

Village of Kirkersville Council Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022

Mayor Ashcraft called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council in attendance: Mark Davis, Dave Engel, Jessica Forsthoefel, Jim Kincaid and Nick Takach

Absent: Carrie Slone

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski, Solicitor Brian Zets and Engineer Randy Stoll

Agenda

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Kincaid to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Minutes

It was moved by Engel, seconded by Takach to approve the minutes of March 2, 2022. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Mayor

Mayor Ashcraft said the fines for the month were \$2,115.00.

He thanked Dave and Joanie Engel for the flowers, the trimmed bushes, and the mulch around the town hall.

BPA

Randy Stoll said he received two proposals for the operator position at the treatment plant. He said there were issues with both of these proposals.

He said that he and Terry met with Rick Fitch and Rick is interested in getting a proposal in. Hopefully we will have one by the next meeting.

Randy said that the EPA inspector was at the plant and we were told there is still work to be done at the plant. Randy gave council a list of the improvements that still need to be made. The cost of these improvement totaled \$441,403.00. He said we may be able to get a grant from the EPA for some of these costs. Some of the items on the list do need to be purchased right away like a mechanically operated bar screen to remove trash from the plant. Right now, there is a lot of trash. It gets through the pump station and then into the plant and it is kind of gumming up all the aeration basins and it is adding a lot of quantity of materials to the sludge. We are spending a lot of money on sludge activities. This thing would pay off in the long run because it gets rid of all the trash and puts it right into a dumpster. A lot of these things are maintenance type items. I put an asterisk next to them. They may be able to get done by the new operator either by part of the operator or by the job that wouldn't be covered under the base contract.

The EPA wants a response to this by April 17. There hasn't been a whole lot of overall done to the plant since it was built in 1990.

Mayor Ashcraft said the biggest expense was two new pumps last year and the cleaning and resealing of all the concrete down there.

Randy said some of the first things on the list can be done easily or have already been done. What I am proposing to do is tell the EPA we can get some of these basic things done over the next two weeks. The second items are a little bit more expensive and we will get those done within 90 days. The rest of the items we will have to figure out which ones are maintenance items and which ones are capital improvement type items. I would like to package them as a project. The EPA has a funding program and the applications are due in August. There is a chance we may be able to get some grant monies for this. I don't know how good our chances are. If you have a plan submitted, if it is making improvements on items that are in violation, it might stand a decent chance of getting some. I am going to tell the EPA that we would like to have this completed by the end of 2023 so we have time to do the planning this year. He said if we apply in August we should have an answer by the end of November.

Police

Chief DeLawder gave his monthly stats. He said they backed up Licking County four times this past month and he is applying for grants for vests and body cameras.

Mayor Ashcraft asked about the junk cars.

Chief DeLawder said he is working on those.

Mayor Ashcraft said he did get the corporation sign and the speed limit sign. Someone stole the signs at Palmer Road and 158.

Streets

The tornado siren has been inspected and everything is good there.

Out on 158 and Loop Road where the water comes down the hill, it is all washed out and we need to put in some riprap. I will have a price for the next meeting.

Council member Takach said there is a spot just above South Alley coming from 70. That edge is starting to crumble off also.

Council member Engel said on South Alley by the Funeral Home that area is chipping off also.

Council member Takach said the rest of South Alley needs gravel also.

Mayor Ashcraft said he called them and we are not going to be able to get any gravel until May.

Council member Engel asked if they could just spread the gravel in the tire tracks area instead of across the entire alley. What happens is the center just keeps getting higher and higher. This just needs to be graded out.

Mayor Ashcraft said Nick had his dad make these flag brackets. We have been using plastic and they just keep breaking. These metal brackets are ten dollars apiece and we need thirty of them. It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Engel to approve \$300.00 for the metal brackets. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel and Kincaid. Nay, none. Abstain, one Takach.

Fire Board

Council member Kincaid said they are moving forward with Station 4. The estimated cost is about five million. They also ordered a new medic unit. It will be 2024 before the medic unit is completed.

Planning and Zoning

Mayor Ashcraft said the Planning Board will be meeting on the 27th. One developer is interested in the west end of the Timmons Farm. They want to build two warehouses there. The other developer is interested in the Coe Farm down on Palmer Road east of 158. I think there is 72 acres there. They are also interested in buying that big field next to Flying J and buying two properties down thru there and they want to put a road thru there. That way they do not have to do road improvements on Palmer Road.

Solicitor

Brian said as discussed earlier zoning is really picking up.

