

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, August 23rd 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 August 9th meeting. 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 Nicholas Horn to the position of police officer.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 31– 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 appropriations. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 31 – 21. 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 – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; 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'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk discussed ZucchiniFest and the activities that will take place during the Festival.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler stated the first youth football game was Sunday. This weekend the teams are at home. He then stated lunches and other senior activities at the Obetz Community Center are paused until September 13th. The food pantry is nicely stocked. The splashpad is open through Labor Day. The Village is partnering with Penn Station at the Fortress.

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated ZucchiniFest starts next week. This past weekend was the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) high school cross country showcase at the Fortress. There were approximately 3,000 runners and 7,000 spectators. Little league football has started. The Buddy Walk and Bands Across America will both be at the Fortress in October.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – Mr. Richards stated residents are happy about the curb painting. He then stated residents in Mulberry Grove have continued issues with the trailer parking on Gallatin Drive.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty stated the Village is continuing to work on the Southwest Area Plan.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer thanked the Port Authority for the tour of Rickenbacker and the discussion of the airport's plans.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Ms. Wiley stated a lot of flowers are missing in the roundabout. Animals have been eating them. She then stated she has been working with residents regarding the history of Obetz.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated the police force is at a full staffing level. He then stated there were 950 calls for service since the last meeting.

Martin Hafey, Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Chief Hafey stated there were 27 fire runs and 70 medic runs to Obetz last month.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated the Census results verify that Obetz is big enough to be a city.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in September has been moved to September 22nd.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated he is finalizing the contract with Casto on the Auto Auction property. The Southwest Area Plan process continues, and public comment is being accepted. ZucchiniFest begins next week.

Mr. Andy Borders inquired about the comments received by the Village regarding the Southwest Area Plan. Mr. Davisson stated the Plan provides the things people have been asking for including retail, restaurants, sports facilities, and a library. He then explained that the Plan is aspirational and very conceptual. It provides guidelines. Mr. Borders stated the people he has talked to aren't in favor of the plan; they want houses. Mr. Davisson stated all houses would bankrupt the Village. Mr. Davisson discussed property taxes and cost of services. A resident asked about constructing a new water treatment facility in the area. Mr. Davisson stated the Village cannot afford a plant at this time and the area will be connected to Columbus.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

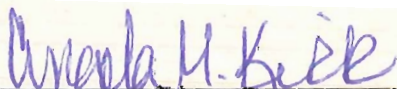
Mr. Benson stated there is interest in creating a new historic society group. The group will be meeting September 8th.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

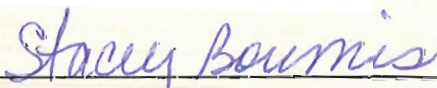
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development plans. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:45 PM. Council adjourned from executive session at 8:35 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:36 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council