

VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2020

Council met in Council Chambers at 4175 Alum Creek Drive on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Kirk called the roll with all six Council members present. Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mrs. Bonnie Wiley – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

**ORDINANCES**

**First Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 19 – 20: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 5 Of The Butler Farms Subdivision.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 20 – 20: An Ordinance To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan And Development Text For Parcel 186-002023.

**Second Readings**

No second readings.

**Third Readings**

No third readings.

**Emergencies**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 21 – 20: An Ordinance Requesting Funding Under The "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act" (CARES Act) To Fund Necessary Covid-19 Pandemic-Related Expenses And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that Obetz is eligible for Covid-19 relief funds. The funds will be distributed like local government funds meaning Obetz should receive \$90,000. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 21 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 21 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 22 – 20: An Ordinance To Authorize The Administrator To Enter Into Partial Assignments Of The Tax Increment Financing Agreement And The Toy Road Community Reinvestment Agreement By And Between The Village Of Obetz, GPT Obetz Owner LLC, And Granite (5415 Centerpoint) LLC And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that an assignment does not change the original deal; rather, it transfers the obligations of that deal to the new building owners. Mayor Kirk stated that the Village was just notified of the sale and the closing is prior to the next Council meeting so the building owner has asked Council to pass this as an emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 22 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 22 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 23 – 20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On Contracts With Innosource, Frost Brown Todd, And The Auditor Of State, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 23 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 23 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 24 – 20: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2020 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that the Village's income has gone down approximately \$2 million and therefore appropriations needs adjusted accordingly. These adjustments are needed in order to maintain the Village's bond rating. The State is cutting expenditures by 20%. The Village won't know the true impact on income tax receipts until September. The Village gets 80% of its revenue from employee withholdings and 20% from corporate income tax withholdings. Mr. Davisson discussed his recommendations including completely shutting down ZucchiniFest; not opening the splashpad; and eliminating any other big events at the Fortress. By making these cuts, no employees will be laid off. There have been several employees resign lately and those employees will not be replaced. Mr. Davisson also recommended a 34% reduction in capital outlay. Currently keeping the OAC open is a challenge due to the staffing levels required. Mr. Davisson stated the Village loses approximately \$1,520,926 a year because the services the Village provides do not pay for themselves. Each service needs to be evaluated on its own and adjustments made. Mr. Flaherty stated that the Village should charge for parking at the ZucchiniFest. Mr. Kramer stated that resident versus non-resident rates for services also needs analyzed. Mr. Davisson stated that if revenue continues to decline, the next step will be to reduce staffing levels. Mayor Kirk, Council, and Mr. Davisson discussed ZucchiniFest. Mayor Kirk and Council all stated they want some event at the end of summer or early fall even if ZucchiniFest is canceled. Mayor Kirk further stated that the orders from Franklin County Public Health and the State of Ohio are changing all the time and they are costly to follow which means that some Obetz facilities will remain closed. Dixon Quarry will be opening before Stewart Hall. All the Village's services need evaluated now and changes need

implemented in 2021. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 24 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 24 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk stated that she has been working with staff on the updated budget and also working with the school district on graduation. Obetz staff is back to work and other businesses in Obetz are also bringing their staff back. She further stated that she wants to have some programming and events for residents this summer and fall.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Flaherty, Council President Pro-Tem, discussed the Council Committees. He stated that the Committees are not creative; rather they are for reporting purposes only. Committees are a mouthpiece for the directors.

#### **Intergovernmental Outreach**

Mr. Kramer stated that Rickenbacker Airport would love to have Council on a tour once it is safe. In the meantime, Rickenbacker's representatives encouraged the Village officials to follow them on social media. A roundabout will be constructed at Lockbourne Road/London Groveport Road intersection. Hamilton Township and Madison Township have both passed legislation to collect an additional \$5 motor vehicle license tax. This applies to the non-incorporated areas only. Officials from both Townships have expressed concerns about truck traffic. Mayor Kirk stated that now is the time to consider truck routes.

#### **Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events**

Mr. Varney stated that the softball/baseball fields are getting used a lot. There is a lot of demand for fields since those sports have started again.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

*E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator* – Mr. Davisson stated that he is proud of the work staff has been doing since they have been back.

*Michael Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer stated that all his guys are healthy and still working. Since the last meeting, officers have responded to 583 calls for service which is half the calls normally received.

*Eugene Hollins, Esq., Frost Brown Todd* – Mr. Hollins stated that Frost Brown Todd employees are returning to the office.

*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – Ms. Boumis stated that there is a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

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No new business

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

A member of the audience (name not given and she remained seated and did not come to the microphone) stated that people are using cast nets at the pond in Memorial Park and taking the fish. Mr. Davisson told her to call the police department's non-emergency number. This is not permitted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Angela M. Kirk  
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Stacey Boumis  
Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council