

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, January 25, 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 January 11, 2021 meeting. 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

No first readings.

Second 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.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 04 – 21: An Ordinance Modifying The Final Plat For Section 1 Of The Big Walnut Run Subdivision Renaming Cruiser Way And Rarey Drive And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated that two new street names need selected. Mayor Kirk discussed a list of possible names. Mayor Kirk and Council discussed the options. Mr. Kramer stated that names that are hard to spell should not be considered. Council selected Earhart Drive to replace Cruiser Way and Dowler Drive to replace Rarey Drive. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 04 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; 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 04 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Varney; 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 read Ordinance 05 – 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Nearmap US Inc. , And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this

software is used by many people in the Village. It is a mapping and aerial photography software. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 05 – 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 approve Ordinance 05 – 21. 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. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

Tabled

Ordinance 28 – 20 remained tabled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk presented a list of dates for Village sponsored events. She also stated that a Council planning session is planned for February 20th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This is a brainstorming meeting. Nothing is off the table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Varney stated that he is working on the Committee assignments. Mr. Kramer stated Hamilton Local Schools is going to a hybrid system again. Mrs. Wiley stated she has been asked if the lights around the church can stay lit. She then stated she has been helping an elderly resident get set up with Franklin County's Senior Options program. She has also been working with the resident to get other private services. She stated that she has learned a lot during her time helping the resident and she would be happy to share her research with the Village. She then stated she has gotten calls from residents regarding stray cats. She stated she is willing to work with volunteers interested in helping stray cats. She wanted to know what she can do as a Council Member. Mr. Davisson stated that as a private citizen she can help in any way she wants. The Village can provide space for meetings if residents want to meet to discuss issues and solutions. It is harder for the Village to give money to non-profits.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated calls for service have slowed down. There were 767 calls for service since the last meeting. The department's new policies will be reviewed by the State of Ohio this week. Chief Confer further stated that Officer Davis and Officer Burriss caught an individual that was stealing from job sites in Butler Farms.

Hamilton Township Fire Department – Wade Edwards was in attendance. He stated he is the acting Chief. He discussed the community paramedic program and its success. He further stated he has been working closely with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging as a part of the program. The Agency has a lot of resources. He just needs help getting the word out about the program. A new fire chief will be selected by the end of the month.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated an executive session was needed.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – No report.

Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson reviewed each event date presented by the Mayor. Council voiced no objections to the proposed event dates. Mr. Davisson then discussed the Greenfield Estates Mobile Home Park. The Park is on a master water meter meaning the Park gets one bill. It is considered a commercial account. The property manager of the Park asked Obetz if the Park would be getting a utility holiday. Mayor Kirk, Mr. Davisson, and Council discussed the request. It was determined that the utility holiday was not a commercial program and the Park would not be getting the holiday. Mr. Davisson discussed opening the Obetz Athletic Club. The new equipment arrives February 4th. The gym should be open to the public between February 8th to 10th. The golf league will also start.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

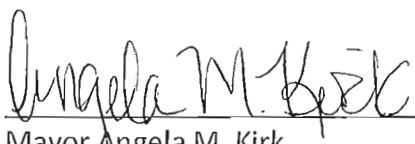
No remarks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(g)(1) and (g)(1) to discuss employee compensation and economic development incentives. 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. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:55 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:47 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:48 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council