

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM 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 – absent; Mrs. Bonnie Wiley – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Richardson due to health issues. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 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.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 32 – 20: An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council Regarding Several Village Tax Incentives. Mr. Davisson stated that all companies with incentive packages are in compliance and the Tax Incentive Review Council recommended continuing all abatements. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 32 – 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.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 44 – 20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) Of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds For The Purpose Of Acquiring, Constructing And Equipping Public Infrastructure Improvements, Including But Not Limited To Roads, Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters, Stormwater, Recreation Paths And Appurtenances And Related Improvements Thereto And Acquiring Land And Interests In Land Related Thereto In The Village Of Obetz With Related Public Infrastructure Improvements And Appurtenances Thereto; And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated that the refinance won't be done prior to the note's due date. The Village is going to pay off the note with other funds and then put that money into the bond

refinance. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 44 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 44 – 20. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 45 – 20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Provision Of Certain Incentives For Purposes Of Encouraging Zenni Optical, Inc. To Locate In The Village Of Obetz, Which Include The Provision Of A Municipal Income Tax Credit, Authorizing The Execution Of A Municipal Income Tax Credit Agreement, And Declaring An Emergency. No discussion. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 45 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 45 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

State Representative Brown was in attendance. He stated that he appreciates the in-person meetings and he wished everyone well. Mayor Kirk stated the “No Through Traffic” signs have been installed on the west side. She further stated that the Big Walnut Community Improvement Corporation donated \$50,000 to the Hamilton LSD for scholarships and technology upgrades. The Village is working on a Halloween event at the Fortress. It will most likely be a drive-in movie. The event will be limited to Obetz residents. Trick or Treat will be held October 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair

Mr. Kimbler stated that the Village has received a lot of positive feedback about the live streamed youth football games. Everything is going well.

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

Mr. Varney reinforced how excited the kids are about the live streamed games because they are recorded and the kids can watch them later. The Fortress is being considered by Ohio High School Athletic Association for post-season football and soccer games. Everything ran smoothly at the Fortress over the weekend.

Public Works and Safety – Guiles Richardson, Chair

No report. Mr. Richardson was absent.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair

Mr. Flaherty stated that a lot is happening.

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair

Mr. Kramer asked about the traffic light downtown. He wanted to know if a study was done before the decision was made to remove it. Mr. Davisson stated a lot of things were considered including traffic

counts, but an official study was not done. Mayor Kirk stated that the light can remain flashing for an extended period. She stated that she does not want traffic back-ups and the neighbors on Chillicothe Street are happy the light is getting removed. Mrs. Wiley stated a crosswalk is needed from the municipal parking lot to the hardware store.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Bonnie Wiley, Chair

Mrs. Wiley stated that she would like to see more cultural arts and music programs offered in Obetz. She further stated that Obetz' history needs to be preserved. A train or train depot could be placed in a park as well as sculptures. Mr. Davisson stated that Mrs. Wiley should meet with the Parks and Recreation Director to discuss these ideas. Mrs. Wiley asked about the fence around the OCC. Mayor Kirk stated that installation will start shortly.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — No report.

Wade Edwards, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Captain Edwards stated the department received a letter from the Ohio Health doctors at the Obetz facility thanking them for the community paramedic program.

Stephen Smith, Esq., Law Director – No report.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – No report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson discussed holiday decorations and ideas to replace the Christmas Kick-Off due to COVID-19. Mr. David Humphries, a resident, suggested lighting the stained glass windows at the church owned by the Village. Mr. Davisson stated his staff has been looking into this already. Mayor Kirk stated that it is a great idea.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

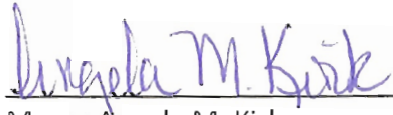
No remarks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

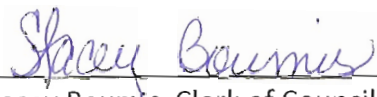
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(G)(1) to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Council went into executive session at 6:50 PM and returned at 7:07 PM with all five members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:07 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Bournis, Clerk of Council