

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, March 22, 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 March 22, 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 12 – 21: An Ordinance Approving The Village Of Obetz Annual Conversion Plan Which Allows Employees To Convert Vacation And Sick Time To Cash In Accordance With The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) Specifications. Mayor Kirk stated this is done every year. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 12 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Varney; 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 12 – 21. 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.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 08 – 21: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 2 Of The Big Walnut Run Subdivision. Ms. Boumis and Mr. Corbitt discussed the Ordinance. Ms. Boumis stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. Mr. Corbitt stated the final plat lays out the lots. There were no issues with the final plat. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 08 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 09 – 21: An Ordinance Increasing The Monthly Residential Garbage And Refuse Collection Rate And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt discussed the Ordinance. Mr. Corbitt stated that Waste Management's rates are increasing and Obetz is increasing rates accordingly. Rates

have not been increased for residents since 2014. Rates are increasing from \$14.77 per month to \$16 per month. A resident in the audience asked if curbside recycling could be included in trash service. Mayor Kirk stated the Village will get a quote for curbside recycling when soliciting new bids. She further stated more bins will be added. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 09 – 21. 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.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 13 – 21: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2021 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt and Mayor Kirk discussed the Ordinance. Mr. Corbitt stated that monies are needed to replace the items stolen from the Grounds Department. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 13 – 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 13 – 21. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. 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 the Easter Egg Hunt is April 3rd at the Fortress. The Village is finalizing the guidelines for the Hamilton High School internship program. Adult and youth programming will slowly return based on COVID restrictions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler stated baseball and softball sign-ups end April 2nd. The Village has purchased a lot of new equipment. Gates open at 11:00 AM for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated 92.3 WCOL will be having a concert at the Fortress on July 16th. The Youth Rugby League starts next week. The Under Armor middle school and high school football camp will be April 10th and 11th. SCCA Autocross will be starting May 9th.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – No report.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – No report.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer stated the Hamilton Local School District is back in the classroom fulltime.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – Mrs. Wiley stated she met with Ms. Duffy, Ms. Boumis, and Mr. Geho to discuss program ideas and provide information on the history of Obetz.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated there were 1197 dispatched calls for service since the last meeting. The Department is getting very busy.

Martin Hafey, Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Chief Hafey stated there were 76 fire/EMS runs in Obetz in February. He further stated he has been working closely with Steve Adams regarding summer events at the Fortress. Officers recently had training sessions at the old house in the Obetz Cemetery.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins provided an update on the Casto development agreement. He stated a draft has been completed and is under review by Casto.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated the Full Gospel Church of God will be on the April Planning and Zoning Commission agenda.

Michael Corbitt, PE, Deputy Administrator – Mr. Corbitt stated construction will be starting soon in Sections 4 and 6 of Butler Farms. Redwood is finalizing their development agreement. The first phase of building permits has been approved. Cityworks is up and running. Turn-off notices will be going out soon for anyone with an outstanding utility account. Striping at the roundabouts will begin within the next week or two.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

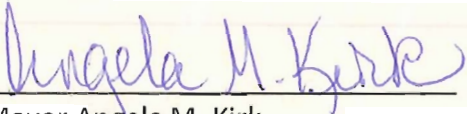
Andy Borders asked about Mason's Sand and Gravel. Mr. Corbitt stated the Ohio EPA is ratcheting up violations. Mr. Borders asked about the timeframe for this. Mr. Corbitt stated it is in the hands of the OEPA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

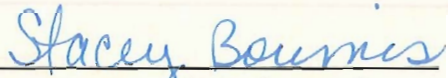
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Varney – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Council went into Executive Session at 6:40 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 6:45 PM with all six members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:46 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council