

Village Of Kirkersville  
Board of Public Affairs Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 2023

OPENING: Brian Denton called the meeting to order at approx. 7:00 pm and opened with the pledge.

ROLL CALL: Brian Denton and Candy Brown were present. Also present were Mayor Ashcraft and BPA Clerk Vicki Coe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from October 31, 2023: Brian Denton moved to approve; 2<sup>ND</sup> by Candy Brown; All in favor.

PUBLIC POLL: None

SEWER PLANT OPERATOR'S REPORT: Mayor Ashcraft reported there have been no bad test reports from the EPA since Rick Fitch took over operations.

CLERK REPORT:

- (1) Tax assessments will be submitted at the December billing.
- (2) In June 2022, Anthony Ferrell requested the sewer charge on 155 E. Main be reduced from 2 units to 1 unit during renovation, with the promise to return to the Board for a reassessment once renovation was complete. The Board approved. He has not returned for reassessment. He sold the property 7/10/2023 to Prepaid Phone Cards, Inc, and it is now occupied. All attempts to contact the owners or residents are unsuccessful.  
The clerk asked if the Board wanted to revisit their decision.  
The Board requested that Brian Zets be contacted to appear at the December 26 meeting to advise them on action.
- (3) Let the record show that account 10-14, for Charles Brown, appears on the Penalty report due to clerk error. Corrections were made after the report was printed. This account was not paid late or charged a late fee.

LEGAL REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: Brian Denton moved to pay the bills; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy Brown; All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Ashcraft presented cost estimates for sewer plant improvements totaling approximately \$600,000, that would include a new trash gate, new pipes, pumping it out, and pouring new concrete. The trash gate alone is \$100,000. Sewer rates would need to be raised \$3-\$4 to pay for it. Randy Stoll found out today there is stimulus money available. The Village can put approximately \$100,000 up front, from the \$342,860 in the fund, and then use stimulus money to redo the whole sewer plant. The timeframe is about a year from when we get the money. The Board directed Randy Stoll to look into obtaining the stimulus money.

Mayor Ashcraft reported the water district is refusing to give water to the tire center until the Village has an agreement with them, but they are giving water to the plumbing business and to Red Rock.

PUBLIC POLL: None

BOARD POLL: None

ADJOURNMENT: Brian Denton moved to adjourn; 2<sup>ND</sup> by Candy Brown; All in favor; 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted by BPA Clerk Vicki Coe.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Public Affairs.

Approved by the Board this 26<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023.

Candy Brown \_\_\_\_\_ Brian Denton \_\_\_\_\_