

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, September 27th 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 September 13, 2021 meeting. 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; Mr. Mike Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 33 – 21: An Ordinance To Accept The Annexation Of 93.8 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The Village Of Obetz, Designate The Zoning As Planned Residential District, And To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan. Mayor Kirk stated there will be discussion at a future meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission is still reviewing the plan.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 35 – 21: An Ordinance Amending Section 305.02 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of Obetz Related To Stop Signs On Orchard Lane And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk discussed the Ordinance asked Council if they wanted to wait another six weeks to adopt the Ordinance or proceed tonight. Council discussed the Ordinance and were in favor of passing it tonight as an emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 35 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Mike Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 35 – 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; Mr. Mike Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 34 – 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 changes. He stated that due to Obetz' rapid growth, additional funds are needed in the Building Department for plan review. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 34 – 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; Mr. Mike Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 34 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Mike Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 36 – 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Eagle Golf Cars LLC And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated this is for golf cars used during ZucchiniFest. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 36 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Mike Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 36 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Mike Kimbler – yes. Motion carried

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 37 – 21: An Ordinance To Establish A General Use Fiduciary Fund, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that a special fund is needed to give back funds put in Obetz' account when vendors at the Fortress use the Village's point of sale system. The money is their money; we just need to give it back. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 37 – 21. 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; Mr. Mike Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 37 – 21. 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; Mr. Mike Kimbler – yes. Motion carried

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated Obetz is preparing for Halloween. The Village's annual Halloween party will be on Friday, October 29th at the Fortress. Trick or Treat will be on October 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The splashpad is closed and the transition into an ice-skating rink will begin soon. Mr. Flaherty stated he would like the backer boards redone. Mayor Kirk stated that is already planned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler stated all Obetz teams are doing well in the Youth Mid State League.

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated the last bike night was well attended. Bands Across America was also a huge success and they plan on returning to the

Fortress. The Buddy Walk is this weekend. Ohio State Rugby is playing at the Fortress this fall as well as Bishop Ready football. OHSAA cross country meets are in early November. Steve Adams' crew is doing a good job at the Fortress and continues to stay busy.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – No new issues to report.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty stated a lot of stuff is happening.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer stated Hamilton Township Trustee Chris Hann appreciated the flowers sent by Obetz to his wife's funeral service.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Mrs. Wiley stated there is a light post on Bridlewood Court with peeling paint. There are also a lot of bees by a fire hydrant near the intersection of Ethel Road/Rodger Road.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated there is a grant for body cameras. He then stated he won't know what is covered in the grant until Obetz applies. Mayor Kirk stated she wants the Police Department to apply for the grant and see what is available. Council concurred.

Martin Hafey, Fire Chief, Hamilton Township – Chief Hafey stated there were 116 runs in Obetz proper last month. The Department attended the ZucchiniFest and provided aid to 22 people. Approximately 850 kids went through the spray house. He then stated the Community Paramedic program is expanding. Several individuals are in training now. On October 3 through 5 the Department will be at Hamilton Elementary School doing activities with the kids. Four new part-timers were recently hired.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – No report.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – No report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated the Administration building and Community Center are closed this week due to COVID concerns. He discussed the Village's COVID work plan. Due to the office closure, there will be no late fees on water bills.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chris Herren, a resident, addressed Council. He inquired about the speed limit signs on Howard Road. He stated the signs were knocked down months ago and have not been replaced. Speeding on Howard Road is ridiculous. Mayor Kirk directed Chief Confer to put the black box back up on Howard Road. Mr.

Herren continued to discuss traffic on Howard Road. He then stated that traffic from big events in Obetz should not be routed through the neighborhoods. He then stated there is nothing here for kids to do. All activities are for adults. He complained about the park on Howard Road. Mayor Kirk stated the park is getting redone. Mr. Davisson discussed planned road and park improvements. He further stated Obetz is working hard to minimize the impact of Fortress events on the neighborhoods. Mayor Kirk asked Mr. Herren what type of activities he would like to see for kids. He stated he was upset that a basketball court was not getting re-installed at the park on Howard Road. He then stated he would like to see a swimming pool. Mayor Kirk asked Mr. Herren to get back to her with additional activities he would like to see for kids.

Jerry Benson reminded everyone about the October 13th meeting of The Historians.

Andy Borders asked if any progress has been made with Mason's. Mr. Davisson stated the Ohio EPA has issued 10 citations with no consequences. He then stated right of way mowing has not been done and when the County cleaned up by the bridge, everything was left in the road.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Richardson. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Angela M. Kirk

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council