

Village of Kirkersville Council Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023

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

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

Also present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski and Solicitor Brian Zets

Agenda

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Kincaid to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

Minutes

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Slone to approve the minutes of April 5, 2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

Public Poll

Judy Casto, 107 W. Main, asked for an update on connecting to SW Licking water.

Mayor Ashcraft said we will discuss that later on in the meeting.

Randy Stoll and Andi Lindsey were here tonight with updates on the paving project. Andi handed out a map of which section of the road will be repaved and a new cost estimate for the project. She said the paving will be on Outville Road and will start at Main Street and go to the start of the Southfork Licking Bridge. The length of the project is about 1,550 linear feet at 22 feet wide. That will be your ten foot lanes with a foot on each side of the pavement line. We also have a line item for some pavement repair. That will cover those spots that have larger cracks or a little bit more worn down. This will cover all the painting for the edge line, centerline, stop line, crosswalk and there are two manholes in the street that will be raised. We will be adding two inches of pavement to the existing roadway. The cost is about two thousand more than your original OPWC application had. We should be able to get ten years of useful life out of this project. The estimated total cost of the project is \$134,789.00.

Randy Stoll said the sewer plant discharge permit is due in May and the cost is \$500.00. That is good for five years.

Licking County has an online portal for plan submittals for zoning, building permits, stormwater and flood plain. They are going to add me in there also to be able to more efficiently review plans as it goes through that process.

I am still working on the plans for the treatment plant.

Aaron Underhill, Underhill and Hodge, Zoning Attorney, said he is helping 7-11/Speedway with their project. He said he is here tonight to open a dialogue. He said he does not agree with the Zoning inspector's decision that they have to file for a rezoning.

Brian said this is not a Council matter. They will have to follow the direction that our zoning inspector has laid out for them.

Mayor

Mayor Ashcraft said the fines for the month were \$1,515.00.

He said there is legislation on the agenda for gas and electric aggregation. This is something that the County is asking municipalities to put this on the ballot.

He thanked Joanie and Dave Engel for cleaning out in front of town hall and putting mulch down.

Police

Chief DeLawder was absent so Sergeant Clayton gave the monthly stats. He said the Easter Egg hunt went really well and the manager of Phantom Fireworks thanked us for coming out and showing our support.

Streets

Mayor Ashcraft said he talked to the County about mosquito spraying.

Council member Engel said we are still waiting for the poles to be delivered for the speed radar sign. That is why they are not up yet.

Fire Board

Council member Kincaid said the blocks are out of the ground at Station 4. He said since we cover a large portion of Buckeye Lake we purchased a boat for water rescues.

Planning and Zoning

Council member Engel said we did not have a quorum for a meeting. We are down to three members and one was out of town.

Solicitor

Brian said he will have the legislation to approve the annexation for Red Rock next month.

Finance

Council member Davis gave the following fund balances:

General	129,328.50	Indigent Drivers	400.00
Street	42,331.36	American Rescue Plan	58,053.42
State Hwy.	25,029.36	Mayors Court Computer	728.92
Drug Law Enfct.	3,964.11	Sewer Operating	340,319.78

For a total of \$600,235.42

Legislative Actions

Second Reading- Ordinance 02-2023 – An Ordinance establishing and creating anew Village of Kirkersville Sanitary Sewer Connection Fee.

First Reading – Ordinance 04-2023 – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor, or his designee, to advertise, receive, and review bids for Outville Road/5th Street repaving project and declaring an emergency. It was moved by Takach, seconded by Kincaid to suspend with the rules. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none. It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Takach to adopt Ordinance 04-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

First Reading – Resolution 06-2023 – A Resolution to increase the rate of pay for Village of Kirkersville Fiscal Officer and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Davis to suspend with the rules. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none. It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to adopt Resolution 06-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

First Reading – Resolution 07-2023 – A Resolution to increase the rate of pay for Village of Kirkersville Mayors Court Clerk and BPA Clerk 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, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none. It was moved by Takach, seconded by Slone to adopt Resolution 07-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

First Reading – Resolution 08-2023 – A Resolution to increase the rate of pay for Village of Kirkersville Police Chief Randall DeLawder 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, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none. It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to adopt Resolution 08-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

First 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

First Reading – Resolution 10-2023 – A Resolution authorizing all actions necessary to affect a Governmental 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

Bills

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to pay the bills in the amount of \$16,443.02. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none.

New Business

Council member Takach said I think the Water Board will have one more meeting before we make a final decision.

Thanks to Chief Delawder for coming out to our Cub Scout Den meeting and he spoke with them about being a police officer and let them look at his cruiser.

Council member Takach said I know Officer Wielbacher got Officer of the Year. I would like to do something, with council’s approval, to recognize the auxiliary officers. They put in a lot of time and effort for our community without pay. I talked to the Chief to see what kind of awards they would do for situations like that. We can do an Excellence of Service Award to show our appreciation. The metal itself is around \$40.00 and it can be customized.

Public Poll

Karen Kessler said she wanted to point out that, in the past year, I have watched citizens that have zoning questions come to this council in the same way that these guys did and be abruptly dismissed. Cut off within seconds of asking a question. They were running into the same kind of things. They didn’t understand the system or they weren’t given the right forms. I have watched Red Rock come in here and talk about zoning. These guys came in here and talked about zoning and you give them twelve, fifteen minutes, of your time.

Council Poll

Council member Engel said the parking blocks in front of the funeral home are broken and wanted to know who is responsible for them.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Davis, seconded by Takach to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Branham, Davis, Engel, Kincaid, Slone and Takach. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor