

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on October 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Mayor D. Greg Scott presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Scott called the roll with five Council members present. Mrs. Angie Kirk – present; Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. James Wiley – absent; Mrs. Bonnie Wiley – present. Also present were Mike Confer – Police Chief; Stacey Boumis – Community Services Director/Council Clerk; Stephen J. Smith, Esq., Law Director, and, E. Rod Davisson – Village Administrator. Mrs. Wiley stated that Mr. Wiley was home recovering. Mr. Flaherty asked how long Mr. Wiley would be out. Mrs. Wiley responded that Mr. Wiley will be going to a rehabilitation facility in the next two to three weeks. Mayor Scott called for a motion to excuse Mr. Wiley. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Council meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 39 – 19: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Designate Banking Institutions To Receive The Public Deposits Of The Village.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 32 – 19: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Village Administrator To Purchase Real Property From James Michel. Mr. Davisson stated that these are the lots on Williams Road adjacent to Village owned property.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 33 – 19: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 1 Of The Big Walnut Run Subdivision. Ms. Boumis stated that the revised plat incorporates the request of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission recommended approval at its September 11th meeting.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 35 – 19: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Village Administrator To Purchase Real Property From Paul D McClish, Pauline C McClish, Mary M McClish, Marjorie L McClish, Brent C McClish, And Matthew A McClish. Mr. Davisson stated that this is the McClish north property.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 36 – 19: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Village Administrator To Purchase Real Property From Goldeneye LLC. Mr. Davisson stated that this is the lot behind McDonald's.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 29 – 19: An Ordinance Submitting Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council Regarding Several Village Tax Incentives. Mr. Davisson stated that all companies have complied.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 31 – 19: An Ordinance Establishing The Positions Of Deputy Police Chief, Human Resources Director, And Assistant Grounds Superintendent, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that Brian Jeffers will become the Deputy Police Chief. Mr. Jeffers addressed Council. He stated that he has been filling in for Chief Confer and has been with the Obetz Police Department for 18 years. Mr. Davisson stated that Derek Duncan will be the Human Resources Director. Mr. Duncan addressed Council. He stated that he was a human resources specialist in the Navy. He has a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and he is currently working on his MBA. He further stated that he has his national human resources certification. Mr. Davison stated that Brian Marteney will be the Assistant Grounds Superintendent. Mr. Marteney addressed Council. He stated that he has worked for Obetz for 5 years and has several licenses from the Ohio Department of Agriculture that no one else has. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 31 – 19. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 37 – 19: An Ordinance Setting Forth A Statement Of Municipal Services To Be Provided To The Area Contained In A Proposed Annexation Of 13.8 +/- Acres Located From Hamilton Township To The Village Of Obetz Such Land Being Located Along Alum Creek Drive, Bixby Road, And Toy Road, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that this is Obetz' first step to annex several parcels along Alum Creek Drive. The County controls the annexation process. Mr. Smith stated that the County Commissioners cannot deny the annexation request. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 37 – 19. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 37 – 19. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Kirk. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 38 – 19: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Village Administrator To Enter Into A Development Agreement With CRG Services Management LLC And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that the agreement relates to the development of the Dill property south of Rohr Road. The agreement addresses drainage issues. The development agreement is needed to memorialize the solution agreed to by the developer and Village. Mr. Davisson described the drainage issues in the area. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 38 – 19. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance

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Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 40 – 19: An Ordinance To Authorize The Village Administrator To Enter Into A Change Order With The Franklin County Engineer For Street Paving Work And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that it will be \$300,000 to pave Rathmell Road. The money has already been appropriated but a change order is needed. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 40 – 19. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 40 – 19. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 41 – 19: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2019 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated that funds are needed for expenses related to park employees. Also, due to the pace of development, additional monies are needed in the water improvement fund and sewer improvement fund. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 41 – 19. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 41 – 19. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 42 – 19: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Reynoldsburg Junior Raiders And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that the Village pays the Reynoldsburg Junior Raiders organization for umpires. Someone forgot to open a purchase order. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 42 – 19. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 42 – 19. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation and Health – Mrs. Kirk stated that the Obetz Senior Black football team is #1 in their division and Senior White is #2. They play this Sunday. Mrs. Kirk then stated the upcoming activities at the Obetz Community Center. She then stated that last weekend was the K-9 Toss and Fetch at Fortress Obetz and October 26th is the Halloween Party.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor D. Greg Scott – Mayor Scott stated that Saturday, October 26th is the Halloween Party. He then stated that Obetz won their Community Cup division and he was proud of the team.

Michael Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated that he has been working with Code Enforcement to enforce parking violations. He further stated that since the last meeting there has been 920 calls for service.

Ralph Shillingburg, Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department — No report.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director — No report.

Stephen J. Smith, Esq., Frost Brown Todd — No report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator — Mr. Davisson stated that Council needs to approve the Zucchini-fest holiday that staff received after festival. Mrs. Kirk moved and Mr. Kramer seconded to make the extra day staff received off after Zucchini-fest a paid holiday. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Wiley — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes. Mr. Davisson further stated that health care expenses are increasing 9.5 percent and he recommends increasing the employees' contribution by that amount. Council concurred. Mr. Davisson stated that baseball project is going to happen and that he is just working on the details. Council and Mr. Davisson discussed the Zucchini-fest budget and possibly charging for parking and/or the concerts. Council agreed to keep the budget the same as last year. Mr. Davisson stated that the properties along Rathmell Road and Grebus Road have been cited for code enforcement violations. Mr. Davisson stated that he was proud of the team for winning the Community Cup for a second year in a row and those that participated should receive a personal day. Mr. Flaherty moved and Mr. Kramer seconded to give all staff that participated in the Community Cup a personal day. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Wiley — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes. Mr. Davisson discussed a moral obligation claim from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. He stated that a Sheriff's cruiser was damaged by a Fortress employee during Zucchini-fest. Mr. Richardson moved and Mr. Flaherty seconded to pay the cost to repair the damage done to the Sheriff's vehicle. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk — yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mrs. Wiley — yes; Mr. Richardson — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Kirk inquired about the electronic signs proposed on Howard Road. Mr. Davisson stated that four signs are planned and have been priced. They should be here shortly. Mr. Kramer asked Council if they were ready to discuss the Council rules. Mr. Flaherty stated that he preferred to review them after the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

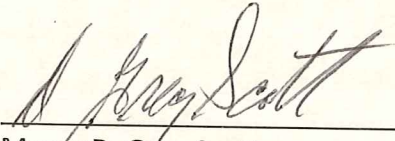
Jill Blankenship, an audience member, asked about the old cemetery by the new subdivision. Mr. Davisson stated that it appears the graves have been moved but the site is still being preserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

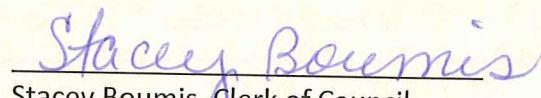
Mayor Scott called for a motion to go into executive session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(g)(1) to consider the discipline, promotion, and compensation of public employees. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Council went into executive session at 6:53 pm. Council returned from executive session at 8:03 PM with all five Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:04 PM.



Mayor D. Greg Scott



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council