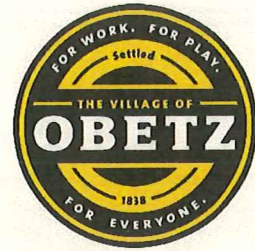


**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, April 26, 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 April 12, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 17 – 21: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Phases 4 And 6 Of The Butler Farms Subdivision.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 15 – 21: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Compensation Agreement With The Hamilton Local School District And A Community Reinvestment Area Agreement With Molto Properties, LLC, And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated the school district is having a hearing soon to discuss the agreement.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 18 – 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With The City Of Columbus And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated Obetz has a shared sewer system with the City of Columbus. Obetz pays tap fees to Columbus. There has been a lot of development and the fees have been more than budgeted. Tap fees are collected at the time of development. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 18 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 18 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; 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.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 19 – 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Frost Brown Todd, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated Frost Brown Todd continues to provide specialized legal services including the areas of code enforcement and Mayor’s Court. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 19 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 19 – 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.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 20 – 21: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2021 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated the Village was conservative in its spending last year due to the pandemic and saved over \$2 million dollars. Income tax receipts have been higher than anticipated year to date; therefore, an additional \$2 million dollars is available to appropriate for capital expenditures. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 20 – 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 – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 20 – 21. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; 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.

Tabled

Ordinance 28 – 20 remained tabled.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the Village is working on a dog park at Bridlewood Park. The Mulberry Grove connector is being planned. Code enforcement is also heavy at work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler stated approximately 30 people participated in the fishing derby. Opening day is May 15th at the Fortress. Rentals at Dixon Quarry and the Community Center begin May 1st.

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated the Nike Cup Club Soccer tournament was last weekend. It was a success. The Cleveland Browns Youth Football Camp is June 21 – 23. QFM 96 Bike Nights start May 6th and autocross begins May 9th.

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

Mr. Flaherty, Development – No report.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer stated a roundabout is being planned at Lockbourne Road and Route 317. Construction begins in 2022. Groveport Madison School District returns to full time in-person starting May 3rd.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Mrs. Wiley stated Kerri Duffy has been working hard to create new senior programs including kind cards and a senior reflection. Mrs. Wiley described these programs. She further stated the Grounds Department has been doing a great job and the amount of litter has decreased.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated there was an accident involving a youth on a motorcycle this afternoon in Butler Farms. Mayor Kirk stated people can't see around the corners in Butler Farms or Mulberry Grove. Since the last meeting there have been 1089 dispatched calls for service. The speed trailer is being serviced. It has been reporting bad numbers.

Martin Hafey, Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department – In March there were 84 runs in Obetz. He also stated a vaccine clinic will be coming to Obetz soon thanks to the efforts of Mayor Kirk.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated he is working on numerous economic development deals and projects.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – No report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson presented the Administration's 2020 Annual Report. He discussed the efforts of each department and their accomplishments in 2020. The report will be available on-line soon. Following that presentation, Mr. Davisson stated Mason's Sand and Gravel got fined by the Ohio EPA.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by David Hodge, Esq.

Mr. Hodge presented a preliminary concept plan for the Wilburn Farm. Mr. Hodge is putting together a deal to annex the property into Obetz and develop it. He wants to know if there are any war stoppers. The plan includes the dedication of over 30 acres of parkland along the Big Walnut Creek to the Village. Pulte Homes is interested in constructing the residential piece of the development. The Columbus Metropolitan Library is also interested in locating a building here. Other parts of the site are reserved for multi-family and commercial development. Mr. Flaherty stated 52' lots are too small. He stated good multi-family is needed for the kids. Mayor Kirk stated she doesn't want a three-story apartment complex. She feels condos and senior living are needed. Mr. Kramer asked what the school district thought. Mr. Davisson stated the school district likes the plan. The school district does not want warehousing across from it. Mr. Hodge stated there is little interest in the commercial lots at this time but they will be part of the master plan. Mrs. Wiley stated she wants larger lots. Council, Mayor Kirk, Mr. Hollins, and Mr. Davisson discussed utilities and getting services to the site. Mr. Varney stated he likes the plan in general. The lot sizes and look of the multi family just need hammered out. Mr. Kimbler stated people want to be in Obetz and that is a good thing.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jerry Benson thanked Council for the free water in December. He then stated the roundabouts need restriped. Next, he stated there was an alley owned by Obetz on the back of his property. It has been abandoned and not maintained. He and his neighbors will maintain it if they can move their fences. Mr. Davisson referred to the Franklin County Auditor's map. He stated it does not appear that the Village owns the property but he will look into it further.

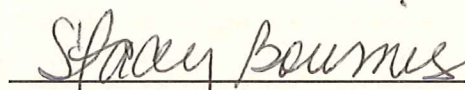
Dan Raver addressed Council. He is involved in Ohio Flags of Honor which is a traveling exhibit and memorial. The exhibit will be at Madison Christian from July 2 through 5. Mr. Raver asked Obetz to post information regarding the event on social media and the website. He also asked to install signage at the Groveport Road/Bixby Road intersection. A police escort may also be needed. Mr. Davisson stated he will work with Mr. Raver.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Richardson. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council