

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on February 27, 2017 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. Michael Flaherty, Mrs. Louise Crabtree, and Mrs. Angela Kirk. Also present were E. Rod Davisson, Village Administrator; Brian Jeffers, Police Sergeant; Stephen J. Smith, Esq., and Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council.

Mayor Scott stated that Mr. Richardson was in a vehicular accident and is in the hospital. Mayor Scott called for a motion to excuse Mr. Richardson. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 13 – 17: An Ordinance To Authorize The Village Administrator To Provide For Adjustments Of Annual Fee Amounts And Payments In Lieu Of Taxes Arising Under Community Reinvestment Area Agreements And To Authorize The Village Administrator To Provide Written Consent To Assignments Of Said Agreements.

SECOND READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 09 – 17: An Ordinance Approving The Recodification, Editing And Inclusion Of Certain Ordinances As Parts Of The Various Component Codes Of The Codified Ordinances Of Obetz And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that the permanent ordinances get codified into the book of the laws of the Village. This is done yearly.

THIRD READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 03 – 17: An Ordinance Approving The Village Of Obetz Annual Conversion Plan Which Allows Employees To Convert Vacation And Sick Time To Cash In Accordance With The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) Specifications. Mayor Scott stated that this program allows the Village to buy back sick and vacation time from employees. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 03 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes.

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 11 – 17: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2017 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated that there are two changes. The first change is for deposits given by individuals to use the facilities; the second is an old police improvement fund that needs closed. There is \$26 in the police improvement fund that needs spent and then the fund will be closed. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 11 – 17. Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 11 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 12 – 17: An Ordinance To Approve The 2017 Walnut Creek Capital Improvement Fund And Current Year Appropriations For The Fund And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that a fund will be created in order to track spending for the project. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 12 – 17. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 12 – 17. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes.

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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 softball and baseball sign-ups have started.

Safety and Streets – Mrs. Crabtree stated that there will be a Committee meeting on Monday, March 6th at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss weight limits and truck routes.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott – Mayor Scott announced the Wendy's fundraiser for Mr. Richardson. He also presented the stats from the Hamilton Township Fire Department. He further stated that in January income tax receipts were slightly over one million dollars. Mayor Scott shared the Fortress Obetz logo and showed everyone the lockers built by the Street Department. Building the lockers in-house will save the Village approximately \$91,000.

Mayor Scott introduced Ed Merritt, III as the new Parks and Recreation Director. Mr. Davisson stated that Mr. Merritt was previously employed by the City of Grove City. Mr. Merritt addressed Council. He stated that he was excited to be here.

Brian Jeffers, Police Sergeant—Sergeant Jeffers stated that since the last meeting, there have been 646 calls for service.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – No report.

Stephen J. Smith, Esq., Law Director – No report.

Rod Davisson, Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated that the Village is loaning the Finance Department to the Village of Lithopolis. He further stated that he is teaching two classes at the Ohio Municipal Attorney Association meeting.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jim Reese addressed Council. He stated that the residents of Mulberry Grove want to have a block party and fundraiser once the weather is warmer to help the Richardson family. He stated that he needs the Village approval to close streets. Mr. Davisson stated that he will gladly work with him to ensure the streets are closed for the event.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Mayor D. Greg Scott

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council