

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Council held a special meeting on December 31, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Boumis called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mrs. Bonnie Wiley – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present (on-line).

**ORDINANCES**

**Third 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. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated the Village income tax collections are estimated at \$13 million. There is a \$4.4 million carryover. Approximately \$15 million has been budgeted. Employees will be given merit raises in 2021. Mayor Kirk, Council members, Mr. Davisson, and Mr. Corbitt discussed needed improvements to the Village's water plant. The Village's existing plant cannot control hardness and is at its current production capacity. Mr. Davisson stated that water rates will need to be increased this year. Mr. Corbitt stated the Village's rate structure needs studied. Columbus continues to raise the Village's water and sewer rates and ERU's (equivalent residential units – a stormwater charge). ERU's cost the Village approximately \$600,000 a year and the Village does not collect any stormwater fees from customers. The Village can't continue to operate without a rate increase. Funds are also budgeted to improve the Bixby Road/Groveport Road intersection. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 56 – 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 – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

**Emergencies**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 64 – 20: An Ordinance To Approve Changes to the 2020 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 64 – 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; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 64 – 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. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Wiley asked about the proposed corporal position in the police department. Mr. Davisson discussed the proposed position. He stated it is one step above patrol officer. It gives the younger officers an opportunity to gain management experience and move up through the ranks. An additional sergeant

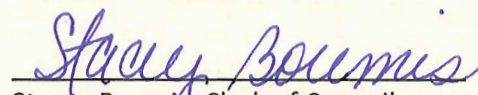
position will also be created. Mr. Davisson stated that it is early in the process which is why there has not been discussion on the position. Once the Administration determines that they are ready to proceed, Council will be asked to fund the new positions then the Mayor will select the officers that get appointed to them.

Mr. Kramer asked if the work on the Community Center has been completed. Mr. Davisson stated that an issue exists between the contractor and the architect. Once that issue is resolved, the contractor can resume.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. All ayes. Council adjourned at 11:02 AM.

  
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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council