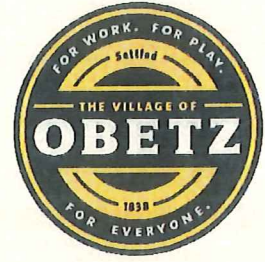


**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:05 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 – absent during roll call and then joined the meeting at 6:08 PM; 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 February 8, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – absent from vote; Mrs. Wiley – yes.

**ORDINANCES**

**First Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 08 – 21: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 2 Of The Big Walnut Run Subdivision. No discussion.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 09 – 21: An Ordinance Increasing The Monthly Residential Garbage And Refuse Collection Rate And Declaring An Emergency. No discussion.

**Second Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 06 – 21: An Ordinance Declaring Certain Expenditures To Be For A Public Purpose. No discussion.

**Third Readings**

No third readings.

**Emergencies**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 10 – 21: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2021 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that additional funds are needed for the tornado sirens as well as income tax collection fees charged by the State of Ohio. Mr. Hollins discussed the status of legal action against the State of Ohio regarding the collection of municipal income tax receipts. He stated that the court partially struck down fees for central collections. Funds are also being appropriated for Mayor's Court software; a program to assist the detectives in investigations; trainings; and worker's compensation. Council, Mayor Kirk, Mr. Hollins, and Mr. Davisson discussed income taxes and centralized tax collections. Mr. Davisson stated that Obetz' income tax receipts increased in 2020. Mr. Kramer stated it seems like Obetz' businesses cannot let people work at home. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules

regarding the adoption of Ordinance 10 – 21. 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 10 – 21. 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.

#### Tabled

Ordinance 28 – 20 remained tabled.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk stated the Obetz has been busy with snow removal. Tickets were issued and a few cars towed. When streets were being plowed, it was posted on the website. The Village is currently planning for 2021 events. Mayor Kirk then announced the meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler stated he has received positive feedback about the free youth baseball program.

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated he would defer to Steve Adams who was presenting information about Fortress events. Mr. Adams presented the calendar of events at the Fortress. He stated almost every weekend this summer is filled.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – No report.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty thanked staff for coming Saturday.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – No report. He stated Saturday was useful and should be done again. Mr. Davisson agreed and stated he thinks Council should have two work sessions a year.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Mrs. Wiley stated Goodyear is buying Cooper Tire. She further stated she talked to Kerri Duffy, Parks and Recreation Director, and she will be working with her on future projects to bring art to the parks.

#### **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

*Mike Confer, Police Chief* — Chief Confer stated there were 1062 dispatched calls for service since the last meeting.

*Hamilton Township Fire Department* – Chief Martin Hafey was in attendance. He introduced himself as the newly hired Fire Chief for the Township. He stated he is looking forward to working with Obetz.

*Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director* – Mr. Hollins thanked Council for their time on Saturday.

*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – No report.

*Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator* – Mr. Davisson stated he is working on an economic development deal for the spec building behind Sheetz. The developer would like to commit to creating 65 jobs with an annual payroll of \$2.2 million dollars and an initial contribution to the Village of \$100,000. Council members were in agreement that the deal was too low and they weren't interested in granting tax abatements unless the number of jobs was increased.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

#### **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Travis Mathes representing the Full Gospel Church of God located at 1950 Sedan Avenue addressed Council. He stated the Church started renovations without a permit in 2017. He then discussed issues the Church experienced working with an architect. The Church fired the first architect and is now with another one. An application for a Building Permit was submitted to the Village. The Village will not release the Building Permit until a Major Site Plan is approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. He asked Council to allow interior renovations to the Church prior to obtaining a Major Site Plan. Mr. Davisson provided additional background information and stated a Building Permit should not be issued until a Major Site Plan is approved. The Village owes it to the parishioners to not let them risk their money. Council discussed the request with Mr. Mathes. Mr. Richardson stated when the Church of the Nazarene was built, the Church had to follow the same process and the Major Site Plan should be obtained prior to starting construction. Council members did not authorize the Full Gospel Church of God to proceed.

Andy Borders addressed Council. He thanked Chief Confer, Sergeant Ellison, and Ms. Frederick for their help recently. He then stated the OEPA has done nothing to force Mason's to stop dragging mud and rocks onto Rathmell Road. Mason's has done nothing they were asked to do. Mayor Kirk stated Mr. Corbitt has talked to the OEPA. Mr. Davisson stated the Village will start to be more aggressive and turn the matter over to legal counsel and the Police Department. The Police Department can begin ticketing drivers bringing mud onto the road. Chief Confer stated officers have written tickets to drivers exiting Mason's and those drivers don't work there. Drivers are being punished for issues they did not cause. Mr. Borders stated Mason's just needs to follow the rules like everyone else. Council, Mr. Hollins, and Mr. Davisson further discussed the issue. The Village will continue to push the OEPA to enforce their rules and the Village will be more aggressive.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Angela M. Kirk  
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Stacey Boumis  
Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council