

Village of Kirkersville Council Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2024

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

Council in attendance: Holly Branham, Darren Coe, Mark Davis, Jim Kincaid, and Carrie Slone.
Council not in attendance: Dave Engel.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Discussion on the Minutes: Kincaid said he recused on the vote for tree service during New Business in September, and asked that the minutes be amended. The other Council members agreed with him.

It was moved by Branham, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes as amended of September 4, 2024. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 5; Branham, Coe, Davis, Kincaid, and Slone. Nay, none.

Public Poll

Kathy Rostorfer said traffic on W. Main leaving town, especially on Sunday, is fast. Mayor said he will call the Sheriff.

Mayor

Mayor Ashcraft said the fines for the month were \$274.00.

Mayor said the water board wants to have a meeting here at town hall next month to explain to residents how the process works and to update everyone. The date is to be determined.

Mayor said there were two wells in Town that went dry today.

BPA

Judy Casto said the Board had a tour of the sewer plant by the Engineer. The plant has enough gallons (capacity) for now.

Police

Mayor said Shirley has renewed the job advertisement for a new Chief on the state website.

Streets

None

Fire Board

Council member Kincaid said they are not in the Refugee & Columbia Rd station yet. There are issues getting things done. They look for the end of the month to have issues worked out and be ready to move in.

Planning and Zoning

Mayor said there is a Special Council Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm to consider approval of a lot split.

Finance

Council member Davis read the following fund balances: General 154,901.96, Street 61,096.09, State Highway 32,532.53, Drug Law Enforcement 3,964.11, Indigent Drivers 400.00, American Rescue Plan 4,033.48, Enforcement and Education 80.00, Mayor's Court Computer 648.86, and Sewer Operating 395,818.61, for a total of \$653,475.64.

Legislative Actions

None

Bills

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Branham to pay the bills in the amount of \$25,361.22. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 5; Branham, Coe, Davis, Kincaid, and Slone. Nay, none.

Old Business

None

New Business

Council received a letter from Jessica Forsthoefel, 220 E. Main Street, requesting the Village to pay half of the cost of a sidewalk replaced in front of her house in 2016. Council Member Davis asked Attorney Zets what obligation the Village has in this matter. Zets said none; the property owner has the responsibility.

Following vote on whether to reimburse Jessica Forsthoefel for sidewalk replacement is recorded; Nay, 5; Branham, Coe, Davis, Kincaid, and Slone.

Mayor asked Council if they want to contract with the water district to provide water to the police station and the sewer plant. Council member Coe asked the benefit at the sewer plant. Mayor said they could wash filters, etc. Council member Kincaid said he is in favor because wells are drying quickly. Council member Davis asked how many wells have gone dry. Mayor said 20 or more, even though the water district says they aren't pumping their wells in town. It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Branham to contract with the water district to provide water to the police station and the sewer plant. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 5; Branham, Coe, Davis, Kincaid, and Slone. Nay, none.

Mayor said the Village-owned lot in town was surveyed and asked Council if they would like to put 4x4 posts with cable to mark the boundaries. The empty lot next to it has a few vehicles parked there. Council would like to see some costs. Mayor will have those at the next meeting.

Public Poll

Jim Raver asked if the wells going dry are clustered in any particular spots in town. He has not seen anyone at the wells behind him. Mayor said some are east side of town, some middle, and on 3rd and Channel Streets.

Judy Casto said her tenants, the Smoke Shop, need to pay permit fees for the new sign they hung.

Council Poll

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Coe to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 5; Branham, Coe, Davis, Kincaid, and Slone. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor