

Village of Kirkersville Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 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 Davis 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 Davis, seconded by Takach to approve the minutes of September 7, 2022. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Public Poll

CJ Gilcher from Southwest Licking Water and Sewer District, said he wanted to discuss the waterline project that they have been discussing with Mr. Zets and Mr. King at the District. We are excited about that project. I know that Mr. Zets and Mr. King have been working on a MOU draft. The District right now is submitting applications for grants to make the project happen. We have an OPWC application that is due the first week of November and the District has been working also on a letter of support with Mr. Zets. This letter of support certainly helps that application go a longer way so we can get a better score on it. We appreciate Council's decision on it. If you have any questions I will be here to answer them.

Randy Stoll gave the following updates. The flow meter was installed to begin the flow study. We will know preliminary information by next week for baseline flows. We could use a rain or two before the end of the month. We do have an option to go a second month with it as far as the flow study goes.

At the last meeting there was a discussion about fixing the alleys by a roto tilling method. There was a question about whether that needed to be compacted or not. I check with the County Engineer, colleagues, and contractors to see about the methods on that and confirm. The term is scarifying the alleys. It goes down about two inches and we want them to use a little bit of 304 or something that has fines in it to mix in with that and then it needs to be roller compacted. That will put your alleys back into suitable condition. If you don't do that, most likely the ruts will just redevelop and the hump will come back into the cross section of the alley. There's a couple of other upgrades that could be done. You can put a binder in it. You can go a little deeper, say four inches deeper. Mix an emulsion type binder into it. That would give it a longer life. There's

even another option of doing the same thing by adding a line of cement stabilization and putting a one-inch asphalt lift on it. A rough estimate of the cost is twelve to fifteen dollars a square yard.

Mayor Ashcraft asked how many alleys are we talking about doing.

Council member Takach said the bid was to do every non-paved surface in the village. The cost was just over nine thousand dollars. That did not include the compaction, which we are just hearing about. He will have to resubmit an estimate. He will also have to increase the estimate a little bit to include a fine layer of crush on top of everything. He had included one thousand dollars for stone which was a contingency thousand so it didn't have to be up to that. I can't imagine he would be over an additional two thousand to do this. I will get an updated estimated based on Randy's recommendations.

Council member Kincaid said South Alley is probably our worst alley. Do you think we need 304 compactions in all the alleys?

Council member Takach said what Randy was saying before the meeting was that helps to stabilize it so the ruts do not reform. It will help all of the alleys. As long as it is compacted it should hold up significantly longer than if it is left fluffed.

Council member Engel said South Alley has a hump in there about eight or ten inches high. Will they go over that multiple times to get that down to a point where it is level.

Council member Takach said there is a lot of asphalt and tar and chip that will all get worked in together to get it in a decent shape. He won't just pull the top off the crown and leave it like that. It will all look fresh.

Council member Engel asked what will happen in the vacated alleys.

Council member Takach said the vacated alleys will not be touched.

Randy Said there was a question about the temporary speed limit signs coming into town. There's a couple of different ways to set those up. I believe the ones you are looking at comes with a permanent anchoring system. I looked at alternatives to that. There's two ways to do that. There's a company that has a base. A and A Safety provides a temporary with bolts and a sleeve that goes down the middle of it so you can move it. You would have to lug that base around if you wanted to move it.

Council member Takach said we don't have that many locations where we want to move them to so my thought was we would install a pole at each of those locations and then just move the unit itself around.

Mayor

Mayor Ashcraft said the fines for the month were \$1,396.50.

He said that Vicki attended a Mayors Court training session and asked council if they would pay her for two days of wages. We pay her \$15.00 per hour so the total would be \$240.00 for the two days that she was there. It was moved by Takach. Seconded by Davis to pay Vicki Coe \$240.00 for her time spent at training. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

BPA

Mayor Ashcraft said everything is good at the sewer plant.

