

Village of Kirkersville Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

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

Council in attendance: Holly Branham, Darren Coe, Dave Engel, Jim Kincaid, and Carrie Slone

Absent: Mark Davis

Also present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski

Agenda

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

Minutes

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

Election of President Pro Tempore of Council

It was moved by Engel, seconded by Branham to elect Jim Kincaid as president pro Tempore. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Branham, Coe, Engel, and Slone. Nay, none. Abstain, one; Kincaid

Organizational Meeting

Mayor Ashcraft set the following committees:

Streets/Safety: Darren Coe, Jim Kincaid and Mark Davis

Finance: Carrie Slone, Holly Branham and Mark Davis

Zoning: Dave Engel

Public Poll

Kelsey Shayko, 375 E. Main, said she heard Dollar General was coming in. Is that true?

Mayor Ashcraft said Dollar General has a contract on the property across the street from you. They submitted plans and Planning and Zoning will meet on January 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss it.

Andrew Shayko said I am a small business owner, local restaurant chain, here in Licking County and we have been through trouble trying to get this stuff happen too. We have gone into small towns trying to get things built. I want to make sure that everyone here is on board with helping us stay in this community. My wife did not express how much she loves this community. We would consider moving out of town if Dollar General moves in across the street.

Mario Pulsinelli and my wife Mary Tankersle, 335N 5th St., moved here to get away from Columbus. We would like to blend in and serve any way we can.

BPA

Mayor Ashcraft said that Randy Stoll will be at the next meeting to talk about bidding out the sand filter job.

Police Chief

Chief Poling said all the equipment he ordered has come in except the time clock. Access to LEADS and OLEG are all completed. I changed our LEADS status from an MDT to a non-terminal agency. I believe LEADS was billing us \$125 to \$150 per month and that means we could run LEADS inside the car. We don't need that. I am the only one here. I am not going to utilize it. This change drops us to \$50.00 per month.

We have a newly sworn auxiliary police officer. Her name is Lindsey Grubb. She will have to complete her 2024 CPT's and will have to do a refresher course. She will do that at her own expense. Radars and Lidars were sent for calibration.

I have reached out to several companies regarding body cameras. I believe Axon Safety Plan is the best. We need 3 body cameras and 2 taser 10's. We will have unlimited warranty and if we use any taser cartridges, new ones will be sent to us. The quote for these is \$49,000.00.

I do have a simple proposal for body cameras. Three body cameras for 190.00 a piece along with magnet mounts for a total of 710.00.

Council member Kincaid asked for a breakdown of both types of cameras. Bring it to the next council meeting.

Mayor Ashcraft said the doors at the PD need to be fixed or replaced. To replace the doors, it will cost \$1,600.00. To fix the doors the cost will be \$375.00.

It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Coe to approve \$375.00 to fix the doors. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Coe, Engel, Kincaid and Slone. Nay, none.

Fire Board

Council member Kincaid said they are meeting tomorrow night.

Planning and Zoning

Council member Engel said they received the red line version of the proposed updated zoning codes. There are 300 pages.

Mayor Ashcraft said there will be a variance hearing on 01/21/25 at 6:00 p.m.

Legislative Actions

First Reading – Ordinance 01-2025 – An Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer, or her designee, to advertise bids to lease for farming purposes +/- 10.50 acres of land owned by the Village of Kirkersville and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Engel to suspend with the rules. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Coe, Engel, Kincaid and Slone. Nay, none.

It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Engle to adopt Ordinance 01-2025 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Coe, Engel, Kincaid and Slone. Nay, none.

Old Business

Council member Kincaid asked if the committee had met with the school yet. Council member Engel said they are talking to the Chief after this meeting.

New Business

Mayor Ashcraft said there is a gentleman interested in purchasing the municipal building and turning it into a senior center. We own the lots behind the old Dairy Queen.

Council member Kincaid we would have to find out how much a new building would cost.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Engel, seconded by Slone to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Branham, Coe, Engel, Kincaid and Slone. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor