

CITY OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



**REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

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The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, September 25, 2023 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; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Also present were Brian Jeffers, Deputy Police Chief; Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director, and Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

*First Reading*

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 37 – 23: An Ordinance To Enact Section 149.03 Of The Codified Ordinances To Establish The Personnel Board Of Review.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 39 – 23: An Ordinance Authorizing The Payment Of A One-Time Lump Sum Hazard Pay Compensation Under The American Rescue Plan Act To Recognize Employees' Contributions During The Pandemic.

*Second Reading*

No second readings.

*Third Reading*

No third readings.

*Emergencies*

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 38 – 23: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2023 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated additional funds are needed for IT maintenance renewals, operating supplies, property tax settlements, and the authorized Recovery Act expenditures. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 38 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 38 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes;

Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes.  
Motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk gave an update regarding the code enforcement activities of the City. She stated Corporal Maynard is doing a good job. She then announced that the City received a \$100,000 grant for street trees. On Wednesday, Mayor Kirk will be attending an event hosted by the County Sherriff. The event highlights resources available to all communities in the County. She then stated ZucchiniFest was a hit.

Mayor Kirk stated the Obetz Home Advantage program is continuing. Black cards will be rolled out in January. Residents will be able to pick up "fast passes" for the Halloween hay ride.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee meetings were held. Mr. Varney provided a community update. He discussed events at the Fortress. Mr. Kramer reminded people that they can report issues on See.Click.Fix.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

Brian Jeffers, Deputy Chief – Since the last meeting there have been 655 calls for service. Officers drove 2279 miles.

Tom Ferrell, Assistant Chief, Hamilton Township Fire Department – Assistant Chief Ferrell stated in August there were 18 fire runs and 53 EMS runs in the City of Obetz. He then stated he will be in charge of the Community Paramedic Program.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated the ZucchiniFest went well and the Mayor's golf outing raised a lot of money for the food bank. He then stated he wanted to set the facts straight regarding some recent claims made by individuals running for election. By law the City is required to balance its budget. Since 1928, the City of Obetz has balanced its budget. He then stated the City's charter is like its constitution. It is easy to find. It is not hidden. Just Google "Obetz Charter" and it comes up. The system of government set up in the charter is a "strong Mayor" setup. Other communities have different set-ups. The Mayor is the executive branch; Council is the legislative branch; and Mayor's Court is the judicial branch. Mr. Davisson continued to discuss other claims that are not true. The City is not planning a roundabout in the downtown. Police patrols have not been reduced. That's a lie.

### **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

David Humphries – Mr. Humphries stated as a part of the modernization of Lancaster Park, the Park should be renamed. He suggested Unity Park. Mayor Kirk agreed that the Park should be renamed.

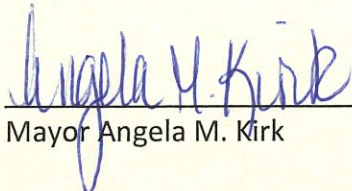
### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**


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. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as

follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:30 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:24 PM with all six members in attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:25 PM.

  
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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council