

Kingston Township

February 2013

News

Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

Hello again. It has been a couple of years since I was your Trustees' Chairman. I am very happy to assume the role again and would like to say thanks to my fellow trustees for asking me to assume this key position. We are all grateful that you have selected us to represent you and your interests.

There are several issues that we will be looking at this year. There is a proposal for the replacement of the Blue Church bridge and some road modifications. We will continue to deal with our friends in the NorthStar area as development starts to take off at the I-71/36-37 interchange. And, a very high priority will be to figure out the cost of a proposed new township building, and take it to all residents for comments.

Please be careful on our roads this winter. Doug Crowl does a good job for us, but he can't be everywhere at once. Please feel free to contact him directly with road conditions or concerns at 740-815-8427.

As always, please feel free to call me with any concerns you have about Kingston Township at 740-965-1802, or e-mail me at svolpe@kingstontwp.org. Thanks, *Steve*

Trustees Organize For 2013

The Trustees met January 3 to organize for 2013. Elections, appointments, and liaisons to various organizations were selected as follows:

Trustees

Steve Volpe - Chairman

Bill Shively - Vice-Chairman

Dewey Akers - Executive Member

The Trustees' regular monthly meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

Porter Kingston Fire District - Dewey Akers

Health District Advisory Board - Steve Volpe

Zoning Office

Inspector - Bob Talbott

Assistant Zoning Inspector/Clerk - Dave Stites

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission

Dave Stites; Bob Talbott, Alternate

Zoning Commission

Tom Filbert, Jim Grove, Rick Giffin, Joey Jerome, Dick Strohm, and one alternate position open

Board of Zoning Appeals

Jim Collins, Nancy Gogle, Jim Kistner, Craig McCord, Steve Smith, Alternate Bill Hammond

Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton - Doug Crowl

Township Attorneys

Township - Delaware County Prosecutor

Zoning - Mike O'Reilly

Trustees News

At their January meeting, Trustees voted to give staff three percent wage increases.

Fiscal Officer Greg Roy is working on closing 2012 books

and opening 2013 which involves setting up new Universal Accounting Network software.

Trash pick up was delayed over the holidays. Big-O representative John Peckskamp said, "In addition to the service being delayed a day for each holiday, the snow also played havoc. Many of the streets in the Township were unpassable and a snow emergency was in effect for much of our service area. We attempted to get everyone picked up as soon as we could. Customers should check our website for updates on weather delays."

Trustees heard an update on former trustee Dave Martin's condition after a motorcycle accident. Martin has been discharged from a rehabilitation hospital and will live with his son in Michigan to continue physical therapy. His short-term memory is improving. We wish him well.

December Zoning Report

Complaints

- Regarding lack of owner action concerning unmowed grass/vegetation at a property on State Route 521, the Trustees signed a Nuisance Declaration on 10-02-12, and legal notice was sent to the property owner by certified mail on 10-06-12. On 11-06-12, the certified letter was returned to the Zoning Office unclaimed. On 11-06-12, the Trustees affirmed their commitment to the Nuisance Declaration and authorized the Zoning Office to post a legal notice in the newspaper to comply with Ohio Revised Code requirements. The legal notice was published in the Sunbury News on November 15th and the Delaware Gazette on November 16th. Doug Crowl mowed the property December 17 and the township's costs will be added to a lien on the property owner's tax bill.
- Received a complaint from a neighbor of a junk vehicle collector on Carter's Corner Rd. This was thought to be addressed in the spring with a letter from prosecutor's office and a phone call from violator who said he had removed all vehicles. Vehicles cannot be seen from road, just from the neighbor's yard. The property owner did put up a fence to screen the vehicles which complies with the zoning resolution; however, the fence does not extend far enough to screen all vehicles. As advised by the Trustees, the Zoning Office sent a letter to the property owner on 11-09-12 requesting that the fence be extended to resolve the complaint. The property owner has not contacted the Zoning Office to date. The county prosecutor sent a letter to the property owner.

Miscellaneous

- No applications have been received for the open Zoning Commission Alternate position. Interviews will be conducted for the open BZA position at the Trustee's February meeting.
- The Zoning Office hours will continue to be on Fridays, 8 a.m.-noon.
- The Zoning Commission will meet quarterly at 7 p.m. on February 20, May 15, August 21 and November 20.

2012 Zoning Summary

The Zoning Office issued 14 zoning permits, seven agricul-

tural use permits, and one conditional use permit. Three lot splits were approved and seven complaints were addressed. Three variance hearings were held and four Zoning Commission meetings were held.

BZA & Zoning Vacancies

Please consider volunteering your time to benefit your community. The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals and one position on the Zoning Commission.

The Zoning Commission meets on quarterly basis and deals with matters related to the Kingston Township Zoning Resolution, the Kingston Township Comprehensive Plan/Zoning District Map and other duties as defined within Chapter 519 of the Ohio Revised Code. The term runs through August 2015.

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on an as-needed basis hearing variance requests, appeal of orders issued by the zoning inspector, conditional use requests, and revocation of authorized variances and conditional zoning certificates. The appointment will fill a term that runs through December 2017.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office. This posting will remain open until such time that the position is filled. Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting held on February 5, 2013, 7 p.m. at the Kingston Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position.

Letters of interest may be submitted to Kingston Township, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by email to zoning@kingstontwp.org. Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit www.kingstontwp.org and look under Special Notices.

Township Roads Update

Highway Superintendent Doug Crowl continues to work toward compliance in 2015 with road sign reflectivity requirements. He has used 90 3/4 tons of salt so far this winter as of the beginning on January.

Crowl is organizing meetings with abutting townships to set joint road maintenance procedures. He is also scheduling a meeting with the Delaware County Engineer to discuss Blue Church Rd. Bridge replacement options, costs, and schedule.

PKFD 2012 Year End Report

The Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) responded to 250 calls for assistance in 2012 with a total of 1,298 individual responses of personnel, averaging six personnel per run.

PKFD personnel averaged 46 runs each for the 2012 calendar year. They supplied mutual aid to the surrounding area a total of 91 times and received mutual aid 26 times.

PKFD responded to 24 structure fires, 63 medical assists, and 33 motor vehicle accidents in 2012.

Personnel

The district hired six new firefighters and currently has 31 on the roster for an increase of five firefighters over 2011.

Training

PKFD personnel completed 147 hours of EMS training, 857 hours of fire training, and 55 hours of HAZMAT training in 2012. Two firefighters completed the Howell Rescue class. One firefighter completed the Rescue Technician course.

Equipment

The district purchased three new sets of turnout gear and the Utility 381 truck. PKFD received a \$1,500 EMS Grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety and received a \$2,450 training grant from the State Fire Marshall. Genesis

extrication equipment was added and upgraded. The lighting packages were upgraded on Grass 381 and Tanker 381 trucks. The carpet in the station and training room was replaced.

Porter Kingston Santa's Tour



Thanks to everyone who made Santa's tour of Porter and Kingston townships a big success.

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Kingston Calendar

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise, at 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.).
 Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks*.
 Trash & Recycling Day (Saturday*) Feb. 1
 Trustees Mtg. Feb. 5, 7 PM
 Trash & Recycling Days (Fridays) Feb. 8, 15, 22

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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 Dewey Akers, 803-1529, dakers@kingstontwp.org

FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 524-8591, fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org

DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833-2190
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NEWS & INFO

Township Web Site: <http://www.kingstontwp.org>
 Newsletter Editor: Jeanna Burrell 965-1914
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PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

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ROADS & CEMETERIES

Doug Crowl, 740-815-8427 roads@kingstontwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

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ZONING

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