

VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, March 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 – 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 20 and February 22, 2021 meetings. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 08 – 21: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 2 Of The Big Walnut Run Subdivision. Ms. Boumis stated the street names have been updated and Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 09 – 21: An Ordinance Increasing The Monthly Residential Garbage And Refuse Collection Rate And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk and Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. Mr. Davisson stated that Waste Management's rates are increasing and Obetz is increasing rates accordingly.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 06 – 21: An Ordinance Declaring Certain Expenditures To Be For A Public Purpose. Mr. Davisson stated the Ohio Auditor's Office needs this Ordinance since Village funds are being used to purchase alcohol for resale at the Fortress. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 06 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 11 – 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 funds are being allocated specifically to research and development. Mayor Kirk

called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 11 – 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 11 – 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 stated the Parks Department is planning an opening day ceremony to kick-off baseball and softball. The Full Gospel Church of God is moving along with their plans. Mr. Browell, former Obetz administrator, will be hired on a contract basis to assist with unionization. The Casto contract will be ready for the first meeting in April. U.S. Census Bureau results are expected by November. Steve Adams is working on the Browns camp. The downtown crosswalk by Obetz Hardware will be installed when the weather is warmer. The Easter Egg Hunt is planned for April 3rd. Rentals will reopen once the State of Ohio provides more direction and gives the okay. There is over \$100,000 of past due water bills. A plan needs put in place to get people caught up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler stated the ice rink is officially closed. Staff is working on a plan B for the Easter Egg Hunt if it can't be held in the Fortress. Baseball and softball registration end April 2nd. The youth football program is joining the Mid-State League's youth program. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the OAC equipment. Senior meals and transportation programs continue.

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated Steve Adams is very busy closing dates at the Fortress. Madison Christian is using the Obetz baseball field for games. Steve Adams keeps the event calendar on-line current. Bishop Ready and Hamilton both have graduations at the Fortress. Youth rugby is also coming to Obetz for grades K-8.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – Mr. Richardson stated the Bixby Road/Groveport Road improvements bid out next month.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty stated CRA reporting is underway.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer stated the Village of Lockbourne is working on a trail grant. Obetz has offered to provide a letter of support and also use of Obetz' equipment.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Mrs. Wiley stated grounds is starting their busy season.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated there were 1016 dispatched calls for service since the last meeting. The Department is getting very busy.

Hamilton Township Fire Department – No representative in attendance.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated the Carol Inland closing is Thursday and he is working on the Casto agreement.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated Planning and Zoning Commission meets Wednesday.

Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated it is an exciting time in Obetz. There are a lot of opportunities out there.

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 (8) to discuss personnel and economic development. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Council went into Executive Session at 6:34 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:45 PM with all six members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Council adjourned at 9:46 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council