

**MINUTES OF THE KIRTLAND HILLS VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Scott, Council Vice President Allen
Council Members Burk, Byrne, Cooper, Harrold and Shibley.

MEMBER BY PHONE: Council President King

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Law Director Steve Byron, Chief Barry Hendricks, Clerk-Treasurer Jamie Zigman,
Cory Hinton, Rich and Kristina Holmes.

Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION to approve Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting on January 26, 2026

Motion was made by Mr. Shibley, seconded by Mrs. Harrold, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026, meeting.

RESOLUTION 2026-06 Authorizing and approving the expenditure of funds

Motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Byrne, and unanimously carried to approve to approve the expenditure of funds.

MOTION to authorize the Mayor to elect to use the Jefferson Health Plan's Self Funded Plans, Inc. to process claim obligations incurred but not paid before July 1, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$38,981.97.

Motion was made by Mrs. Burk, seconded by Mrs. Harrold, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to elect to use the Jefferson Health Plan's Self Funded Plans, Inc. to process claim obligations incurred but not paid before July 1, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$38,981.97.

Report from the Planning and Zoning meeting about the **Ordinance 2026-05** amending Chapter 1153, supplemental regulations, to enact section 1153.08, short-term rentals prohibited, of the codified ordinances of the Village of Kirtland Hills, which sections regulate accessory structures.

Council will hold a public hearing on this Ordinance 2026-05 immediately before next council meeting on March 16 at 5:30pm. The Planning and Zoning committee recommended for approval.

Motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Cory Hinton as a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee

Motion was made by Mr. Shibley, seconded by Mr. Byrne, and unanimously carried to approve to the appointment of Cory Hinton as a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Roll call: Allen, Yes; Burk, Yes; Byrne, Yes; Cooper, Yes; Harrold, Yes; King, Yes; Shibley, Yes;

Mayor Scott administered the oath of office to Cory Hinton as Member of Planning and Zoning Committee

ORDINANCE 2026-07 authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant, and declaring an emergency

Motion was made by Mr. Allen; seconded by Mrs. Burk to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Allen, Yes; Burk, Yes; Byrne, Yes; Cooper, Yes; Harrold, Yes; King, Yes; Shibley, Yes;

Motion was made by Mrs. Harrold; seconded by Mr. Shibley to adopt the ordinance.

Roll call: Allen, Yes; Burk, Yes; Byrne, Yes; Cooper, Yes; Harrold, Yes; King, Yes; Shibley, Yes;

Chief's Report:

- The Big Field has lost about 300 feet of land since 2023 due to ongoing river erosion that has washed drainage pipes downstream, and the Army Corps of Engineers were unable to offer assistance. After Clyde Hadden suggested contacting the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Josh Myers and his team evaluated the site, coordinated with the village engineer, and arranged for Davey Tree to complete a drone survey. Funding may be available through H2Ohio for the most severely eroded areas, though mineral rights concerns raised by the EPA must be addressed. Additional funding will be pursued for smaller areas, and a meeting with the engineer and Josh Myers is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, at 10:00am.
- Regarding Sitestream that was presented at the last council meeting. Senator Tom Patton has introduced two photo enforcement bills: SB 213, now in committee, would impose a \$100,000 per-camera licensing fee, a \$5000 monthly calibration fee per radar unit, and an 8% tax on Sitestream, while SB 340, not yet assigned to committee, would require voter approval for photo enforcement and cap fines at \$50 per violation. Hassan Dabaja of Sitestream indicated that if the bills pass, the company will renegotiate revenue sharing, particularly if fines are reduced. He stated that handheld radar devices would likely not be affected.

Mayor's Report:

- Addressed a recent article in the News-Herald regarding the Village's purchase of carbon credits. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy is overseeing the sale of the carbon credits, and all proceeds from the three-year contracted sale with Great Lakes Cheese will go directly to the Village.
- Mayor Scott is finalizing the upcoming resident newsletter. The newsletter outlines opportunities for residents interested in serving on a committee, details various services and assistance programs available within the Village and highlights the upcoming centennial celebration. It also invites residents to share their stories, photographs, and memories of the Village.
- Mayor Scott recently met with Kevin Potter, Mayor of Kirtland, and Ryan Cox, Mayor of Waite Hill, to discuss current practices and collaborative ideas to better support their respective communities.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purpose of appointment, compensation and discipline of Village employees.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harrold, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of appointment, compensation and discipline of Village employees.

Roll call: Allen, Yes; Burk, Yes; Byrne, Yes; Cooper, Yes; Harrold, Yes; King, Yes; Shibley, Yes

The next Council meeting will be held at the Village Hall at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, March 16, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Byrne and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 P.M.



Alyson Scott, Mayor



Attest: _____
Jamie Zigman, Clerk-Treasurer