

VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2020

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, August 24, 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 August 10, 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 32 – 20: An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council Regarding Several Village Tax Incentives.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 34 – 20: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 2 Phase 2B Of The Bixby Grove Subdivision.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 35 – 20: An Ordinance To Accept The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor And Declaring An Emergency.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third 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. Mayor Kirk opened the public hearing. Mayor Kirk, Ms. Boumis and Mr. Davisson discussed the rezoning. Ms. Boumis stated that the property is for sale and the buyer wants to use the property as a home. Mayor Kirk stated that the banks will not give a loan on the property unless it is rezoned. No questions. Mayor Kirk closed the public hearing. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 30 – 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.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 33 – 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 Ordinance 33 – 20. He stated contractual services has been increased as well as rental deposit returns and the purchase of gas and electric. The Village is selling more gas and electric than originally anticipated. In addition, rental deposits need returned since the facilities remain closed. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 33 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 33 – 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 36 – 20: An Ordinance To Create The Corona Virus Relief Fund, And To Appropriate \$141,798.50 From The Local Corona Virus Relief Fund For The Current Expense Of Pandemic Related Expenses As Required Under The Cares Act. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated that the Village needs to create a fund to track this money. It is dedicated for expenses related to the Corona virus. This is very broad and covers a lot of recent expenses. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 36 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 36 – 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 37 – 20: An Ordinance Establishing The Position Of Director Of Utilities And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated that the engineer the Village is hiring will also help implement new software and work closely with Mr. Corbitt. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 37 – 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 37 – 20. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; 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.

Ordinance 28 – 20 – Mr. Davisson stated that he is still working on the agreement. The agreement is very complex. He is going to sign a letter of intent with Casto so they can begin marketing and planning the site. The ordinance will remain tabled until the agreement is completed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the Obetz Athletic Club Lite will open September 1st. It will be free for all Obetz residents and is limited to patrons 18 years of age or older. Hamilton Township High School will be having a six game football season. The splashpad has been getting a lot of use and will be open through Labor Day weekend. The street and grounds departments are working in two shifts in order to limit interaction. A lot of development is coming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Bonnie Wiley, Chair

Mrs. Wiley stated that the grounds crew continues to stay busy with routine tasks. She stated the roundabouts look good.

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair

Mr. Kramer stated that Hamilton Township has a new website. A representative from the County Auditor was at the Township meeting to discuss the triennial property tax assessment. You can look up your home's information on www.your2020homevalue.org.

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair

Mr. Kimbler stated that youth football and cheer has started. Obetz will be playing in the mini OCC. Games begin September 12th.

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

Mr. Varney stated there are limited events occurring at the Fortress including the Crew Academy, Bishop Ready High School football games, and a stair climb on September 12th.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair

A lot of things are happening but most of them can't be announced yet. He inquired about the deceleration lane into Butler Farms. It is not complete and there has been no work on it for several weeks.

Public Works and Safety – Guiles Richardson, Chair

Mr. Richardson stated Alum Creek Drive will be closing at the bridge for three weeks. It will be a complete closure. Bixby Road access to Alum Creek Drive will be limited to right in/right out. Design will begin soon for the improvements to the Bixby Road/Groveport Road intersection.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Michael Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated that there have been 1128 calls for service. There has been a lot of traffic issues lately.

Wade Edwards, Hamilton Township Fire Department — Captain Edwards stated that there was a software change in July in order to be compliant with Federal guidelines. Currently there is only one paramedic truck due to lack of staff. Mrs. Wiley thanked the Department for their help with a resident in distress. She stated the paramedics were very kind.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated an executive session is needed to discuss personnel.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is on September 9th which is before the next Council meeting. It is a small agenda.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated he is working on a no through traffic ordinance for the west side of town in order to stop all of the delivery trucks that cut through the neighborhood. The Police Chief is talking to the businesses that are cutting through in an effort to minimize this. Mr. Davisson stated that he would like to remove the traffic signal on Groveport Road in order to keep traffic moving. He anticipates removing it by Halloween. Mr. Varney asked if a crosswalk could be added from the public parking lot to the hardware store. The Crew has signed a two year lease for the practice facility. The McClish North purchase is done and the Village will take possession January 1st. Income taxes are up 7% year to date through July. Since the ZucchiniFest was canceled and that money is available, he would like approval to purchase a new video board for the front of the Fortress that can stream videos. Council will need to waive competitive bidding. The board will cost approximately \$464,000. Mr. Richardson moved to waive competitive bidding; 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.

Mr. Davisson stated that Mr. Corbitt met with the Ohio EPA at the Rathmell Road quarry. Tire wash stations and new driveways will be installed. In addition, the quarry will be filling in the holes at the site. Mr. Andy Borders addressed Council. He wanted to know what was taking the quarry so long. This has been going on for over a year. Mr. Davisson stated that the property is not in Obetz. The only thing Obetz controls is the road and the Village will keep working with Masons.

Mrs. Wiley discussed drainage issues along Maureen Boulevard North and Orchard Lane. She requested a letter from the engineer regarding groundwater. She stated that there has been a lot of flooding recently and she is worried that the new development is affecting groundwater and flooding. She asked about the water table. Mr. Davisson stated that runoff from storms gets diverted into the Big Walnut Creek. He then discussed the Teays Valley aquifer which is where Obetz gets its water. This is ground water and there is a difference between groundwater and surface water. New developments have infrastructure to manage stormwater. Mrs. Wiley stated that she would like storm sewers installed along Orchard Lane to manage stormwater. Mr. Davisson stated that residents would be assessed for any improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

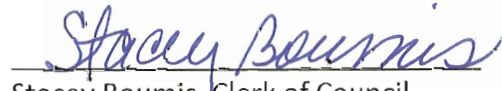
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (g)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Council went into executive session at 7:39 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:22 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:23 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council