

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

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The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on September 23, 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. Mayor Scott stated that Mr. Wiley was ill and needs an excused absence. Mr. Richardson moved to excuse Mr. Wiley; 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 9, 2019 Council meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. 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 32 – 19: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Village Administrator To Purchase Real Property From James Michel.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 33 – 19: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 1 Of The Big Walnut Run Subdivision.

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.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 36 – 19: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Village Administrator To Purchase Real Property From Goldeneye LLC.

*Second Readings*

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 29 – 19: An Ordinance Submitting Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council Regarding Several Village Tax Incentives. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that the Village tracks the number of employees at businesses that have received abatements. This information is presented to the Tax Incentive Review Council. All Obetz companies comply and the Tax Incentive Review Council recommends continuing the abatements.

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 discussed the Ordinance. He stated that these are necessary positions as the Village transitions into a city. Brian Jeffers who has been with the department for a long time will become the deputy police chief. Derek Duncan will become the Human Resources Director. This department is needed to protect the Village. Brian Marteney will become the assistant grounds superintendent.

*Third Readings*

No third readings.

*Emergencies*

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 34 – 19: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contracts With American Electric Power, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that AEP moved a pole and then sent a bill. He further stated that typically an estimate is presented first to the Village then the Village gives the authorization to proceed. The pole was moved without any notification to the Village. The pole was moved to allow for the construction of the Ohio Health facility. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 34 – 19. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. 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 34 – 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.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Recreation and Health* – Mrs. Kirk stated that football is off to a good start. Friday was the last of the summer concerts and it was well attended, and the quarter midget races have been huge.

**VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

*Mayor D. Greg Scott* – Mayor Scott stated that Saturday is the Community Cup challenge and the Village is excited to be defending its title. He further stated that over \$6500 was raised at the Mayor's golf outing last Friday. He also stated that the summer concert last week was great.

*Michael Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer stated that since the last meeting there have been 570 calls for service. Officers are citing a lot of speeders on Howard Road and dealing with parking issues.

*Wade Edwards, Captain, Hamilton Township Fire Department* – Captain Edwards stated that the County Sheriff is concerned about kids walking from the subdivisions such as Butler Farms to the high school. Mr. Davisson discussed this issue. He stated that sidewalks or a bikepath would eventually be installed along Lockbourne Road but it is at least a year out, maybe two.

*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 the date of the Halloween Party has been changed to October 26<sup>th</sup>. The party is moving to Fortress Obetz. Trick or Treat is October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kramer handed out the updated Council rules. He stated that it contains the reorganized committees. He asked Council members to review it so it can be discussed later. Mr. Davisson stated that Council should schedule a Committee meeting or work session to review them.

### **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

A resident asked about construction at the Obetz Community Center. Mr. Davisson stated that there are some architect/contractor issues that are getting resolved but that the project should be completed in six to eight weeks. Another resident asked about the Village's plans for the auto auction property. Mr. Davisson stated that there are no solid plans other than it will be developed. Most likely the Village will issue an RFP to developers. Mr. Davisson stated that this purchase is an investment in the future of Obetz. Another resident asked why it would take so long to construct a sidewalk along Lockbourne Road. Mr. Davisson stated that it does not make sense to construct infrastructure along Lockbourne Road until plans for the Warner property are finalized. Mr. Borders addressed Council. He thanked Aaron for getting the Abbruzzee lot next to his property cleaned up but stated that the building still needs torn down. He also stated that the Hensley property along Rathmell Road does not look good and something needs done about it. Lastly he complained about the potholes on Rathmell Road in front of Masons Sand and Gravel. Mr. Davisson stated that he is working to obtain a drainage easement so the proper improvements can be made to Rathmell Road.

### **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; ORC 121.22(g)(2) to discuss the purchase of public property; and ORC 121.22(g)(3) to discuss pending or imminent court action. 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. Council went into executive session at 6:52 pm. Council returned from executive session at 8:09 PM with all five Council members present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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Mayor D. Greg Scott

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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council