

## Village of Kirkersville Council Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2023

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

Council in attendance: Holly Branham, Mark Davis, Dave Engel, Carrie Slone and Nick Takach

Absent: Jim Kincaid

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski and Solicitor Brian Zets

### **Agenda**

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

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes of April 5, 2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Davis, Engel, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

### **Public Poll**

Todd Ward, Red Rock, said he is still working with ODOT for the limited access to his property. The wetlands impact study has been completed and everything is fine.

Nate Green, Montrose Group, said he is the one that worked on the Community Reinvestment Act that council passed recently. There will be a CRA agreement between the village and Red Rock. In order to make the Red Rock development successful they will need a 100%, fifteen-year tax abatement. That keeps it competitive in the marketplace. You, as the village, has the authority to do that. Anything over 75% and fifteen years we have to get school board approval. Both SW Licking Schools and C-TEC will have to approve this. We have had conversations with them about that. There were two different types of compensation that we have proposed to them. One was that Red Rock would make a payment in lieu of taxes. That would be equal to thirty percent of what the schools would get if the abatement was in place. The other thing that we had proposed to them was the sharing of income tax between the village and the schools. That is common. It is common here within the region. Pataskala does this. Pataskala shares fifty percent of its income tax with those two entities. Brian and I met with the schools and asked if they would be willing to 25%. They came back and said we want 50%. They are used to that. That is what their normal is. I wanted to bring it to you tonight to see what you think. In order to get the CRA agreement done, we have to get the compensation agreement done with the schools. What I have in front of you are projections of what that will look like moving forward with the project. On the left side of the spreadsheet are the three buildings that Red Rock will be building. This shows the income tax that will be generated on an annual basis and the income tax generated over fifteen years. That is just total income tax. In buildings one and two we assume 275 jobs in each of those building. Payroll was based on \$45,760.00 per year. That is the medium income for Licking County. Building three, the projected jobs there would be 152.

You can see in year one it would be almost \$60,000.00 in new income tax. The third building would be \$30,000.00. These are projections. These numbers can change. This will be more income tax coming into the village.

Council member Engel said we have also been dealing with the SW Licking Water and Sewer District and they have mentioned what percentage of that income they would like. If we were to follow through with them and the schools we will go in the hole. We can't do it.

Shirley said they were talking a JEDD with an additional one percent income tax and that additional one percent would be what is divided between the parties to the JEDD. It would not affect the current one percent income tax.

Nate said we will go back to the schools again and see what we can do and come back with a package for you.

Todd Ward said there is a lot of undeveloped land in and around the village. Once you have a CRA in place with one developer others will come. Generally, developers do not want to take the time to get one in place.

Randy Stoll, Engineer, said a bid opening was held on May 31 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street paving project. CAP-STONE & Associates, Inc. were the lowest and best bidder. Their bid was \$98,979.40. This was less than the estimated cost. With this coming in under bid we now have \$20,000.00 in additional funding if we want to get some additional paving in.

### **Mayor**

Mayor Ashcraft said the fines for the month were \$2,033.00.

### **BPA**

Mayor Ashcraft said everything is good at the plant. They are installing cameras in the blower room so that the operators will be able to see on their phones if there is an issue.

### **Police Department**

Chief DeLawder gave his monthly report. He said it was normal business last month.

### **Streets**

Mayor Ashcraft said he received an estimate of \$6,300.00 from Tom Lott to finish the drainage work on Loop Road. It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to approve \$6,300.00 for the repair work on Loop Road. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Davis, Engel, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

Mayor Ashcraft said he also received an estimate of \$1,097.00 from Tom Lott to fix the broken concrete by the Funeral Home, repair storm drops and install a metal cap on the top of the stairways, paint the stair walls and install a new storm door.

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Slone to approve \$1,097.00 for the above listed repairs. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Davis, Engel, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

**Planning and Zoning**

Council member Engel said hoping to get working on the zoning book. We did meet with the people from 7-11/Speedway. I think they are on board with applying for a zoning change.

Brian said the Speedway folks have decided to apply for a rezoning instead of a variance. The official public hearing on the rezoning will be June 28 at Planning and Zoning. After that, planning and zoning will make a recommendation to council and then you will have legislation for the rezoning. It will go through three readings and you will have a public hearing as well.

**Finance**

Council member Davis read the following fund balances:

General	123,441.24	Street	61,113.14
State Highway	25,294.87	Drug Enfct.	3,964.11
Indigent Drivers	400.00	American Rescue Plan	58,053.42
Enfct. & Education	80.00	Mayor’s Court Comp.	920.92
Sewer Operating	341,783.53		

For a total of \$615,051.23

**Legislative Actions**

Third Reading – Ordinance 02-2023- An Ordinance establishing and creating a new Village of Kirkersville Sanitary Sewer Connection Fee.

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to adopt Ordinance 02-2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Davis, Engel, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

Second Reading- Resolution 09-2023- A Resolution authorizing all actions necessary to affect a Governmental Electricity Aggregation Program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, directing the Licking County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

Second Reading – Resolution 10-2023 – A Resolution authorizing all actions necessary to affect a Government Natural Gas Aggregation Program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, directing the Licking County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

First Reading – Resolution 11-2023 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute a delinquent debt collection agreement with the Ohio Attorney General.

First Reading – Resolution 12-2023 – A Resolution accepting the petition for annexation of +/- 6.18 acres from Etna Township to the Village of Kirkersville and declaring an emergency.

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

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to adopt Resolution 12-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Davis, Engel, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

First Reading – Resolution 13-2023 – A Resolution accepting the bid of CAP-STONE & Associated, Inc., authorizing and directing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute a contract with CAP-STONE & Associates, Inc. to complete Outville Road/5<sup>th</sup> Street paving project and declaring an emergency.

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

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to adopt Resolution 13-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Davis, Engel, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

**Bills**

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to pay the bills in the amount of \$41,891.47. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Davis, Engel, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

**Old Business**

Council member Takach asked Randy if he had looked at the pipe that is coming from the sewer plant. Randy said he had not.

**New Business**

Mayor Mathews said the Waste Management contract is up in September and Harrison Township will not let us bid with them. He is going to see if Waste Management will extend our contract.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Davis, Engel, Slone and Takach. Nay, none. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor