

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, September 13th 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 – absent. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Kimbler. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23rd meeting. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 32– 21: An Ordinance Setting Forth A Statement Of Municipal Services To Be Provided To The Area Contained In A Proposed Annexation Of 2.2 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The Village Of Obetz Such Land Being Located Along Lockbourne Road And Declaring An Emergency. Ms. Boumis stated this is the property at the northeast corner of Rathmell Road and Lockbourne Road. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 32 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – 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. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated ZucchiniFest was a success. Attendance was huge. Trick or Treat is scheduled for October 28th. Water turn offs start the end of September. The Mayor then discussed the September 11th tribute she attended at the Fortress. She stated it was a moving tribute. Many Hamilton firefighters participated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated youth football and cheerleading are going well. Moving to the youth mid-state league has been good. Staff and volunteers were amazing during ZucchiniFest. Thursday will be the last Bike Night; Bands Across America is in two weeks.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – Mr. Richardson stated residents in Mulberry Grove continue to complain about AT&T as well as parking trailers on the streets. Mayor Kirk stated Mr. Corbitt and Mr. Davisson are working with AT&T.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty stated a medical marijuana dispensary as well as a medical facility for organ donors are coming to the Village. Mr. Davisson stated both facilities comply with the zoning. Nothing has been submitted for consideration. This is early in the process. Mr. Davisson stated the dispensary is legal and regulated through the State of Ohio. Neither facility is receiving tax abatements. Mr. Flaherty stated he opposes the dispensary. Council discussed these proposed uses. Chief Confer stated he doesn't see any police issues with a dispensary.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer stated ZucchiniFest went great. He thanked staff and volunteers.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Mrs. Wiley stated she attended Motts Military Museum's September 11th memorial. She then stated ZucchiniFest went great. She thanked staff. Next she stated a resident was asking about the Village's fence along Recreation Trail. The fence stops halfway. Residents would like a two-sided fence. There are also drainage issues from the path and road. The Dexter Court subdivision sign is in disrepair. The bike rack is in pieces and the planting bed looks bad. Trucks and trailers are parked on the street and it is hard to get around. Mrs. Wiley then requested tables in front of the stage at next year's ZucchiniFest. Mr. Borders, a resident in the audience, asked Mrs. Wiley if the residents on Dexter Court were complaining about Mason's. Mrs. Wiley said they were not complaining to her. Mr. Borders stated Mason's is still creating issues on the road. Mayor Kirk stated the OEPA needs to enforce their rules. Obetz has taken every step it can take. The property is not in Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated he will get an update from Mr. Hollins and Mr. Corbitt for the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated there have been 1536 calls for service since the last meeting. A resident complained about the speeding on Orchard Lane. He stated Orchard Lane is a racetrack. It was a dead end street before the Village park was built. Since there are no sidewalks, it is

dangerous for the kids. He requested stop signs at the intersection of Orchard Lane and Sedan Avenue. Mrs. Wiley stated there is a lot of traffic on Orchard Lane during events.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated he will look into the tools the Village has to address the issues at Masons.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on September 22nd.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson discussed the Village’s COVID policy. He stated no staff got COVID during ZucchiniFest. He recommended continuing free sick leave if staff has COVID. He then discussed converting seasonal employees to full time. The Mayor’s golf outing for the food pantry is Friday at Westchester Golf Course. The Crew wants to continue renting the fields behind the Administration building for \$50,000/year for academy teams in 2022. Mr. Davisson then discussed the GREAT partnership with Groveport and recommended withdrawing from the partnership. He recommended investing in sidewalks and other infrastructure.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Benson stated he is part of a new citizen-led historic preservation group that is calling themselves The Historians. They are collecting historic information about Obetz and hoping to write a book. They have been meeting with elderly residents and documenting their stories. He asked Obetz to publish their October meeting date on the next water bill and social media. He also stated the ZucchiniFest car show was great.

Mr. Borders suggested making the Crew practice facility into a new police station. Mr. Davisson stated he would like to make that facility into offices for the building department and engineering. He then stated a new service building is important. Mr. Borders asked if the Mayor’s position would be full-time when Obetz became a city. Mr. Davisson responded no. Mr. Benson asked if the light at the end of Chillicothe Street was getting removed. Mr. Davisson stated it will remain flashing in the short term and will remain.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Angela M. Kirk

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council