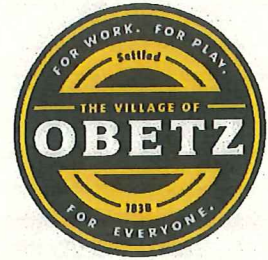


**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on February 26, 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 Michael Corbitt, PE, Deputy Administrator.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

No proclamations or presentations.

**ORDINANCES**

**FIRST READINGS**

No first readings.

**SECOND READINGS**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 06 – 18: 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 discussed the Ordinance.

**THIRD READINGS**

No third readings.

**EMERGENCIES**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 08 – 18: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 182 Of The Codified Ordinances Titled Municipal Income Tax Effective January 1, 2016 and Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Smith discussed the Ordinance. He stated that Obetz is part of a lawsuit against the State of Ohio and Judge Cain ruled against the cities which means that the Village needs to adopt certain legislation regarding the collection of taxes in order to be in compliance with House Bill 49. He further stated that if Obetz does not make these changes, it could lose its ability to collect taxes. Mr. Smith discussed the provisions of House Bill 49. The whereas clauses in the Ordinance make it clear that Obetz objects to the modifications and adopting the legislation does not affect Obetz' ability to continue the lawsuit.

Council, Mayor Scott and Mr. Smith discussed House Bill 49. Mr. Smith stated that the legislation does not apply to individual tax payers; only businesses. The State of Ohio will be collecting net profit taxes through the Ohio gateway and charging Obetz a ½ percent collection fee. One of the provisions of House Bill 49 is that Obetz cannot audit taxes to make sure the correct fees were paid to the correct municipality. Mr. Smith stated that the cities feel House Bill 49 violated home rule.

Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 08 – 18. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—no; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 08 – 18. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—no; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 09 – 18: An Ordinance To Amend The Traffic Code Relative To Permitting Requirements For Oversized And Overweight Loads On Local Streets And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt discussed the Ordinance. He stated that Franklin County will administer the haul permits for Obetz. Alum Creek Drive will be designated as a haul route for the Columbia Gas transmission pipeline project. Columbia Gas will pay a bond prior to using Alum Creek Drive. Mr. Corbitt stated that he has video of the roadway before Columbia Gas begins using it. Mr. Corbitt further stated that the State of Ohio has mandated that each jurisdiction set up a process for administering haul permits. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 09 – 18. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 09 – 18. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; 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.

#### **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 due to warmer weather and rain the ice rink has not been open. The indoor golf league is well under way. The simulators are almost booked solid on a daily basis. Sign-ups for the Obetz youth baseball and softball programs are underway. This week the women’s German National Soccer Team will be using Fortress Obetz for practice.

#### **VILLAGE OFFICIALS’ REPORTS**

*Mayor Scott* – Mayor Scott stated that the Daddy Daughter Dance was a huge success and he was proud of the event and thanked staff for their hard work.

*Mike Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer stated that officers would be reading to elementary school kids this week as a part of Right to Read Week. He also stated that officers have been meeting with kids at the Church of the Nazarene and talking about policing. The Hamilton LSD preschool made banners for

the Police Department and those are displayed in the lobby. Since the last meeting, officers have responded to 230 dispatched runs and had 842 pick-up runs.

*Ralph Shillingburg, Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department* – Chief Shillingburg distributed statistics to Council regarding fire and ems runs.

*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – No comments.

*Stephen J. Smith, Esq., Law Director* – No comments.

*Michael Corbitt, PE, Deputy Administrator* – Mr. Corbitt stated that OhioHealth is up and running. The Village needs to do some touch-ups on the road by the facility. He further stated that Chipotle opened today and that the Service Department would be filling potholes now that the weather was getting warmer. Industrial Center Drive and Bixby Road were discussed as streets that need some attention.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

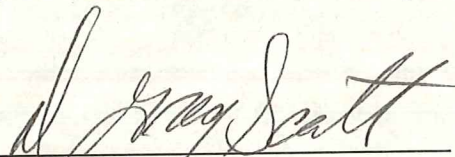
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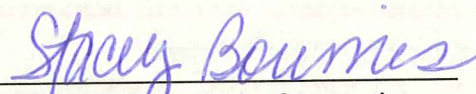
**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

A Bridlewood Road resident wanted to know what can be done to keep trucks out of his neighborhood. He stated that trucks are constantly getting stuck at the Groveport Road underpass and then turning into the neighborhood. Mr. Corbitt stated that the flashing sign on Groveport Road would be replaced and a headache bar installed.

**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 6:52 PM.

  
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Mayor D. Greg Scott

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council