Chief

Chief DeLawder gave his monthly report. It has been almost a year since I started here. I am still dealing with traffic complaints on 158. I have worked thirds trying to catch them two weeks ago. I didn't have any luck. The State Highway Patrol helps as much as they can. The officers start this month with their OVI training for the task force.

Streets

Mayor Ashcraft said the ditch work has been completed on Loop Road. A concrete wall was put in at that location. It is pretty deep in places out there and Tom Lott has provided an estimate to install twelve to fourteen-inch plastic piping to connect to the other pipes and then cover with dirt and seed so it would not be so deep. It was moved by Engel, seconded by Takach to approve \$4,800.00 for Tom Lott to install the drainage pipes at Loop Road. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Fire Board

Council member Kincaid said the bids for the Station 4 building came in under the bid cap. Robertson Construction was the low bidder. He said they hired new part timers. The Hebron transition went smooth. The Fire District will hold an open house on October 22 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Broad Street Station and also at the Hebron Station.

Planning and Zoning

Council member Engel said Planning and Zoning will meet on October 12 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Red Rock development.

Finance

Council member Davis gave the following fund balances:

General Fund	124,562.02
Street Fund	50,104.20
State Hwy.	22,898.21
Drug Law Enfct.	3,964.11
Indigent Drivers	400.00
American Rescue Plan	58,053.42
Enfct. & Educ.	80.00
Computer Fund	1,171.00
Sewer Fund	<u>333,891.70</u>
Total	595,124.66

Legislative Actions

First Reading- Ordinance 11-2022 – An Ordinance to appropriate funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Kirkersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 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, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Takach to adopt Ordinance 11-2022 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 pay the bills in the amount of \$34,501.59. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Old Business

Council member Takach said he has Jack Christy all set up with email through the web site. I will get with him to see what forms he wants uploaded to the website as well. The phone in his office here has been forwarded to his personal phone.

Mayor Ashcraft asked if the local businesses were still showing on the website.

Council member Takach said I removed them after the last meeting.

Shirley asked if it is just a list of the businesses in the village.

Council member Takach said yes, with their location and their website address.

Shirley said I have that on the Shawnee Hills website.

Brian said that is not advertising, it is just a directory, so that is fine to be on the website.

Council member Kincaid asked about the speed limit signs.

Council member Engel said we were concerned about being able to move these signs around easily. He said most communities around us just put a four-foot sleeve in the ground and position the pole in the sleeve with a bolt or as Nick has suggested, putting in five permanent posts and moving the signs. I would not think it would be wise to remove all the paraphernalia off of the post. We can just move the post with the sign attached.

He said the cost of two signs is approximately \$8,000.00 and that includes shipping and handling. We would have to figure in the cost of putting in the holes and the cost of the fourteen-foot poles. Some of the places we thought of to put the signs are: entrance to the sewer plant, west of town, where the hair salon is, north of town, and south of Debbie Seymour's' home. The company we are purchasing them from is Baldwin and Sours out of Dublin.

It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Takach to approve \$9,000.00 for the two speed limit signs and poles. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

New Business

Mayor Ashcraft said the blower unit in the furnace is making noise so he will have that checked out. He also said we need to purchase four carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Davis to approve \$400.00 for the carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Mayor Ashcraft said he received the test results for the well at the police station. We need to get that well chlorinated. I will call Dan Allen to get this fixed.

Council member Kincaid said this water stuff. I looked at the correspondence from Brian. It posed a lot of questions for me that I need to research. I am in favor of water but what I have seen so far, I need some questions answered before I will say yes to actually voting on this.

Brian Zets said the District's Attorney, Andrew King, sent me over the Letter of Support that the District is looking for as they plan to submit grant applications soon to potentially fund the project. The Letter of Support will be included in there. I made some edits to it. It needed to be cleaned up a little bit. I do think that is at least teed up for you now to make a decision as to whether or not you want to authorize the Mayor to go ahead and sign the letter.

