Village of Kirkersville Council Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2026

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

Council in attendance: Daren Coe, Dave Engel, Jim Kincaid and Carrie Slone

Absent: Mark Davis

Also present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski and Solicitor Brian Zets

Agenda
It was moved by Coe, seconded by Slone to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Coe, Engel, Kincaid and Slone. Nay, none.

Minutes
It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Coe to approve the minutes of January 7, 2026. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Coe, Engel, Kincaid and Slone. Nay, none.

Mayor
Mayor Ashcraft said the fines for the month were $233.00.
He is doing a background check on a potential Police Chief. This person can only work 32 hours per week and wants to be an Acting Chief.
Gro-Green did a good job of removing the snow.

BPA
There was no meeting in January due to illness, snow and someone out of town.

Streets
Mayor Ashcraft asked for approval to purchase two no parking signs and four posts at a cost of 200.00. It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Engel to approve the purchase request. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Coe, Engel, Kincaid and Slone. Nay, none.

Fire Board
Council member Kincaid they created a Fire District Task Force in regards to being left out of all the tax incentives that were given to businesses coming into the district. The Chief and Assistant Chief ran the numbers and the district has lost 30% of their annual income due to TIF's and Tax Abatements.

Planning and Zoning
Council member Engel said they discussed how does the Planning Board effect the zoning fees since they are now acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals. They also discussed how much water and electricity is used for Data Centers. We want to put a moratorium on Data Centers.

Solicitor
Brian said that type of legislation is not on the agenda tonight. The legislation tonight is to start the process of moving data centers to a conditional use instead of a permitted use.

Legislative Actions
First Reading – Ordinance 01-2026 – An Ordinance amending the Village of Kirkersville Planning and Zoning Code to designate Data Centers as a Conditional Use within the Manufacturing District.

First Reading- Ordinance 02-2026 – An Ordinance amending the Village of Kirkersville Zoning Fee Schedule and declaring an emergency.
Council member Kincaid said he had a question on the fee schedule. Is that an increase or a decrease? Council member Coe said decrease. Brian said he got that information from Jack Christy. We got the zoning fees from Hebron and I don't think they accounted for a million square feet of building space. When Jack calculated the numbers, the fee was two million dollars. Jack came up with a number that seemed more reasonable. That number can be changed if Planning wants to look at it again. Council member Coe said that number does not include engineering fees or legal fees. Shirley said I think the engineer should come up with a cost estimate and collect those fees up front instead of billing for them on the back side. Council member Kincaid said I think the $32,000.00 fee is low for a million square feet of a building.

First Reading – Resolution 01-2026- A Resolution amending the Village of Kirkersville, Ohio Credit Card Policy and declaring an emergency.

First Reading – Resolution 02-2026 – A Resolution appointing Board Member No. 1 and Board Member No. 3 to the Kirkersville JEDD District No. 1 Board of Directors and declaring an emergency.

Bills
It was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Slone to pay the bills in the amount of $8,302.62. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Coe, Engel, Kincaid and Slone. Nay, none.

Council Poll
Council member Coe said I think it's time to talk about Becknell and his property down there and what we think about it. One thing to think about is being a good neighbor. Etna's code says should maintain a rural atmosphere. Basically, not putting up manufacturing right next to residential. This is quite similar to what Harrison Township says. I know we don't have o do what the say but, being a good neighbor is being a good neighbor. One of the problems we will have here is multi-jurisdictional impacts with Etna's residential being right next to it.

Council member Kincaid I don't think I can vote to put a large building of that size 40 feet away from residential.

Mayor Ashcraft agreed.

Adjournment
There being no further business, it was moved by Kincaid, seconded by Slone to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Coe, Engel, Kincaid and Slone. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:6 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Mayor