

COMBINED THREE ENTITY AREA FIRE MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2024

The annual meeting of the combined Kilkenny Fire District comprised of the City of Kilkenny, Kilkenny Township and Shieldsville Township starting at 7:00pm at the Kilkenny Fire Hall.

Representing the City of Kilkenny: Mayor Cameron Hankins, Treasurer Tara Robinson, City Clerk Nicole Icaza, Terry Ferch, Bob Busta, Julie Balfe. Shieldsville Township: Dale Kuchinka, Joe Pesta, Andy Ernst, Kimmy Pesta Treasurer, and Sue Ceplecha-Novak Clerk. Kilkenny Township: Del Sorgatz, Tom Hankins, Jim Hebel, Sue Rutt Treasurer. Kilkenny Fire Department: Chief Ryan Landrum, Steve Stangler.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Cameron Hankins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Minute Approval:** Annual Meeting February 7, 2023. Motion by Joe Pesta, seconded by Dale Kuchinka to approve minutes as written by the clerk. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Jim Hebel, seconded by Sue Rutt, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
4. **Review of the 2023 actual receipts and expenditures:** Fire Chief Ryan Landrum presented a review of the 2023 actual receipts and expenditures. The total receipts were \$11,982.28. The Levy totals were \$71,500.00. The total expenditure was \$114,436.05. The checking balance as of 12/31/2023 was \$97,847.28.
5. **Review Proposed 2025 Budget:** The proposed 2025 budget was presented by Chief Landrum. During the review, the discussion on whether to raise the budget with a 10% increase to the Levy was conducted. Projected budget with increases for Work Comp Insurance \$500.00, Insurance additional \$3,500 and Equipment \$3,000 to make the increase an even \$7000.
6. **Approval of 2025 Budget:** Motion by Joe Pesta, seconded by Tom Hankins, to approve the budget for 2025 with a 10% increase to bring the budget to a total of \$78,650. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
7. **New Business**
 - A.) **Review 2023 Fire & Rescue Calls and suggested write-offs:** Total calls were 32, breakdown being City of Kilkenny 8, Kilkenny Township 18, and Shieldsville Township 6. After discussion of suggested write-offs there was a motion by Sue Rett, seconded by Jim Hebel, to approve a total of \$5,000 Fire & Rescue Call write-offs. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
 - B.) **2026 Budget Meeting date:** Motion by Joe Pesta, seconded by Sue Rett, to set February 4th as the date for the 2026 Budget Meeting and February 5th as the alternate date. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
8. **Adjourn:** Motion by Andy Ernst, seconded by Joe Pesta to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.