Mayor Ashcraft said he has been getting calls this week about the Village tavern. It is getting ready to go to an online sale. One guy called and wants to tear the house down, make a parking lot, have a bar. The other guy wants to tear them both down and put in apartments. I told them they need to come to zoning.

Finance

Council member Takach gave the following fund balances: General 126,157.00, Street 50,300.00, Sewer Operating 355,173.00 and American Rescue Plan 29,000.00.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading – Ordinance 01-2022 – An ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance 04-2019 and declaring an emergency.

Second Reading – Ordinance 02-2022 – An Ordinance creating two part-time police officer positions in the Village of Kirkersville Police Department and declaring an emergency.

First Reading – Resolution 02-2022 – A Resolution to ratify the update of the District Solid Waste Management Plan and declaring an emergency.

It was moved Takach, seconded by Kincaid to suspend with the rules. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Kincaid to adopt Resolution 02-2022 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Bills

It was moved by Engel, seconded by Takach to pay the bills in the amount of \$21,815.20. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Old Business

Council member Kincaid said at the last meeting we talked about getting road closed signs.

Mayor Ashcraft said we have them.

New Business

Mayor Ashcraft said I received a price of \$2,700.00 from Tom Lott to repair the flat rubber roof, repair a storm drop down by Jess's house and the basement windows need new plastic things around them.

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Engel to approve \$2,700.00 for these repairs. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel and Takach. Nay, none. Abstain, one Kincaid.

Mayor Ashcraft said council has some folders with different types of solar speed signs. Hebron has signs that tell you to slow down. It gives you your speed.

Council member Engel talked to Hebron and their signs are very similar to this one. If you are going the correct speed it says thank you. If you are exceeding the speed limit by 10 or 15 mph it says slow down. Over that it says danger and starts flashing. The talked with the Sergeant down there and he said it is not going to stop people from speeding but it is a deterrent and it is an aid as a deterrent.

Mayor Ashcraft asked how many do we need.

Council member Engel said the Kleem sign does several things. It records the speed of traffic coming at it and it also records the number of cars coming and the number of cars going. It records the speeds, whether they are below the speed limit or above the speed limit. You will know what are your high traffic times. These are portable. They have a solar unit that mounts at the top of the pole.

Council member Takach said it says web enabled. Do we have to set up an account and pay a monthly service fee?

Council member Engel said I think that means who ever is in charge of it can get the readings off of it.

Council member Takach said I like the idea of having two of them so we can move them around the village. Probably buying two of them right now is not very responsible but if we could buy one of them to see how it works, see if we like the system and what we are doing.

Council member Kincaid my thought is to take this to a committee and find out which one we want to get.

Mayor Ashcraft said it should go to the Safety Committee.

Public Poll

Someone asked what is up with the road construction on Outville Road. Is that still getting done?

Mayor Ashcraft said we applied for State Issue 2 funds to do from the Bridge to the traffic light. Because of the detachment, Outville Road on the east side became a County Road. On the west side is a Village Road. It's pretty hard to get Issue 2 money when you don't own the whole road.

Someone said his concern is going into the school. There is a huge pothole. Will the school fix that?

Mayor Ashcraft said it is in their parking lot. They fixed it once. I will get in touch with them.

Gary Raines asked about the wells. He said back when they started putting them in and testing them there was talk about if it drains wells in the village that they may be responsible for them paying for drilling a new well.

Mayor Ashcraft said he has one.

Council member Takach said his neighbors went out the other night. Mine has been having issues.

Mayor Ashcraft said as far as I know they pumped those test wells and they are waiting for the screens to come in that they put at the bottom of the well to keep the gravel and sand from coming up into the pump. I did see yesterday they are drilling test wells behind the funeral home.

Brian said he has not looked into this issue.

Anthony asked if anyone knew what Harrison Township is going to do with the property behind him.

Mayor Ashcraft said probably nothing because it is a floodplain.

Dave White gave an update on what he is doing with the Pinekirk building. He said he has an attorney working on the zoning. What he wants to do with it requires a rezoning. What we came up with is a small hotel. The first level on the left will be a coffee shop/ pizza kind of place. Whatever I can find. Downstairs will be another restaurant which will be open to the public. The issue I ran into is parking. We have talked about that in the past. I am in the process of securing

parking. I am looking at twenty rooms. What I am here tonight for is if I can set up the coffee shop and pizza shop while I am working out all the other details.

Brian said you have to rezone for all the different uses before anything is opened.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Takach, seconded by Engel to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid, and Takach. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor