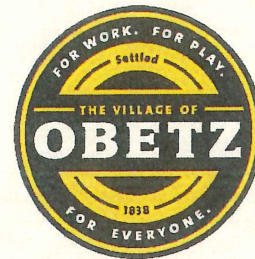


**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, June 28, 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 – absent; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mrs. Bonnie Wiley – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – absent. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mike Kimbler. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Robert Kramer. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 26 – 21: An Ordinance To Modify Sections 939.05 And 939.02 Of The Codified Ordinances Related To Utility Billings And Payment And Water Charges And Service Fees And Declaring An Emergency. No discussion.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 24 – 21: An Ordinance To Adopt The Tax Budget For The Village Of Obetz, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 And To Submit The Same To The Franklin County Budget Commission And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk opened the public hearing. Mr. Davisson stated the tax budget is a tool used by the County to ensure the Village can collect its 1.7 mils of property taxes. Several funds comprise the tax budget. Mr. Davisson reviewed the funds; how they are used; and the monies allocated to them in 2022. Mr. Davisson discussed the difference between unencumbered and encumbered funds. Council, Mayor Kirk, and Mr. Davisson discussed the need for a new water tower. Mr. Davisson stated several improvements have been made to the existing towers which extended their life. Mr. Davisson further stated that water and sewer rates need adjusted by Spring 2022. Rates have not been adjusted for years. Mr. Jerry Benson (a member of the audience) suggested a water account set-up fee should be charged rather than a deposit so the Village can keep the funds. Mayor Kirk closed the public hearing at 6:25 PM.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

No emergencies.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the Street Department has been working a lot at the splashpad and Lancaster Park to clean it up. Littering in the parks needs to stop. There are live feed cameras at the splashpad so Village officials can see what is happening there at any time. Mayor Kirk then stated she has been reviewing designs for new playground equipment. Council and Mayor Kirk discussed the location of the Casey Neff playground. Baseball and softball are ending. Football and cheerleading sign-ups have started. Kid's Camp continues through July. Aaron Geho left the Village to work in a family business and Donald Clark is the new code enforcement officer. Ten residents chosen at random are getting two tickets to the Kane Brown concert in July. A lot of development planning is underway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated Bike Nights have been well attended. The Cleveland Browns youth football camp last week was a great experience for the kids and the Village got great feedback on the venue. July 3rd is Storm the Fortress 5k. Fortress Fireworks are July 2nd. Gates open at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – Mr. Richardson reported on the Public Works and Safety Committee meeting held June 22nd. He stated the Village will be painting curbs Village wide consistent with the ordinances already in place. The Committee recommends a gated, emergency access cut-through onto Emil Street from the Mulberry Grove subdivision.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty stated a lot of things are in the planning stages. Site work has started for the commercial development behind McDonald's. Sheetz is open.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Mrs. Wiley stated Mr. Jerry Benson (a member of the audience) has something to say regarding later and she deferred to him for comments.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Not in attendance.

Martin Hafey, Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Mr. Hafey stated there were 94 runs in Obetz last month. He then stated he is working with the Village on the fireworks. Mayor Kirk thanked the Chief for his help at the Groveport Madison High School graduation.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated the developers are anxious to get started on the development behind McDonald's.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – No report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

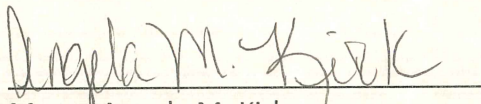
No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

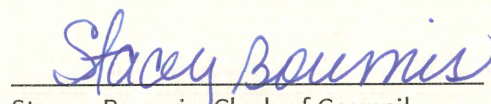
Mr. Jerry Benson commented that the Public Works and Safety Committee meeting was a nice meeting. He then stated the corner of Irwin Avenue and Dill Street is deteriorated. Mr. Benson stated he has a plan for the downtown. Mr. Davisson stated the Village has created a design for the downtown but the businesses there did not want any changes. Mayor Kirk asked Mr. Richardson if this was true, and Mr. Richardson responded it was.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:03 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council