

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2020**

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on March 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

**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 – absent; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present. Also present were Mike Confer – Police Chief; Stacey Boumis – Community Services Director/Council Clerk; Stephen Smith, Esq., Law Director; and Mike Corbitt, PE, Deputy Administrator/Engineer. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mrs. Wiley. Motion by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting. Motion by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Isabella Harris addressed Council. She is a local Girl Scout working on her Silver Award Project. The project is in Obetz parks. She is building bat boxes; planting wild flowers to attract bees; and helping the Village transform McFadyen Park into a natural playground. Stacey Boumis is her advisor during her project. Isabella Harris stated that she has a passion for the environment and her community.

***NOTE: Mrs. Bonnie Wiley joined the Council meeting at 6:12 PM.***

**ORDINANCES**

**First Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 10 – 20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Village Administrator to Enter Into An Agreement with Premier 365 To Construct A Sports Complex And Declaring An Emergency.

**Second Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 04 – 20: An Ordinance To Approve The Final Development Plan For COP Obetz, LLC And Development Text For Subarea B Of The Walnut Creek Center. Ms. Boumis stated that the Final Development Plan will be heard at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday. The recommendation of the Commission will be forwarded to Council after that meeting.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 07 – 20: An Ordinance Approving The Village Of Obetz Annual Conversion Plan Which Allows Employees To Convert Vacation And Sick Time To Cash In Accordance With The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) Specifications. Mayor Kirk stated that approval of this

Ordinance allows the contribution to be counted toward an employee's retirement. Mayor Kirk stated that this program is done yearly.

#### Third Readings

No third readings.

#### Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 09 – 20: An Ordinance Amending Section 305.05 Of The Village Of Obetz Codified Ordinances Titled "Parking Restrictions" And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated that school buses are having issues navigating the street with cars parked on both sides. Residents have been complaining. Parking will be eliminated on the side of the street with the fire hydrant. This is a safety matter. Mr. Kramer asked if people would be given warnings prior to receiving tickets. Chief Confer replied that officers would give warnings and also talk to residents first before issuing tickets. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 09 – 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 09 – 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.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Flaherty presented Council with revised Council rules. He stated that the rules have been streamlined. If the Charter addresses something, it has been removed from the rules. The standing committees have been changed in response to the way the Village currently operates. There are now six committees. Stephen Smith stated that all committee meetings are public and notice of committee meetings will be published prior to a committee meeting. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the updated Council rules. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

*Mayor Angela M. Kirk* – Mayor Kirk reviewed the upcoming events including the Easter Egg Hunt; classes at the Community Center; and, the Trout Fishing Tournament. She further stated that Mr. Davisson had an all-staff meeting to discuss the corona virus and how employees can stay safe.

*Mike Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer stated that the new police officer passed his last physical. He further reported that since the last meeting, officers have responded to 783 calls for service.

*Wade Edwards, Captain, Hamilton Township Fire Department* – No report.

*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – There is a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday.

*Stephen Smith, Esq., Law Director* – Mr. Smith stated that the Village submitted a settlement notice for money from the opioid crisis as a part of the universal settlement in the State of Ohio. The notice does

not lock in the Village; rather, it just says that if there is a statewide lawsuit, Obetz would participate. It does not commit Obetz.

*Michael Corbitt, PE, Deputy Village Administrator* – Mr. Corbitt stated that construction of the Butler Farms turn lanes will start this year. The State of Ohio will be resurfacing the Lockbourne Road bridge this summer. There will be detours posted. Mr. Corbitt further stated that he attended a meeting with the Franklin County Engineer's Office to discuss Bixby Road and Alum Creek Drive. The median will be closed to cross traffic and there will be no left turns from Bixby Road.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

#### **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

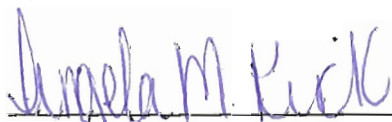
Dale Harris, property owner of 4403 Canton Avenue, addressed Council. He stated that he has a closing scheduled on this property tomorrow and there is an outstanding balance of \$950.56 on the utility bill. He stated that the charges were incurred by the previous tenant and he does not feel that he should be responsible for the balance. Mayor Kirk stated that when the account was closed in 2018 there was an outstanding balance of \$244.96 and there was no attempt made by the property owner to pay this balance. The property owner is ultimately responsible for all charges. The water was turned off but the account was not closed. If an account is not closed, monthly charges accrue. The property owner stated that he did not understand why there have been monthly charges. Mayor Kirk stated that the account was never closed; turning off the water does not mean that the account is closed. Mayor Kirk further stated that she is not inclined to recommend to Council that they waive any charges. Council Members concurred and did not waive any of the charges. The property owner is responsible for the entire balance.

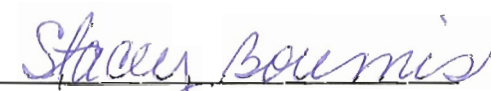
#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; 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. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:08 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:23 PM with all six members present.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:24 PM.

  
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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council