

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2021**

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The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 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 July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – abstain; Mr. Varney – abstain. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

**First Readings**

No first readings.

**Second Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 29 – 21: An Ordinance Creating Four Corporal Positions and An Additional Sergeant Position, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 29 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – abstain; Mrs. Wiley – yes.; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes.

**Third Readings**

No third readings.

**Emergencies**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 30 – 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Creation Of The Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is to allow the Village to receive Federal COVID money. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 30 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

### **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Mayor Kirk swore in the following police officers to the position of Corporal: Richard Burris, Carlton Davis, and Thomas Maynard. Mayor Kirk swore in officer Robert Rigby to the position of Sergeant.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk stated the interns did a great job for us this summer. She then stated Obetz won The Columbus Foundation's Community Cup in Division 4 for the third time. The Village is also heavily into the planning for the ZucchiniFest. Mayor Kirk announced the entertainment. She then stated the pageant will be on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fortress courtyard.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Football and cheerleading practice has started.

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated Bike Nights continue to be well attended. OHSAA cross country showcase is August 21<sup>st</sup>. Obetz once again hosts Bishop Ready football. Mr. Varney then stated ZucchiniFest planning and set-up is underway.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – Mr. Richards stated curb painting has started.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty stated there will be a large presentation tonight on a development plan the Village has been working on. Council is seeking public input.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer stated schools are starting back up. He then discussed scheduling a tour of the Rickenbacker facility.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – No report.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

*Mike Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer thanked Council for the promotions. He then stated there were 1104 calls for service since the last meeting.

*Martin Hafey, Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department* – Not in attendance.

*Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director* – Mr. Hollins stated the Community Cup was a great event.

*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is Wednesday.

*E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator* – No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Confirmation of Matt Cramblit to the Tax Incentive Review Council*

Mayor Kirk stated she has appointed Matt Cramblit to the Tax Incentive Review Council. She asked Council to confirm the appointment. Motion made to confirm the appointment of Matt Cramblit to the Tax Incentive Review Council. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

### *Presentation of Planning Document*

Mayor Kirk provided some background. She stated developers are interested in the Younkin and Wilburn properties. The Wilburn property is in the process of being annexed. The Village owns the Warner Farm. The idea is to make everything in this area fit together. Mr. Davisson presented the plan. He stated the plan is conceptual and subject to input. He stated he wants the area to be cohesive and work together. Once the plan is finalized, Council will adopt it and then be the guiding document for the area. The Younkin and Wilburn farms are ready to development. The Warner farm will be the centerpiece. Residents had the following comments/concerns:

1. Rathmell Road traffic – Mr. Davisson stated there would be significant upgrades to the intersection of Rathmell Road/Lockbourne Road including a possible roundabout.
2. Connectivity – Mr. Davisson stated the areas will be connected with bikepaths/walking paths.
3. Housing/Apartments – Mr. Davisson stated there would be a mix of housing types that cater to people of all age groups. He further stated there would be high-end houses over \$500,000 on the Wilburn farm.
4. Utilities - Mr. Davisson stated the Village is exploring utility needs and how to expand utilities.
5. School district overcrowding – Mr. Davisson stated the school district is on-board and the schools were designed to expand.
6. Cost of development to existing residents – Mr. Davisson stated there is no cost to existing residents. Developers pay the cost to expand.
7. Impact on fire and police – Mr. Davisson discussed how these would be funded.
8. Demand for housing and commercial uses – Mr. Davisson stated market studies are being done.
9. What happened to quiet Obetz? – Mr. Davisson stated growth is coming. It is best to control it.
10. Crime – Mr. Davisson stated more police will be hired.

Mr. Davisson stated the next steps are to create lot layouts and get housing types finalized. Homebuilders want to break ground in spring.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council