The next step in the process is working on the IGA. Andrew King and I had multiple emails today about the IGA, just in particular about the timing of it. I don't know the exact deadlines. I do know the District would like the IGA to be signed as soon as possible. Hopefully by the next meeting. There is still work to be done on the IGA. At the end of the day, what the IGA is going to memorialize is that the District is going to design and construct the waterline here and around town. The ones that are showing on the map. They are requesting money from a JEDD, a CRA and a TIF. That money will then go back to the District to help fund that. Which by the way is completely different than what happened in 2008. I went back and looked at that again this morning. That would have been the worse deal I have ever seen in my life. That contract was set up so that the Village designed, constructed, and paid for the water.

Council member Kincaid said from what you can tell from your correspondence, back and forth, is what they are offering us customary? They mentioned Union Township, Alexandria, and St. Augustine.

Brian said I do not know the answer to that. I have not seen their agreements. I think it is customary in that they are trying to set up a mechanism whereby funding can be made available that passes back to the District to help pay for the waterlines into the village. The basic premise of the IGA is that there will be no cost to the residents if they connect within the first thirty days when it becomes available. After that you will be on your own to connect. There will be a monthly charge to the users for the water. I just need to make it very clear that the village will not be spending any money for any part of this project. This project is estimated to be about five

million dollars, just for the lines that are showing on the map. If there is a phase two at any other time, that is another conversation for another day.

Council member Takach said by saying the village doesn't pay anything. We still lose out on possible opportunities if there is a Tiff, JEDD or other agreement put in place. Someone else is reaching into the pot with setting up those mechanisms. So, we are paying for it, we are just paying for it by lost revenue off of those particular mechanisms.

Shirley said the property owner that is in the TIFF, JEDD or CRA areas are paying to offset the cost.

Brian said the property owners will be paying that. They are not property tax dollars, it's different dollars. You will be partnering with them by creating the mechanisms by which they can receive monies back to pay for this project.

Council member Engel asked what would happen if say fifteen residents decided not to hook up and outside that window of time to connect their well runs dry.

Brian said that is between them and the District.

Council member Engel said he had a question about the percentages of the JEDD and TIF monies. That is money the village is going to need to improve the infrastructure as well. We don't want to take all that money and send it to the Water and Sewer District.

Brian said there is a whole laundry list of people who will be asking for money from the JEDD. When you get down to the District or even the Village it is net proceeds. The administration of the income tax will be taken off because that has to be done. There could be other fees that come off the top, then the JEDD Board will take their share. The District will ask for a share. The village will get a share. There's no JEDD agreement where it is one entity gets the windfall of the thing. Everyone who is part of it will have a piece of that net pie.

Council member Engel said I would like to see how that breaks down.

Brian said those are not in place right now so that will be something to think about. The Mayor and I will be meeting next week with Nate Green to talk a little bit about that.

Council member Takach said what you are asking for tonight is for Council to give support for the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support to seek some grant money and funding.

Brian said correct. Nothing more tonight than to authorize him to sign the Letter of Support.

It was moved by Takach, seconded by Kincaid to authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support for the Water District. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none.

Council member Engel said about a year and a half ago there were some young men that came in here and asked about a skate park in the village. I know we had a legal opinion that it would be very expensive to build and the insurance would be expensive. The young men came by recently and asked if anything had ever come of that request or has any thought been given to where could we do our skate boarding. I am just bringing that back up to council to see if anyone had any ideas of how we could benefit these young men.

Mayor Ashcraft said he talked to the insurance company and it was going to be expensive. You had to have someone take the trash away and you had to have a porta john.

Public Poll

Council member Takach said Anthony brought up the idea of having a community garden on a piece of his property. This would not be a village sponsored project.

Council member Engel said watering would be a problem.

Council Poll

Council member Forsthoefel said we were trying to plan something this year for Christmas. Jimmy volunteered to be Santa. We would set up something in here and invite the kids in town to see Santa. I will take care of this. She said it will either be December 10 or 11.

Council all agreed to this.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Takach, seconded by Forsthoefel to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Davis, Engel, Forsthoefel, Kincaid and Takach. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor