VILLAGE OF OBETZ RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on September 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Mayor D. Greg Scott presiding.

Mayor Scott called the roll with six members of Council present: Mrs. Bonnie Wiley, Mr. James Wiley, Mr. Guiles Richardson, Mr. Michael Flaherty, Mrs. Louise Crabtree, and Mrs. Angela Kirk. Also present were E. Rod Davisson, Village Administrator; Michael Confer, Police Chief; Stephen J. Smith, Law Director, and Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council.

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mr. Flaherty – abstain.

ORDINANCES

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 64-16: An Ordinance To Accept The Donation Of Two Parcels Of Land From The Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 65-16: An Ordinance To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan and Development Text For Subarea A Of Parcels 153-000034, 153-000035, And 153-000036, And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 62-16: An Ordinance Submitting Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council Regarding Several Village Tax Incentives And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that every tax incentive is reviewed by the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC). The TIRC reviews reports prepared by the Village staff to ensure that each property that has a tax abatement is compliant with the terms of the agreement as it relates to number of employees; investment in property; and payroll. Currently all properties in Obetz are compliant. Council is required to accept the recommendations of the TIRC. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 62-16. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 62-16. 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. Flaherty—yes.

THIRD READINGS

No third readings.

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 66-16: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Huntington National Bank, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 66-16. He stated that the infrastructure constructed as a part of the Centerpoint Business Park was done as a part of a Tax Increment Finance District (TIF). The area is known as the Toy Road TIF. The developer has a line of credit to cover the TIF. Since the residential development was never constructed, the developer makes payments to Huntington Bank. When the Village collects money in the district boundaries, it makes payments to Huntington Bank to cover the TIF payments. Mrs. Wiley asked about the length of the TIF. Mr. Davisson stated that it is a 30 year TIF. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 66-16. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 66-16. 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. Flaherty—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 67-16: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2016 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson explained the increased appropriations. He stated that a new Street Department employee was hired. Money is needed in the compensated damages account. A police officer damaged a car and the Village needs to pay to have it fixed. There is a payment to Huntington Bank to cover the Toy Road TIF. Also, there is a reduction in the tax collection fees. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 67-16. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 66-16. 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. Flaherty—yes.

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 kids enjoyed playing under the lights at Central Crossing. She stated that parents have asked if the bleachers on the sidelines could be moved to the 50 yard line.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott - Mayor Scott stated that the Village offices will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observation of Columbus Day. The Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th. The Halloween Park/Trunk or Treat will be October 28th at Dixon Quarry. He congratulated Mr. Flaherty on the birth of his granddaughter. He wished Mrs. Wiley "Happy Birthday". Her birthday was Saturday. He stated that residents will be able to buy the old street signs beginning October 24th for a \$10 payment. He also stated that demolition of Riffle's Garage began today.

Michael Confer, Police Chief—Chief Confer stated that since the last meeting there have been 549 calls for service. Mr. Flaherty asked Chief Confer about the procedure for officers speeding without lights. Chief Confer stated that officers are required to obey speed limits unless responding to a call.

Hamilton Township Fire Department – Chief Shillingburg was present. He stated that he is waiting on the Ohio EPA to approve burning the house on Pine Drive. Mr. Davisson stated that all asbestos has been abated.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director — Ms. Boumis had no report. No questions for Ms. Boumis.

Stephen J. Smith, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Smith stated that the Village now owns the Columbus Motor Speedway. The Speedway is having an auction on October 22nd. There are no more races but there are still a few cars that will be using the track for the Richard Petty experience.

Rod Davisson, Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated that the staff is super busy. He stated that nothing is going in at the locations currently being torn down. Mr. Davisson stated that he is currently putting together the park and track improvements. The disc golf course will be opening in the spring. Braehead Park has been seeded and will also open in the spring.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Jim Reese addressed Council. He requested speed bumps on Greenup Drive. He stated that there is a lot of speeding on his street. Recently he stopped someone and asked them to slow down. He requested more patrols on his street as well. He stated that the neighbors are fighting and threatening each other. He asked if the residents in his neighborhood could start a block watch. Chief Confer responded that block watch is a private organization and the neighborhood could start one. He recommended working with Mrs. Wiley. Mr. Reese had questions regarding the Mulberry Grove Homeowners' Association. He stated that Fritsche wants to get rid of the Association and that the residents want to take it over. Mr. Davisson stated that a homeowner's association is a private contract between homeowners. The enforcement of the deed restrictions is solely up to the residents. The Village is not involved. Mr. Smith stated that changing deed restrictions is very difficult. All residents are required to agree. Mrs. Kirk stated that she was not aware of the association fees when she purchased her home. The previous owner had not paid the fees and Fritsche was trying to collect these fees from Mrs. Kirk. Mrs. Kirk stated that it is very frustrating. Mr. Richardson stated that he

pays the \$55 fees. Mulberry Grove resident Mr. Robert Kramer stated that Fritsche wiped clean the fees not paid by the previous resident. Mr. Reese asked Mr. Davisson if he could have access to the Village attorney to work with the residents of Mulberry Grove to take control of the homeowner's association. Mr. Davisson responded no. Mr. Davisson further responded that speed bumps would not be installed on Greenup Drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Scott called for a motion to go into Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance. 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. Flaherty—yes. Council went into Executive Session at 6:32 PM. Council returned from Executive Session with all six members present at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Wiley. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:31 PM.