

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, February 8, 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 – absent during role call; joined the meeting at 6:15 PM; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present.

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mrs. Wiley. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – absent from vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – absent from vote.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 06 – 21: An Ordinance Declaring Certain Expenditures To Be For A Public Purpose.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third 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. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that Kevin Hall’s life insurance contract was only partially paid. He further explained the issue. Mr. Hollins stated that Council can agree to pay the remainder of the contract. Council discussed the Ordinance. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 02 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – absent from vote.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 07 – 21: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For The Dedication Of Centerpoint Parkway Phase IV And Declaring An Emergency. Ms. Boumis discussed the Ordinance. She stated that the industrial park has been constructed in phases. A new building is nearing completion and the road must be accepted prior to the building opening. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the

rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 07 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – absent for vote; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 07 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – absent for vote; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

Tabled

Ordinance 28 – 20 remained tabled.

Mrs. Wiley joined the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the Obetz Athletic Club opened today and sign-ups are open for the indoor golf league. The ice rink is also open. Mayor Kirk and Council discussed baseball and softball fees. Mayor Kirk stated she wants to waive fees for the season since these sports were canceled last year. In addition, football fees were waived. There were no objections to waiving fees for kids living in the Hamilton or Groveport School Districts or for kids whose parents work in Obetz.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Varney discussed Council Committee assignments. He stated that he kept the Committee chairs the same and only made a few modifications. Since there was not a lot of activity last year, this gives individuals another year on these committees. He further stated a lot of stuff is going to be happening at the Fortress this year.

Mr. Richardson stated the Street Department has done a good job with snow removal.

Mr. Kramer reported that the Hamilton Township Fire Department has a new fire chief.

Mrs. Wiley stated there is a lot of litter around the Village. Mr. Davisson, Mayor Kirk and Council discussed this issue. Mr. Davisson stated that picking up trash around the Village takes a lot of time.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated there were 836 dispatched calls for service since the last meeting and 6 crashes due to weather.

Hamilton Township Fire Department – Wade Edwards was in attendance. There is no new Fire Department business.

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

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated that there is a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday.

Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson congratulated Kyle Inland on his promotion. He further stated a Council planning session has been scheduled for February 20th at 9:00 AM. Mr. Davisson discussed the Obetz Athletic Club and its reopening. Hours have been changed based on a review of usage records. Mr. Davisson then stated he is working on a property disposal plan and completing the renovations at the Community Center.

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)(8) economic development incentives. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; 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. Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:40 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:15 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Varney. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Mayor Angela M. Kirk

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council