

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, April 12, 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. Flaherty. 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 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.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 14 – 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Provision Of Certain Incentives For Purposes Of Encouraging The Relocation To The Village By Zenni Optical, Which Include The Provision Of A Municipal Income Tax Credit, Authorizing The Execution Of A Municipal Income Tax Credit Agreement, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 14 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 14 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. 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 16 – 21: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2021 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mayor Kirk states these are the funds for the internship program. The plan was sent to the Ohio Department of Education. The students

will be able to earn high school credits during the internship program. She further stated that kids are excited about the opportunity. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 16 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 16 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; 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 code enforcement will be out a lot this spring so please encourage your neighbors to clean up any issues on their property. Planning for Opening Day is underway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler stated baseball and softball Opening Day is May 15th at the Fortress. Coaches are still needed.

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated Under Armor held their High School All American combine at the Fortress over the weekend. There were people from many states in attendance. 92.3 WCOL announced the Kane Brown concert scheduled for July 16th. Mayor Kirk stated residents can get 33% off tickets. Mr. Varney stated a Nike Club Soccer Tournament will be held in Memorial Park and the Fortress over the next two weekends.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – The Utilities Department will be working on the Mulberry Grove lift station this week.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – Zenni Optical is opening a facility in Obetz. It will employ 250 people.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer stated the Hamilton Local School District is back in the classroom fulltime and Groveport Madison returns in-person on May 3rd.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Mrs. Wiley stated she has been working with several residents. She stated that neighbors on both sides of the walking path connecting Sedan Avenue with Recreation Trail have drainage issues. She asked what can be done with vacant houses. Mr. Hollins stated if the properties are maintained and taxes are paid, private property rights prohibit the Village from taking action. Mrs. Wiley then stated a neighbor was burning furniture over the weekend. She asked who regulated burning. Mayor Kirk stated the fire department regulates burning and Mrs. Wiley should contact the fire department directly should she have issues with burning. She then suggested adding signage at the Fortress discussing how the Fortress was built.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated there were 1904 dispatched calls for service since the last meeting. No tickets were written on Maureen Boulevard. Mayor Kirk stated kids on little motorcycles are a problem in the neighborhoods.

Martin Hafey, Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department – No representative present.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins thanked Council for passing the Zenni Optical ordinance. Obetz will keep all employee withholdings. Corporate income taxes are shared. He further stated Administration is working with the Hamilton Local School District on the tax incentive deal for Molto. Once that deal is finalized, Ordinance 15 – 21 can be passed.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated the Planning and Zoning Commission meets Wednesday. She then discussed the Rapid 5 project – a countywide initiative to plan, conserve, and connect greenspace along five major creeks.

E. Rod Davison, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davison was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

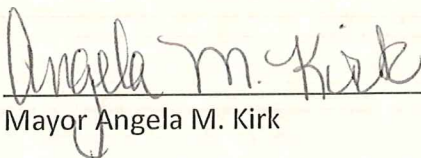
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REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

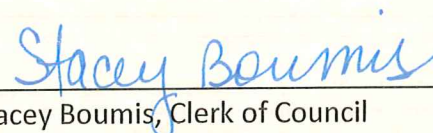
Andy Borders asked about Mason's Sand and Gravel. Mayor Kirk stated Mr. Corbitt spoke to the Ohio EPA. They are working on a plan to get Mason's into compliance and will send it to Mr. Corbitt once finalized. Mayor Kirk and Council discussed Mason's.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:48 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council