# VILLAGE OF OBETZ RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## **REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 9, 2018**

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on June 25, 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 five members of Council present: Mrs. Bonnie Wiley, Mr. James Wiley, Mr. Guiles Richardson, Mrs. Angie Kirk, and Mr. Robert Kramer. Mr. Michael Flaherty was absent. Mayor Scott stated that Mr. Flaherty was with his daughter who was having a baby. Mayor Scott called for a motion to excuse Mr. Flaherty. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes. Motion carried. Also present were Mayor D. Greg Scott; Brian Jeffers, Police Sergeant; Stephen Smith, Jr., Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, Council Clerk/Community Services Director, and E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator/Development Director.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried.

## **ORDINANCES**

FIRST READINGS

No first readings.

#### SECOND READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 30—18: An Ordinance To Adopt The Tax Budget For The Village Of Obetz, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2019 And To Submit The Same To The Franklin County Budget Commission And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Scott opened the public hearing. Mr. Davisson discussed the tax budget. He stated that the tax budget is not the operating budget. The tax budget is used to determine the Village's inside millage rate. Currently the Village collects approximately \$200,000 in property taxes a year. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 30—18. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes. Motion carried. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 30—18. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mr. Kramer—yes; Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes. Motion carried.

## THIRD READINGS

No third readings.

#### **EMERGENCIES**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 33—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 appropriations cover the labor expenses associated with the summer labor. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 33—18. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 33—18. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Kirk – 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 the fireworks were a hit. Registration for the bocce ball league is open. Summer Splash and Cinema in Lancaster Park is Friday. The movie is Coco. Baseball and softball is ending. The Obetz seniors were recognized for their efforts and generosity. They have more personal items to the Franklin County Task Force on Aging pantry drive than any other senior center in central Ohio. There is a free youth basketball camp July 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial Park courts. Football and cheerleading registration is open. Mr. Kramer stated summer camp is a hit.

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

Mayor Scott – Mayor Scott stated that the picnic tables inside Fortress Obetz are nice. He also stated that the  $4^{th}$  of July celebration was a great event.

Brian Jeffers, Police Sergeant — Sergeant Jeffers stated that since the last meeting officers have responded to 219 dispatched runs and 786 pick up runs.

Wade Edwards, Captain, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Captain Edwards stated that there have been 137 requests throughout the Township for community paramedic services since the program started; approximately one-third of those requests are from Obetz residents. He further stated that the Fire Department is working closely with the Hope Task Force to help individuals with opiate issues.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – There is a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday.

Stephen Smith, Jr., Esq., Law Director - No report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator — Mr. Davisson stated a lot is happening. Village staff made significant progress on the flower beds on the west side. Area 51's fairways have been widened. The Village took possession of the church last week. Next week there is a meeting with another professional sports team. Construction of the parking lot has started. We are two weeks away from the opening of Froehlich Boulevard and Crabtree Drive. Denny's will be opening in February/March next year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Terri Dietschel addressed Council. She stated that people were sitting behind her fence during the fireworks. She stated that she would like the area cordoned off next year.

Steve Holbrook addressed Council. He stated that he enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. He also stated that the economics of Obetz are unbelievable.

Tom Pasture addressed Council. He stated that no one has followed up on his complaint from two months ago. He stated that the storm drain near his home at 5323 Victoria Street needs cleaned. Mr. Davisson stated the Village is purchasing a street sweeper in order to clean residential streets more often. Mr. Pasture further asked if the grass in the vacant lot by his home could be cut.

Gary McKinley stated that the Fortress is one of the best venues around for watching fireworks.

LouAnne Leslie stated that Locust Street needs repaired. She further stated that the grass at the apartment complex has not been maintained. She further stated that additional sidewalks and paths are needed to connect the neighborhoods to Memorial Park. Mr. Davisson stated the apartment complex is being sold and renovated. He further stated paths are coming. Mrs. Wiley stated that the end of Locust Street has been marked and repairs are coming. Mr. Kramer stated that he loves the idea of connecting Obetz neighborhoods to parks in Obetz as well as to surrounding metro parks.

An individual – name not given – stated that he would like to purchase 1816 Arcadia Avenue and rehab it.

Council discussed splashpad rules and hours. Mayor Scott stated the hours need to be extended. Mrs. Kirk stated that Lori Large wanted to thank the Street Department for their hard work.

## **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 7:07 PM.

Mayor D. Greg Scott

Stacey Boumis Clerk of Counci