VILLAGE OF OBETZ RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2020

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on January 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

The Honorable Steve Stivers, US House of Representatives 15th District, swore in Mayor Angela Kirk and Council Members Michael Flaherty and Derek Varney.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 and December 16, 2019 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.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Kirk swore in Brian Jeffers to the position of Deputy Police Chief.

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Mayor Kirk opened the floor to nominations for Council President Pro-Tem. Mr. Kramer nominated Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. No other nominations. Mayor Kirk closed nominations. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Mr. Flaherty as Pro-Tem. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – abstain; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes.

ORDINANCES

First Readings
No first readings.

Second Readings

Mr. Davisson read Ordinance 50 – 19: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars \$1,900,000 Of Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds For The Purpose Of Paying The Costs Of Municipal Infrastructure Improvements Relating To The Ohio Health Project, Including, But Not Limited To, The Acquisition Of Land And Interests In Land, Construction And Installation, As Necessary, Of Roads, Sidewalks, Storm Water Detention And Retention Structures, Water Lines, Waste Water And Storm Water Lines, Utilities, Signalization Equipment, Landscaping And All Appurtenances Relating Thereto, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that this is the refinance of an existing debt. This is typically done yearly.

Mr. Davisson read Ordinance 51 - 19: An Ordinance To Accept The Annexation Of 13.8 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The Village Of Obetz And Amending The Zoning Map To Planned Commercial District. Mr. Davisson stated that a public hearing will be held at the next Council meeting. This is the area between Toy Road and Bixby Road.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 46 - 19: An Ordinance To Rezone Various Parcels Located Throughout The Village Of Obetz To Community Facilities. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. 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.

Emergencies

Mr. Davisson read Ordinance 01 – 20: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2020 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Cramblit stated that he missed some items when he was preparing the budget. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 01 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 01 – 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. Davisson read Ordinance 02 – 20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Franklin Communications Inc, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Cramblit stated that these are Fortress advertising fees owed to QFM 96. The PO was accidentally closed before the invoice was received. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 02 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 02 – 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.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees have not been assigned.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Angela M. Kirk – Mayor Kirk stated that eight individuals have submitted applications for the vacant Council seat. Mr. Flaherty stated that all candidates should be interviewed. Mayor Kirk stated that the new Council member will be selected at the January 27th meeting.

Michael Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated that officers responded to 1556 calls for service since the last meeting. This number is down from last year.

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 he is excited for the year ahead. An executive session is needed to discuss the Crew lease.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kramer asked if Council was still considering his proposed changes to the Council Committees. Mr. Flaherty responded the issue would be discussed later.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jerry Benson stated this is a Charter review year. Mr. Benson further asked if the Auto Auction purchase has occurred. Mr. Davisson responded yes and that retail and restaurants are planned for the area. Mr. Flaherty asked how quickly this would occur. Mr. Davisson responded 2021. Waffle House has broken ground.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under 121.22(g)(2) to discuss the lease of property. 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. Council adjourned to executive session at 6:50 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:02 PM with all five members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Mayor Angela M. Kirk

Stacey Boumis Clerk of Council