

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2020

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kirk called the roll with 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 September 28, 2020 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 46 – 20: An Ordinance Canceling The Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings Of November 23, 2020 And December 28, 2020 And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 47 – 20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Distribute A One-Time Bonus To All Current Village Employees And Declaring An Emergency.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 48 – 20: An Ordinance Approving The Mayor's Appointment Of Eugene L. Hollins As Director Of Law Of The Village Of Obetz And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Employment Agreement, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk discussed the Ordinance. She stated that Mr. Hollins is familiar with the Village and has worked with the Village for years. Bringing Mr. Hollins here everyday will be a huge benefit for the Village. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 48 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 48 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 49 – 20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Finance Director To Expend Funds To Settle A Claim By Rotisha James, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt discussed the Ordinance. He stated that this is a legitimate claim and the proper steps were followed by Ms. James. This was an accident. Mr. Corbitt further discussed what happened. Mr. Varney asked if the Village needed any additional safety equipment on the mower to keep this from happening again. Mr. Corbitt stated that all safety equipment on the mower is in good working order but some additional equipment could be considered. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 49 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 49 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 50 – 20: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2020 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Corbitt discussed the appropriations. He stated that at the beginning of the pandemic, funds were reduced. Now that events are able to occur and projects get underway, funds need to be appropriated. Funds are being used for the Christmas Kick-Off, construction inspections, health department fees, and salaries. Mayor Kirk stated that the Village can add back some capital funding for things like police vehicles.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated that a lot has been going on and the Village is very busy. Last Friday was the drive-in concert at the Fortress and that went very well. Staff is working on a drive-in Halloween movie and planning for the Christmas Kick-Off. Parks and Recreation is working to get programming back safely. The other departments are mowing and filling potholes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair

No report.

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

Mr. Varney stated that the Fortress remains busy with sporting events. He further stated that the drive-in concert went well. He thanked Jacob Gifford for all his hard work with youth football and cheerleading.

Public Works and Safety – Guiles Richardson, Chair

Mr. Richardson stated that repairs to the Big Walnut Creek bridge on Alum Creek Drive begin October 19th. Repairs will take 21 days. As a part of the project, the access across Alum Creek Drive at Bixby Road will be eliminated. Mr. Richardson further stated that the street trees in Mulberry Grove need trimmed. They overhand the sidewalk too much.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair

Mr. Flaherty stated that a lot is happening. Details coming soon.

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair

Mr. Kramer stated that a developer has applied to rezone the Hartman Farm. This is over 500 acres in the City of Columbus. There is an online meeting this week regarding the rezoning. The Groveport Madison School District is moving to a hybrid model. He then discussed the countywide health departments rules regarding sick children in school.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Bonnie Wiley, Chair

Mrs. Wiley stated the grounds department is staying busy mowing and picking up litter. She stated that during the concert Friday, traffic and speeding on Maureen Boulevard North was an issue. She then thanked Ms. Boumis and Mr. Luther Copley for their help recently.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated things are getting busy. Since the last meeting officers responded to 1002 calls for service.

Hamilton Township Fire Department – No one was in attendance.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated that he is happy to be working in the Village full-time. He further stated he has a lot of experience working with the Village and has been working in Obetz since 2004 through various law firms.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission meets tomorrow.

Michael Corbitt, PE., Deputy Administrator – Mr. Corbitt discussed CityWorks, a new software the Village is implementing. It has an asset management side as well as a permitting and land management side. Sheetz is under construction. Mrs. Wiley inquired about Waffle House. Mr. Corbitt stated the project is shelved due to the pandemic. Mr. Corbitt provided an update on the big screen getting installed at the Fortress. Mrs. Wiley stated the fence at the Obetz Community Center looks good and the residents are happy.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

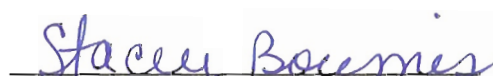
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(G)(8) to discuss an application for economic development assistance. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr.

Kimble – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Council went into executive session at 6:47 PM and returned at 6:56 PM with all six members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:57 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council