

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2020

Council met in Council Chambers at 4175 Alum Creek Drive on Monday, August 10, 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 July 27, 2020 meeting. 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.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 30 – 20: An Ordinance To Rezone 2655 Rathmell Road (Parcel Number 152–000720) From Planned Industrial District To Low Density Residential. No discussion. Public hearing at next meeting.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 25 – 20: An Ordinance To Rezone A 4.85 Acre Lot Split From Parcel Number 153-000673 From General Commercial To Restricted Industrial And Remove The Lot Split From The Williams Road Overlay. Mayor Kirk opened the public hearing. Ms. Boumis discussed the rezoning. She stated that the acreage will be added to land on the east and will be used to expand Schneider Trucking. She further stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a Major Site Plan and several variances. Mayor Kirk stated that she likes seeing businesses expand. No questions from Council. No questions from the public. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 25 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. 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 28 – 20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into An Economic Development Agreement With CBRE Group And CASTO For The Development Of Parcel 152 – 001466 And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that the development agreement has not been finalized and he asked Council to table the ordinance. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to table Ordinance 28 – 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.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 29 – 20: An Ordinance Increasing Zoning, Building, And Other Development Related Fees And Establishing New Fees. Mr. Davisson stated that the fees haven't been updated since 2006. Ms. Boumis discussed Ordinance 29 – 20. She stated that fees have not been increased since 2006. There has been a 27% increase in inflation since 2006. The cost of operating the Building Department have increased and the fees need to cover those costs. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 29 – 20. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; 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.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 31 – 20: An Ordinance Extending The State Of Emergency And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk and Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. Mr. Davisson stated the departments will be split into two teams – a black team and a gold team. These teams will be in place through December. Mr. Davisson further discussed the buildings that are open and closed as well as the critical operations plan. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 31 – 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 31 – 20. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the splashpad is getting a lot of use. There are a lot of things planned for development that cannot be announced. Operations continue to remain fluid during this pandemic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Bonnie Wiley, Chair

Mrs. Wiley stated that the grounds crew has been doing a great job. Pine Alley looks good and the old trailers on Maureen Boulevard have been removed.

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair

Mr. Kramer stated that Hamilton Local Schools will be starting all on-line in a few weeks.

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair

Mr. Kimbler stated that youth football is still up in the air. If high school football is canceled, the mini OCC will cancel.

Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Derek Varney, Chair

Mr. Varney stated that the Crew academy starts today at the Fortress. The baseball/softball fields are getting a lot of use. We are still waiting to hear about football.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair

A lot of things are happening but most of them can't be announced yet.

Public Works and Safety – Guiles Richardson, Chair

Mr. Richardson stated that everyone is caught up.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Michael Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated that Officer Higgenbotham is now out on his own. The detective caught the person who had been breaking into cars. Calls are down but the department is still busy.

Wade Edwards, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Captain Edwards stated that the department is very busy.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission meet on Wednesday.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated that approximately 150 people per day were using the Obetz Athletic Club. A lot of equipment needs replaced. He proposed converting the basketball court to an outdoor gym until it is too cold to be outside. He further proposed making the gym free for residents over 18. The golf simulators will remain closed until the golf league starts. New equipment will be purchased for the gym and installed prior to its reopening.

He further stated that income tax receipts are up 8.1% over last year through May. Today he participated in a digital TIRC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Becci Thacker stated the Village should host drive in movies at the Fortress. Jim Reese stated that there is no gate keeping vehicles from driving into the property behind Mulberry Grove – the cemetery's property. People are turning the vacant land into a dump.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

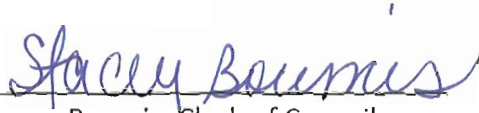
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (g)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Council went into executive session at 6:55 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:12 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Flaherty called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:12 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council