

Kingston Township

News

April 2011

Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! Spring is here! After all the floods and heavy rain in early and mid-March, I am ready for some warmer, drier weather!

The Trustees were hoping to have the donated farmland rented and back in production this year; however, we may have to wait until 2012 due to legal procedures. If the land can be bid sooner, a notice will be put in the local papers. The farmland will increase the township's revenue.

At the March Trustee meeting, we were informed that the revenue from the gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees were sharply reduced in 2010. The slow economy is the main reason for this and we hope that 2011 will see a rebound in our economy.

In the article below you'll see that the trustees re-appointed Robin Morgan to a two-year term as the township's representative to the Porter Kingston Fire Districts' board of trustees. Robin has done an outstanding job as a member of the Board for the past several years. He informed the trustees that the Fire District has paid off all its loans and is debt free. This is great news!

This year, the trustees are considering bids for the township mowing as well as investigating how much it would cost to have the mowing done by Kingston's current personnel. Bids for the mowing will be opened at the next meeting on Tuesday, April 5th. For bid packets, contact Fiscal Officer Greg Roy.

Spring planting season is near and the farmers will be on the roads with large equipment. Please use caution when passing or approaching the equipment on the roadways.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (740) 524-2333.

Morgan Reappointed to PKFD



The Trustees reappointed Robin Morgan as the township's resident representative to the Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) Board. Morgan, who has served on the board for years, will fill a two-year term through February 2013.

The Fire District has received seven new headsets courtesy of a \$3,241 grant from the Threat, Risk, Needs Committee of Delaware County. This hearing protection radio system combines

level-dependent attenuation with integrated radio communication, making it suitable for challenging environments in which loud noise fluctuates but crystal clear communication is required. Such environments include special intervention and rescue situations, shooting arenas, airports, mines, heavy industrial plants, and more.



Fire District Board President Dewey Akers (left) is shown swearing in new firefighter Eladio Rivera (right) at the March fire board meeting. Rivera is 18 years old and lives in the district. He currently is certified as an EMT-B and a Firefighter 1. He is in class to acquire his Firefighter 2 certification at the Delaware Area Career Center. Welcome Rivera!

Roads & Cemeteries

Road Superintendent Doug Crawl reported that he has used 161 of the 170 tons of salt requested from the County Engineer. In fact, the Delaware County Engineer reports that as of February 6, 2011, 92 percent of all salt/grit estimated by townships had been purchased! According to the engineer's office, "This winter has been extremely tough when it comes to snow and ice control. The ice storm of February certainly taxed our salt reserve at the Engineer's office. To date this winter season the Engineer's office has purchased 4,500 tons of salt out of a 7,000 ton budget and we still have to make the remainder last through January 1st, 2012."

Two township road guardrails were damaged in two separate auto accidents.

February rains have pointed out areas where driveway culverts are plugged up. If your driveway drains onto the roadway or your plugged culvert backs up onto the roadway, it can cause a road hazard and you need to make repairs.

Crawl is also planning a living memorial garden around the Blue Church Bell in the Blue Church Cemetery.

New Recycling Bins

Rumpke is now providing the recycling bin service for the Delaware-Knox-Marion-Morrow (DKMM) Solid Waste District. Two big changes will come with the Rumpke bins:

- All recyclables will be co-mingled. Bin users will no longer have to separate paper and cardboard from plastics, glass, and metal cans; they will all go in the bins together.
- Bins will be stationed full-time at the previous part-time sites serving Brown, Kingston, Porter, Scioto, and Troy townships. The top-loading Rumpke recycling bins are smaller than the



present bins but will be emptied more frequently. They are green and labeled with instructions for users. Keep Delaware County Beautiful, the Delaware General Health District's litter prevention and recycling program, will continue to take calls from residents when bins are full or otherwise need maintenance.

The new Rumpke contract is expected to yield considerable cost savings and get more household waste recycled than previously, according to the DKMM District administration. Additional information is available at 740-368-1700 or online at www.delawarehealth.org.

Residents also may still contact Big-O Refuse to sign up for voluntary co-mingled curbside recycling for \$13.20/quarter which includes an 18-gallon bin. Information is available and you can register for services at 1-888-924-BIGO (2446) or www.bigorefuse.com. Recycle your aluminum, glass, magazines, junk mail, newspapers, paper, cardboard, and plastics (#1-#7).

Trash Facts from Big-O

How Wasteful Are We? The United States comprises six percent of the world's population and produces 40 percent of its waste. The average American will leave a legacy of 112,420 pounds of trash behind for his or her children.

The energy we save when we recycle one glass bottle is enough to light a traditional light bulb for four hours.

Each year, billions of used batteries are thrown away in the United States. This constitutes 88 percent of the mercury and 54 percent of the cadmium deposited in our landfills.

Please recycle responsibly!

Zoning Report

The zoning staff reported that one permit was issued in February for an accessory building on Carter's Corner Rd.

A resident who met with the Zoning Commission to informally discuss rezoning property on State Route 521 near the west township line has decided not to pursue this further.

The revised Zoning Resolution went into effect in March and was formally recorded with the Delaware County Recorder's Office.

Zoning personnel attended the Ohio Township Association conference and attended sessions on land use policies and implementation strategies, zoning case law updates, and taking zoning violators to court. Zoning Inspector Bob Talbott also attended a seminar on bidding public construction projects presented by Bricker and Eckler LLP.

Poll Workers Needed

Poll workers are needed for the Special Election, Tuesday, May 3, and General Election, Tuesday, November 8. You must be a registered voter in Delaware County, be able to attend training, and be capable of working a long day. New poll worker training will be held at various times and days during the month before an election, lasts approximately three hours, and pays \$25. On Election Day, poll workers report to their polling location at 5:30 a.m. and will work until approximately 8:30 p.m. and are paid \$107.91.

Please contact the Delaware County Board of Elections, 2079 US Hwy 23N, Delaware, OH 43015, 740-833-2080, e-mail: boe@co.delaware.oh.us, or on their web site at www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe.

Emerald Ash Borer Expands

The Ohio Department of Agriculture has now expanded its Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine to all 88 counties in Ohio. This means it is no longer illegal to move ash tree material and

hardwood lumber within the state. It is still illegal to move these materials outside Ohio due to the U.S. Department of Agriculture quarantine restrictions.

Test Your Soil

The Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District (DSWCD) has soil test packets from Calmar Labs available for pick up at their office at 557-A Sunbury Rd. in Delaware. The test is good for garden crops, forage, ornamentals, trees, and turf grasses. The packets are free from DSWCD and you include your payment to Calmar when sending your sample. Test your soil early to make amendments before planting.

Health News

The Delaware General Health District offers a variety of services that you can explore on their web site at www.delawarehealth.org.

On April 13 at 10:30 a.m. the monthly health talk is about Seniors Educated About Medications. The program is presented by Health District Nurse Sandy Miller at the Center for Older Adults.

On May 5, 12, and 19, 4-6 p.m., an Arthritis Self Help Workshop Series will be presented by Miller at the Center. Please call 740-203-2031 to register for this series.

Seniors can also get a free in-home safety check as well a free flashlight, night light, surge protector, and \$20 Kroger gift card. Call Anne Goodman at 740-203-2086 today.

Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted* otherwise. Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks.

Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) April 1
Trustees Meeting (1st Tuesday) April 5
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) April 8, 15
Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) April 20
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) April 22, 29

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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