

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2020

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kirk called the roll with five Council members present in Council Chambers and one Council Member, Robert Kramer, participating remotely. 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 October 26, 2020 meeting. 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.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 56 – 20: An Ordinance To Approve The 2021 Permanent Appropriations Of All Funds For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 51 – 20: An Ordinance To Authorize The Administrator To Enter Into An Amendment To The Toy Road Community Reinvestment Area Agreement By And Between The Village Of Obetz, CP One LLC, And Columbus Dev I LLC, And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 52 – 20: An Ordinance To Accept The Annexation Of 18.943 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The Village Of Obetz And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 53 – 20: An Ordinance Eliminating The Driveway Permit Fee. Ms. Boumis discussed the Ordinance. He stated that the fee is typically under five dollars and by eliminating the fee, the permitting process could be done digitally. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 53 – 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 adopt Ordinance 53 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes.

Third 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. Mayor Kirk discussed the Ordinance. She stated these two meetings are typically canceled every year. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 46 – 20. 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; Mr. Richardson – yes.

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. Mr. Davisson stated that this is the same amount as last year for full time employees. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 47 – 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; Mr. Richardson – yes.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 57 – 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 the Ordinance. He stated that the Village is 8% ahead of the 2020 income tax receipt projections. The additional appropriations will be used to buy new vehicles; purchase street trees; pay Innosource; and pay capital expenses. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 57 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 57 – 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. Richardson; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 58 – 20 An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Toole & Associates, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that Toole and Associates are the contract building inspectors and the Chief Building Official. They sent a bill for multiple months and there was not an open PO. Mr. Hollins stated that the contractor takes the risk that Obetz won't pay if they are doing work without a PO. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 58 – 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. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 58 – 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. Richardson; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk discussed the upcoming OHSAA football games at the Fortress. She asked the members of Council to volunteer at the games. She stated a lot of work goes into getting ready for an event such as this. She further stated that the coaches and players from Hamilton LSD are assisting as well. The Street Department and Grounds Department are both getting equipment ready for winter and completing the final grass cuts of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair

Mr. Kimbler stated that October 31st was the end of the youth football season. He then discussed the upcoming OHSAA games at the Fortress and The Messenger article on Obetz' senior services. Mr. Davisson stated that the OAC Lite has closed for the season and the plan is to get the OAC open by January 1st. New equipment has been ordered.

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

Mr. Varney stated the Fortress hosted the OHSAA cross country finals last weekend and there was a lot of good press. There was a small crowd at the Halloween Drive-In movie and there was positive feedback on the date change of trick-or-treat.

Public Works and Safety – Guiles Richardson, Chair

Mr. Richardson stated the Village Engineer is working on plans for improvements to the Bixby Road/Groveport Road intersection. Improvements will be completed in 2021.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair

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

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair

Mr. Kramer stated Todd Blackstone is the new Township Trustee in Hamilton Township.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Bonnie Wiley, Chair

Mrs. Wiley stated residents on Maureen Boulevard were concerned about the traffic on the street due to recent events at the Fortress.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated he is working on department policies that must be approved by the State of Ohio.

Hamilton Township Fire Department – Did not attend meeting.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated he is working with Cliff Aiken to extend the construction deadline for tax incentives in the Centerpoint Business Park.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be on Thursday, November 12th next month. November 11th is Veterans Day and the offices are closed.

Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated a lot of happening. He will be working with the Street Department some in the upcoming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

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 Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Council went into Executive Session at 6:40 PM. Council adjourned from executive session at 8:07 PM with all six members present.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Mayor Angela M. Kirk

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council