

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2020

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, October 26, 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 – present; Mrs. Bonnie Wiley – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Kimbler. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 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 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.

Second 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.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 54 – 20: An Ordinance To Establish The 2020 Capital Improvements Fund (4912). Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that the account is needed to track the funds. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 54 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 54 – 20. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 55 – 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 received additional COVID relief funds. Monies were also added to the debt service and capital improvement funds. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 55 – 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. Richardson – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 55 – 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated that Todd Blackstone is the new Hamilton Township Trustee. Howard Hahn resigned and moved from the Township. The Village is playing a Halloween movie on Friday in the Fortress parking lot. The Village is also planning a no-touch Christmas event. Mr. Davisson discussed the characters staff is building. Council and Mr. Davisson discussed replacing light poles. Mayor Kirk stated that the Niemann house on Groveport Road is coming down very soon. Mr. Davisson stated that Amazon is moving into a new warehouse south of Rickenbacker which means the Amazon vans will not be driving through the Village like they are today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair

Mr. Varney stated that this is the last week of youth football. Mr. Varney and Mayor Kirk discussed the issues that happened over the weekend during a youth football event.

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

Mr. Varney stated the Fortress hosted the Ohio High School Athletic Association 7th and 8th grade cross country state championships. Some championship football games are also coming to the Fortress. More details to come.

Public Works and Safety – Guiles Richardson, Chair

Mr. Richardson stated there have been a lot of traffic jams on Alum Creek Drive as a result of the construction.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair

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

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair

Mr. Kramer stated he attended Lockbourne’s open house at the old school house. Lockbourne is also creating a park plan. A rezoning application for Hartman Farm is pending. A data center is proposed.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Bonnie Wiley, Chair

Mrs. Wiley stated fall clean-up is underway. She further stated she met with Ms. Duffy regarding her ideas for a train themed park in Obetz. Mrs. Wiley had questions regarding the upcoming election. Mr. Davisson replied that voting is handled by the Franklin County Board of Elections, not Obetz, and questions should be directed to them.

ADMINISTRATION’S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated since the last meeting officers responded to 1158 calls for service. A speed trailer was placed on Maureen Boulevard and recorded very little excessive speeding. He further stated he has continued to work on the Department’s recertification with the State.

Hamilton Township Fire Department – Did not attend meeting.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Did not attend meeting.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – No report.

Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated he is working on the budget and employee reviewed. Three employees have had COVID and everyone is healed and back to work.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Richardson. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Mayor Angela M. Kirk

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council