VILLAGE OF OBETZ RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 and December 31, 2020 meetings. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; 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 02 - 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Finance Director To Expend Funds To Pay A Moral Obligation Claim, And Declaring An Emergency.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 01 – 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement For Special Counsel Services With Frost Brown Todd LLC, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson and Mr. Hollins discussed the Ordinance. Mr. Hollins stated that Frost Brown Todd will be providing prosecutor services and special counsel services with a yearly cap of \$26,000. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 01 – 21. 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. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve Ordinance 01 – 21. 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.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 03 – 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On Contracts With Chuck's Septic, Sewer, Drain Cleaning And The Greater Columbus Sports Commission And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that Chuck's Septic was related to a water main break and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission is an organization that the Village belongs to because of the Fortress. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 03 – 21. 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. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 03 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

Tabled

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to remove Ordinance 52 – 20 from the table. 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. Ms. Boumis presented the Preliminary Development Plan for the project. She stated that the Plan was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on December 9, 2020. The recommendations of the Administration and Commission have been made in the Plan presented to Council today. David Hodge, representing the developer, was present and addressed Council. He stated that there is not a tenant at this time. He is working with Obetz on incentive packages in an effort to attract a tenant right away. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 52 – 20: An Ordinance To Accept The Annexation Of 18.943 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The Village Of Obetz, Designate The Zoning As Planned Industrial District, And To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan And Declaring An Emergency. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated that the Village is working on an events calendar for the year. It will be presented to Council for approval. Staff will be working from home until February 1st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair

Senior lunches and transportation continue at the Community Center. Lunches are delivered to seniors' homes.

Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events — Derek Varney, Chair No report.

Public Works and Safety – Guiles Richardson, Chair

Design for the improvements at the Bixby Road/Groveport Road intersection are underway.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair No report. Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair

Mr. Kramer stated that Hamilton Local School District returns to the hybrid model next week.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification — Bonnie Wiley, Chair No report.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated calls for service have slowed down.

Hamilton Township Fire Department - Captain Wade Edwards was in attendance. No report.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated the Village now owns McClish North and 1661 Williams Road.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated that the January Planning and Zoning Commissions meeting is canceled due to lack of an agenda. The Dilly Dilly warehouse on Rohr Road is undergoing tenant improvements. The tenant has not been disclosed. The Village is proceeding to court with 1511 Chillicothe Street. s

Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated staff is out until February 1st. All buildings remain closed. The ice rink will open January 19th. Council will need to pick two street names for a subdivision and review events and dates before they are published. The Obetz Athletic Club will open February 8th. Council will get a list of recommended employee raises soon. The Village is taking new applicants for the corporal position in the Police Department. Once candidates are selected, Council will be asked to fund the positions. Mr. Davisson asked Council if they are interested in converting the church owned by the Village into a restaurant. A developer is interested in doing this but if Council is not interested, then he will let them know rather than waste time. Council said they are interested this idea and continuing discussions.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Selection of Council President Pro-Tem

Mayor Kirk opened the floor to nominations. Mr. Flaherty nominated Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Mr. Kimbler nominated Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. No more nominations. Votes for Mr. Varney – Mr. Flaherty; Mr. Kramer; Mr. Varney. Votes for Mr. Richardson – Mr. Richardson; Mr. Kimbler. Mrs. Wiley abstained for voting.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Mayor Angela M. Kirk

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Counci