief Schillingburg, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Mr. Schillingburg stated that for the month of June they had 40 EMS runs and 34 fire runs. He also stated that he has the necessary paperwork for the burning of the house on Pine Drive and that he will be submitting it the EPA. He also stated that, hopefully by the next Council meeting, he will have the dates. He also thanked the Village for the opportunity to use the house.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated that the Village is sponsoring a youth karaoke contest at the VFW and they are going to be looking for judges. The contest will be held on Sundays at 6:00 PM starting in July and ending on August 21, 2016. For more information, please see Stacey.

Stephen Smith, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Smith stated that he had nothing to report, but that he would take any questions.

Rod Davisson, Administrator – No report. Mrs. Kirk had questions regarding the fire hydrants and the second entrance for Mulberry Grove. Mr. Davisson stated that we will continue painting the fire hydrants and that we are deciding on one additional Mulberry Grove entrance at one of three possible locations. Mr. Davisson stated that he will be in Chicago this week for the rating trip for the 2016 bonds and that he, Matt Cramblit, and Mike Corbitt will be presenting. Mr. Davisson stated that there are many economic development projects that he and Stacie Garvine are working on including the emergency facility announced by Ohio Health that will be built on Alum Creek and the various projects that will come along with that.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kevin Grooms from K&M Market addressed Council. He stated his concerns regarding recent break-ins. He is concerned about the lighting in the Downtown area. He also stated other concerns and asked about the possibility of having other security measures such as security cameras, license plate readers, and more officers patrolling the area at night. Chief Confer stated that we have hired another officer that is going through training now and that we will probably be hiring a new full-time officer at the end of this year. Mr. Davisson mentioned a special improvement district with the Downtown business owners coming together as a group to form a SID that is funded, either from an assessment or contribution. Mr. Davisson stated that he has a number of ideas and that two break-ins is disturbing and he understands that it is upsetting, but he also stated that to put it in a larger context, our crime rate is phenomenally low. Mr. Davisson stated that he is happy that K&M is upping their security and that the fellow was caught.

Mr. Davisson stated that we have a couple of different things planned regarding additional patrol that we will be rolling out soon. He stated that we have a new park patrol that is going to be focused in the parks. He also stated we have a new vehicle for that and we have increased our motorcycle patrol for this year. He also stated that we put out more guys on bikes, as well as, officers walking both in and out of uniform. So, increased patrol, increased equipment, and increased officers.

Mr. Davisson stated that we should get a Downtown business owners meeting together to have a discussion about what the expectations are for Downtown and what we can do to improve the safety, circulation, and, ultimately, the long-term plan. Mr. Groom stated that he would be interested in that. Mr. Davisson stated that we would try to get something together over the next couple of weeks.

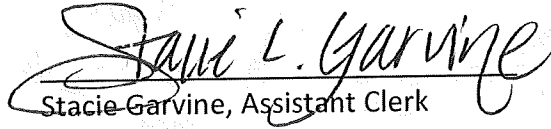
Chief Confer stated to Mr. Groom that Detective Martin went to Grand Jury with that case today. Mrs. Wiley had questions regarding the case and Chief Confer answered her questions.

Mr. Gary McKinley, a Butler Farms resident addressed Council about the concerns regarding speeding in his neighborhood. Mr. McKinley stated that they would like to have some signs put up that says children – slow. He asked if it would be a possibility to have the speed limit reduced from 25 mph to 15 mph. Council, Mr. Davisson, and Chief Confer discussed these issues with Mr. McKinley.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Crabtree called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 6:24 PM.

President Pro-Tem Crabtree


Stacie Garvine, Assistant Clerk