

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2016**

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on June 13, 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 E. Rod Davisson, Administrator; Michael Confer, Police Chief, Gene Hollins, Law Director, and Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director/Clerk of Council.

Mr. Davisson stated that Mayor Scott is taking ninety days off to deal with personal issues related to the death of his mother. Mrs. Crabtree called for a motion to excuse Mayor Scott. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Crabtree called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. 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. The minutes were approved.

**ORDINANCES**

**FIRST READINGS**

No first readings.

**SECOND READINGS**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 47-16: An Ordinance Modifying E. Rod Davisson's Employment Agreement. Mr. Davisson stated that discussion will occur at the next meeting.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 49-16: An Ordinance To Adopt The Tax Budget For The Village Of Obetz, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017 And To Submit The Same To The Franklin County Budget Commission And Declaring An Emergency. Mrs. Crabtree stated that there will be a public hearing at the next Council meeting.

**THIRD READINGS**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 42-16: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1167 Of The Codified Ordinances Related To Landscaping And Screening. President Pro-Tem Crabtree opened the public hearing. Ms. Boumis discussed the components of Chapter 1167. She discussed the proposed development standards. She stated that the standards are designed to create an aesthetically pleasing site. She stated that consumers prefer shopping at commercial establishments that had structures and parking

lots planted with trees and other landscaping. Ms. Boumis discussed the importance of trees and the tree regulations included in Chapter 1167. She discussed the elements of the Village's street tree program. Mr. Davisson and Ms. Boumis discussed where street trees are planted and how maintenance of street trees is handled. Mr. Jerry Benson, a resident, provided comments. He stated that shrubs should not be planted in a way that interfere with traffic control. He is concerned about the shrubs in the traffic circles. He further stated that he is concerned about watering street trees due to the cost of water. Mr. Davisson responded that the shrubs in the roundabouts are there to block the headlights. He further stated that the cost of water in Obetz isn't expensive. Mrs. Wiley stated that she loves trees and there are a lot of good things about trees. Mrs. Crabtree closed the public hearing. Mrs. Crabtree called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 42-16. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; 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.

#### **EMERGENCIES**

No emergencies.

#### **TABLED**

No tabled ordinances.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Recreation and Health* – Mrs. Kirk stated that the splash pad is open. She is concerned about the gate at the north end of the park being open since nonresidents are charged a fee to use the facility. Baseball and softball games are going on and rentals at Dixon Quarry are going well. She further stated that a fence is needed on the side of the hill at Dixon Quarry.

Mr. Davisson stated that a non-resident parent was complaining about the \$2 fee she was charged to enter the splash pad when it is her child that is using the facility. Mr. Davisson stated that the Village needs to determine how to create a safe entrance/crosswalk into Lancaster Park.

Mr. Davisson further stated that his neighbor said things are better at the splash pad this year. Mrs. Kirk asked if there were two attendants there. Mr. Davisson responded "yes".

Mr. Flaherty stated that Ohio Rugby won its last game. Mrs. Wiley asked why rugby games are not advertised. Mr. Davisson stated that Obetz is hosting the team – not running it. Mr. Davisson agreed that the rugby team is not doing a good job at advertising. He stated two things are wrong with the team – ticket prices are too high and there is not enough advertising. He further stated that The Crew SC was just as bad when they first started.

#### **VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

*Michael Confer, Police Chief*—Chief Confer stated that there have been 853 calls for service since the last Council meeting. The bicycles are out and the officers have logged over 200 bicycle miles. Additionally, the Franklin County Sheriff has charges pending against the motorcyclists doing wheelies on I-270.

*Ralph Shillingburg, Hamilton Twp. Fire Chief* – Chief Shillingburg stated that last month there were 93 EMS runs and 13 fire runs. He further stated that they will be burning down the Freeman house toward the end of the month.

*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – Ms. Boumis stated that Summer Splash and Cinema returns June 24<sup>th</sup>.

*E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator* – Mr. Davisson stated that everything is good. The Village is working hard on all the new projects. Mrs. Wiley thanked the Village for the parks. She further asked if the flags could be left up from Memorial Day through the Fourth of July. Mr. Davisson discussed the park. He stated that it would be easier to put a Frisbee golf course in the park across from Butler Farms due to the topography.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Davisson stated that Loretta Skourn at 2340 Maureen Boulevard South submitted a pest reimbursement request for \$140. Mr. Davisson asked Council to approve the payment. Mrs. Crabtree called for a motion to reimburse the request. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Wiley. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

No remarks.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Crabtree called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Council went into executive session at 6:53 PM. Council returned at 7:58 PM with all members present.

#### **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 8:00 PM.

Louise Crabtree  
President Pro-Tem Crabtree

Stacey Boumis  
Stacey Boumis, Clerk