

Village of Kirkersville Council Meeting Minutes

May 4, 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 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.

Public Poll

Anthony asked if a waterline went through Main Street as he s interested in tapping into it when he builds his two buildings.

Mayor Ashcraft said yes, it does.

Mayor

Mayor Ashcraft said the fines for the month were \$1,163.00.

Police Chief

Chief DeLawder went over the stats for the department.

Mayor Ashcraft asked about the junk cars.

The Chief said one is getting ready to be impounded. He has sent notices on the others.

Streets

Mayor Ashcraft said he received a quote for 15 new parking blocks and the removal of the old one. The quote is for \$1,500.00.

Anthony said he has about thirteen parking blocks that he will donate to the village as he has no use for them.

Mayor Ashcraft said on Loop Road at 158, the bank has washed out and Randy has told us that we need to put rocks in there. The cost for that is \$1,500.00.

In case Anthony does not have enough parking blocks it was moved by Takach, seconded by Engel to approve up to \$3,000.00 for the parking blocks and the stone. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Mayor Ashcraft said he checked on replacing the curbing and that only goes in with concrete. He is going to contact ODOT for repairing them. He also informed Council that ODOT will replace the monument mile marker.

Mayor Ashcraft said he needs \$1,500.00 for gravel for potholes and alleys. It was moved by Takach, seconded by Kincaid to approve \$1,500.00 for gravel. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Council member Engel said the alley behind the funeral home has a sunken area. Cars will bottom out there.

Council member Forsthoefel asked if the high spots in the alleys could be leveled out.

Fire Board

Council member Kincaid they are moving forward with the plans for Station 4. They hope to have the bids out and ground breaking this summer with an expected completion date of August 2023.

Engineer

Randy Stoll said he has the Wastewater Operator contract with him tonight. He is recommending Rick Fitch. Rick works for Johnstown and Alexandria. He said Rick has a Class 3 license and is asking for \$3,100.00 monthly.

He informed Council that Eric Britenstine's last day was today and the village needs an operator.

He said if Council approved legislation tonight, we can get the contract signed and Rick can start work tomorrow.

Planning and Zoning

Council member Engel said we met with two parties Wednesday evening and they are both looking at warehouse type facilities.

He said we do need to look at rewriting our zoning book.

Finance

Council member Takach gave the following balances: General Fund - 127,844.42, Street Fund – 52,743.62, American Rescue Plan – 29,026.71, Sewer Fund – 347,091.78.

Legislative Actions

Third Reading – Ordinance 01-2022 – An Ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance 04-2019 and declaring an emergency. No motion was given.

Third Reading – Ordinance 02-2022 – An Ordinance creating two part-time police officer positions in the village of Kirkersville Police Department and declaring an emergency. No motion was given.

First Reading – Ordinance 04-2022 – An Ordinance consenting to the resurfacing and related work on a portion of US40 in the Village of Kirkersville and declaring an emergency. It was moved by Takach, seconded by Engel 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 Engel to adopt Ordinance 04-2022 as an emergency. . Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

First Reading – Resolution 03-2022 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute a contract with Richard Fitch to provide wastewater operation services 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, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none. It was moved by Takach, seconded by Kincaid to adopt Resolution 03-2022 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 Takach, seconded by Davis to approve the bills in the amount of \$14,117.61. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Old Business

Mayor Ashcraft said the brackets for the flags have been completed. Council member Takach said he will install the brackets.

Vicki Coe said she will see if the Boy Scouts will help to put up the flags.

Council member Forsthoefel asked about a website for the village so that the minutes could be put on line. Council Takach said he would check with some of the places around the area that offer web services.

New Business

Mayor Ashcraft said the elevator has passed its annual inspection. He also said the blower motor on the furnace has gone out. He will get an estimate for repairs.

Council member Engel suggested that the Safety Committee meet to decide on what speed sign should be recommended to council.

Mayor Ashcraft sad Gro-Green was supposed to send me a new contract two days ago. We need to get the mowing done. I know a guy form Hebron that does mowing. He does some properties here in town. I thought if council would appropriate enough money for the month he could do it.

The grass is getting high at the sewer plant, the cemetery and down by the Bridge. The man's name is Brandon Daubenmire.

It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Engel to approve up to \$1,000.00 for the month for mowing. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Public Poll

Anthony said he would be interested in the open zoning position of the village.

Michael Ohman asked if he could have chickens in the village. He said the surrounding municipalities do allow them.

Mayor Ashcraft said the properties in town are not zoned for chickens.

Council member Takach said he thinks chickens would be okay as long as roosters are prohibited and the number of chickens was limited.

Council Poll

Council member Engel thanked Gary Raines and Jack Dicke who volunteered some plants to be used to be planted around village hall.

Mayor Ashcraft thanked Council member Forsthoefel for the successful Easter Egg hunt. She also donated dogwood tree seedlings to put out here.

Council member Kincaid said there are many rumors about buildings going up. He suggested that people talk to zoning to get the correct answers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Engel, seconded by Takach to adjourn. . Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

