

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 23, 2018

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on July 23, 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 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., Administrator/Development Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

FIRST 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.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 36 – 18: An Ordinance Modifying E. Rod Davisson's Employment Agreement.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 37 – 18: An Ordinance To Amend The Eligibility Requirements For Health Care Benefits.

SECOND READINGS

No second readings.

THIRD READINGS

No third readings.

EMERGENCIES

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 34—18: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2018 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that the money is being used to cover merit based raises, Fortress supplies, ZucchiniFest costs such as rain insurance, and the bond costs. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 34—18. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr.

Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 34—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. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – 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 registration is open for the Obetz bocce ball league. The Summer Splash and Cinema movie was Friday. The final film will be August 10th. Jumanji will be played. In July Obetz partnered with Franklin County Public Health on a campaign to encourage people to discover their local parks. Paving has begun at Fortress Obetz. There is a free basketball camp this week.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Scott – Mayor Scott stated that State Representative Richard Brown was here. The honorable Richard Brown addressed Council. He stated that he likes to visit the different elected officials in the area and keep on top of local events. Mayor Scott thanked him for coming. Mayor Scott stated that the feedback has been very positive regarding the fireworks. He has been getting emails about what to do with the church. Shootout for Soldiers was over the weekend. Work to Recreation Trail will start Monday.

Michael Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated that since the last meeting, there have been 1084 calls for service. The turn around at the church has been working.

Wade Edwards, Captain, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Captain Edwards stated that the Hamilton Township Trustees are considering putting a levy on the November ballot. Chief Edwards also shared statistics.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – There is a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting August 8th.

Stephen Smith, Jr., Esq., Law Director – Mr. Smith stated that there is an appeals hearing tonight regarding a decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council has been provided with a summary of the criteria for approval.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson discussed the Standard and Poole's trip to Chicago. He stated that the biggest issue hurting the Village is the concentration of employers. The top ten employers provide more than 50% of the Village's revenue. Another issue is the income level of the residents within the census tracts. The census tract boundaries are not contiguous with Village boundaries.

Mr. Davisson shared a draft of the ZucchiniFest layout. He asked Council about transportation. Council determined that it was not necessary to offer golf cart transportation this year. Council discussed the parade. The parade will be on Sunday and start at 11:00 AM.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning and Zoning Commission Appeal – 4438 Trotter Drive

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing. Ms. Boumis provided a quick summary of the case and the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Phil Ratcliff, property owner, addressed Council. He stated that he wants to help and be a part of the community and work with the Village. He stated that he got rid of the carport originally proposed and he also reduced the size of the pergola. He further stated that 690 square feet is the minimum size required to provide the needed electricity. The request to build the walls was officially withdrawn by Phil Ratcliff. Council and Mr. Ratcliff discussed the project. Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the appeal from Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Wiley—no; Mr. Wiley—no; Mr. Kramer – no; Mrs. Kirk – no; Mr. Richardson – no; Mr. Flaherty – no.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

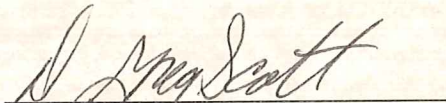
Jerry Nuckles addressed Council. He stated that the liquor license transfer is still not complete. Mr. Smith stated that it is being processed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

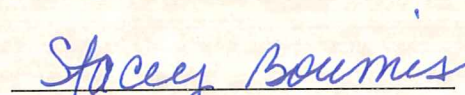
Mayor Scott called for a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee. Council went into Executive Session at 7:23 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:25 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Wiley. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 9:27 PM.



Mayor D. Greg Scott



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council