

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2018**

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on August 13, 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, Mrs. Angie Kirk, Mr. Michael Flaherty, and Mr. Robert Kramer. Also present were Mayor D. Greg Scott; Michael Confer, Police Chief; Stephen Smith, Jr., Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, Council Clerk/Community Services Director; and E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Village Administrator/Development Director.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes.

**ORDINANCES**

**FIRST READINGS**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 39 – 18: An Ordinance To Approve The Final Development Plan and Development Text For 2499 McGaw Road.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 40 – 18: An Ordinance To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan and Development Text For Parcel 152-001737.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 43 – 18: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Village Administrator To Purchase And Transfer Real Property From And To The Fritsche Company Inc. And Declaring An Emergency.

**SECOND READINGS**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 35 – 18: An Ordinance To Appropriate \$4,800,000 From The General Fund For The Current Expense Of Design And Construction Of A Municipal Fiber Optic Network And Authorizing The Village Administrator To Apply For And Accept Funds Through Franklin County's Infrastructure Bank Program For The Municipal Fiber Optic Network. Mr. Davisson stated that the Village is still working out the details on the partnerships and routes. Mr. Davisson stated that he is still not convinced of the need for the project. Data centers do not make money. This is a mart, good investment but it will not be fun. The pro forma shows that Obetz will make money and the Village can get a loan from the County for some of the startup costs. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 35—18. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 35—18. Motion made

by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 36 — 18: An Ordinance Modifying E. Rod Davisson's Employment Agreement. Mayor Scott stated that Mr. Davisson will be given a 5% raise with additional sick and vacation time.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 37 — 18: An Ordinance To Amend The Eligibility Requirements For Health Care Benefits. Mr. Davisson stated that the ordinance extends health care benefits to Council members. Mr. Smith stated that the current Council members are not eligible. It will only apply to newly elected Council members and the program is totally optional.

### **THIRD READINGS**

No third readings.

### **EMERGENCIES**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 38 — 18: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contracts With Interstate Gas Supply, Incorporated, And Organ Cole, LLP, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that the Village sold more gas than originally anticipated and Organ Cole is the law firm that has been retained to pursue legal action against the railroad company for closing the Williams Road crossing. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 38—18. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 38—18. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 41 — 18: An Ordinance Authorizing An Agreement With The City Of Cleveland, Ohio, For Services Relating To Collection And Administration Of Income Tax, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that Columbus has historically collected income taxes for Obetz; however, Columbus is no longer providing that service starting in 2019. The Finance Director has talked to the City of Cleveland and RITA and believes the City of Cleveland offers the best service. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 41—18. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 41—18. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 42 — 18: An Ordinance To Authorize The Village Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With Four Fiber LLC To Construct A Fiber Optic Network In The Village And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 41—18. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 41—18. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr.

Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes.

Ordinance 44 – 18 An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2018 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated that the Police Department needs some additional software. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 44—18. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 44—18. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Kirk – 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**

*Mrs. Kirk* – Mrs. Kirk stated that Bocce Ball registration is still open. The movie on August 10<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to rain. Paving at the Fortress has begun and so has football and cheerleading.

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

*Mayor Scott* – Mayor Scott stated that the Festival is right around the corner. The Community Center staff has started baking bread. The new flavor this year is maple bacon. Mayor Scott discussed his ideas for a beautification committee. He stated that all members of Council were welcome to participate.

*Michael Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer stated that since the last meeting there have been 1552 calls for service.

*Ralph Shillingburg, Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department* – Chief Shillingburg handed out statistics on fire and EMS runs.

*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – There was a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting last week.

*Stephen Smith, Jr., Esq., Law Director* – No report.

*E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator* – Mr. Davisson discussed the Mayor's beautification plan. He stated that there would be eight districts and each street would have a captain. The Committee would meet monthly to advise the Village on beautification issues; arrange neighborhood clean-ups; and advise on code enforcement. Mr. Davisson discussed See.Click.Fix. He further stated that there will be beautification grants and equipment loans available. Work has started today on the landscaping around the walls on the old side of town. It will be done before ZucchiniFest.



### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Wiley stated that attendance at the splash pad has leveled off greatly. She stated that the Village needs to look at who gets let in; the age restrictions; and charging to use the splashpad. Everything needs reevaluated. The Village needs to let people in. There needs to be a teen night and parties at the splashpad. Music and food trucks are needed during events there. She also suggested a back to school splash bash. Mayor Scott stated that the splash pad is a success. Mr. Davisson stated that Council sets the rules. Mrs. Wiley stated she wants the parks and recreation director to attend meetings. She also asked if usage was tracked.

### **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

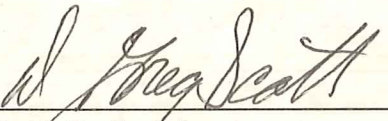
Ricky Siedel inquired about the second access point into Mulberry Grove.

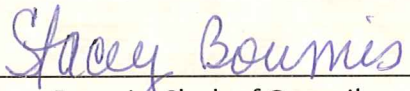
### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to the authority in ORC 121.22(g)(8) to consider the confidential information related to specific business strategies. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley— yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Council went into executive session at 7:34 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:35 PM with all six members present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:36 PM.

  
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Mayor D. Greg Scott

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council