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REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2018

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on January 22, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Mayor D. Greg Scott presiding.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Boumis called the roll with all six members of Council present: Mrs. Bonnie Wiley, Mr. James Wiley, Mr. Guiles Richardson, Mr. Michael Flaherty, Mr. Robert Kramer, and Mrs. Angela Kirk. Also present were Mayor D. Greg Scott; Michael Confer, Police Chief; Stephen J. Smith, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director, and E. Rod Davisson, Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Matt Cramblit, Finance Director, addressed Council. According to Mr. Cramblit, the Government Finance Officers Association awarded the Village the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the third year in a row that the Village has received this honor. Obetz is the only Village in the State of Ohio to receive this recognition. Mayor Scott and Council thanked the Finance Department for all of their hard work.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

SECOND READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 01 – 18: An Ordinance To Rezone Parcels 152-001754, 186-000185, 186-000244, And 186-000245 From Medium Density Residential To Planned Residential District. Mayor Scott opened the public hearing. Ms. Boumis discussed the rezoning. She showed a map of the area proposed to be rezoned. There are a total of 175 houses proposed. She discussed the open space plan for the subdivision. A thirteen acre piece of land with direct access to the Big Walnut Creek will be deeded to the Village. Subarea A on the east side of Bixby Road has one hundred lots which will be developed in three phases. There will be a landscape buffer along Bixby Road to hide the back of the houses. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning at its December 13, 2017 meeting. Kevin McCauley representing the land owner and Jim Owens representing Ryan Homes was present and addressed the Commission. Mr. Owens stated that homes will be priced between \$235,000 to \$240,000 on average. Mayor Scott thanked the applicants for building a relationship with the Village. Mr. Flaherty thanked the applicants for all of their hard work.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 02 – 18: An Ordinance To Approve The Final Development Plan And Development Standards Text For Parcel Numbers 152-001650 And 152-001649. Mayor Scott opened the public hearing. Ms. Boumis discussed the Final Development Plan. She stated that Love's Truck Stop will be located on a ten acre site at the northwest corner of Alum Creek Drive and Rohr Road. The City of Columbus and Franklin County control the curb cuts and a traffic study has been completed. There will be two buildings on the site – the main building which will include three food establishments and a tire shop. Ms. Boumis further discussed the Final Development Plan including the landscaping and signage. Nicholas Hershberger was present for questions. He stated that it will take approximately seven months for construction. There will be between sixty to eighty employees at the store. The store will be open twenty-four hours a day.

THIRD READINGS

No third readings.

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 04 – 18: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,400,000) Of Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds For The Purpose Of Paying The Costs Of Municipal Infrastructure Improvements Relating To The Ohio Health Project, Including, But Not Limited To, The Acquisition Of Land And Interests In Land, Construction And Installation, As Necessary, Of Roads, Sidewalks, Storm Water Detention And Retention Structures, Water Lines, Waste Water And Storm Water Lines, Utilities, Signalization Equipment, Landscaping And All Appurtenances Relating Thereto, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Cramblit explained the Ordinance. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 04 – 18. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson – yes.

TABLED

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 ice rink has been closed due to the warm weather. The indoor golf league has started. The sledding hill has been a huge hit.

Mr. Flaherty handed out the Council Committee assignments.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott – Mayor Scott stated that Saturday was the Police and Fire Awards Banquet. The Village was presented with an award from the Hamilton Township Fire Department. Next month Chipotle and the emergency room will open.

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer thanked Mayor Scott and Council for the banquet. He further stated that in the last two weeks his officers responded to 226 dispatched runs and had 1127 pick up runs. He also stated that during the most recent snow storm, most people got their cars off the street making it easier for the snow plows to get through.

Phil Wilburn, Captain, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Captain Wilburn thanked Mayor Scott and Council for the banquet. He stated that in 20017 there were 559 EMS runs and 257 fire runs to the Village. He further stated that no one was hurt in the recent fire on Dexter Court. The fire was caused by a vehicle in the garage.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated that there will be no February Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

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

E. Rod Davisson, Administrator — Mr. Davisson did his annual report to Council. In 2017 the Village's revenue was slightly over \$17 million dollars. The Village's revenue exceeded the Village's expenses significantly. Income taxes continued to increase due to all the new businesses. There will be a \$6.1 million dollar carryover. Mr. Davisson compared Obetz to other municipalities in central Ohio using 2016 consolidated annual financial reports. Mr. Davisson then reviewed 2017 significant accomplishments. He stated that this year there would be \$4 million in capital funds with \$2.5 million of those already allocated to pave the parking lot at the Fortress.

Mrs. Wiley asked about the Village's plans for managing semi-trucks. She also stated that Frank Peters wants to annex his land to Obetz. She further stated that she would like a civics course for the residents. Mr. Davisson responded that there are several plans that have been discussed to manage semi-trucks all of which are expensive to implement and that take additional staff training. Mr. Davisson said that he is not a fan of additional signage and that a headache bar will be installed on Groveport Road. He is working on a plan to establish truck routes and weight limits. Mr. Davisson stated that Frank Peters' land has already been annexed by the City of Columbus.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Scott stated that he has appointed Mike Kimbler to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Kimbler lives in Fairchild Estates. Mayor Scott called for a motion to confirm Mr. Kimbler to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks from the audience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Scott called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the appointment or employment of public officials. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:15 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:32 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Mayor D. Greg/Scott

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council