



# News

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## Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone. Buckeye Chuck predicts an early spring for Ohio. Let's hope he is right! The weather forecast is for more mild temperatures as we get closer to spring.

The winter of 2013-2014 has been one for the record books. The cost to keep the roads clear this winter has been very costly for all state, city, and township governments in Ohio. I would like to say thank you to all the road, electric, fire, EMS, and public works personnel for doing a great job this winter under adverse weather conditions. We are all grateful!

Potholes will be a big problem for the next two months. Please report any potholes to the trustees or road superintendent so we can make timely repairs.

The planning committee for the proposed new township hall and park met with the architect and discussed the project and what information and studies have been done in the past on this property. We are still in need of township residents to serve on this committee. Contact one of the trustees if you are interested. We need your input!

NorthStar developers will be building its first section of homes on Wilson Road east of the wastewater treatment plant this spring. Please be careful going through the construction zone. Road improvement will be starting on this section of Wilson Road this year.

If you have any question or concerns, please contact me at 740-272-3668

## Township Hall and Park Planning

The Township Hall and Park Planning Committee held its first meeting on January 28. The committee met with Architect Tony Schorr to discuss needs and priorities for a potential township hall. The group discussed the importance the community placed on its agricultural heritage when the township's master plan was created. This should influence design of the building. Schorr will evaluate the silos on the property and determine if they can be saved. Being able to see the building from Carter's Corner Rd. was discussed and Schorr will evaluate the site for building placement.

The group discussed building needs including office space; a small conference room; a large meeting room for 150 with microphones and a projector; storage space; fire proof records storage; a kitchenette and catering area; Board of Elections requirements for voting; and, a foyer and congregation area. The possibility of using the building as a Red Cross shelter was discussed as well.

Park and trail needs were discussed as well as the need for maintenance and grounds equipment storage. The NorthStar developer will provide a driveway, septic system or sewer tap, trails, a playground, and a pavilion when the township hall is built.

The committee discussed constructing the building in one phase or two. The issue of building a township meeting hall

will have to be on the ballot. Financing was briefly discussed and may need to be on the ballot as well. Ballot procedures were discussed and will require resolutions in May and June to get on the fall ballot.

If you would like to offer your input, the next meeting will be February 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

## February Trustees Meeting

High speed internet concerns were discussed again. The township has been waiting long-term on information to come back from Time-Warner Cable. Sky Wirez has located a pole on Kilbourne Road that will provide wireless high speed internet for approximately a two-mile radius. It is not active yet but residents can get information at <http://skywirez.com/>.

Fiscal Officer Greg Roy reported that 2013 books are closed and the township ended the year with \$977,775 balance. Projected 2014 revenue is \$1.3 million.

The trustees will hear insurance proposals at their March meeting.

The trustees voted to increase the compensation for Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members to \$40 per meeting. The boards had received \$25 per meeting since they were founded in 1999. The trustees also approved Dave Stites to become a notary public.

## Roads

The township has used 108 tons of salt in January bringing the total so far this season to 262 tons. Several complaints were received about tire damage from potholes. The trustees voted to pay damages. The Delaware County Prosecutor had recommended in 2011 to pay such claims. The Road Superintendent will inspect roads twice a week to catch and repair potholes earlier.

Drainage issues at Beacom and Blue Church roads were discussed. All township road berms need cut down to allow better drainage.

No news has been received yet on the township's Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application for Berkshire Road.

## January Zoning Report

### Permits

- 3 permits were issued in January:
- 1 new build home on Wilson Rd.
  - 1 swimming pool on Carters Corners
  - 1 Lot split approved on Kilbourne Rd (former abandoned property).

### Complaints

Complaint about property on SR 61 and Rosecrans Rd. @ uncut grass, debris and sign. Third and final letter from Zoning

Office sent 11-08-13. Business sign has been removed but less than adequate progress has been made by the owner to clean up trash and debris adjacent to the residence. Mark Fowler of County Prosecutor's office will send letter to property owner to attempt to get compliance prior to litigation proceeding. Prosecutor letter sent 01-24-14. Property owner came to office 01-31-14 to discuss cleanup. Agreed to complete by April 30<sup>th</sup> with acknowledgment letter to be sent by owner to Zoning Office. Case pending.

Complaint regarding overgrown grass, accumulated trash and debris and excessive motor vehicles on a property located off State Route 61 was investigated by Zoning Inspector Talbott on 12-06-13. In general, overgrown grass is not an issue with the exception of one area that is overgrown and contains trash and debris. There are several vehicles located on the property; however, the vehicles appear to be licensed/parked in an organized fashion and do not present a zoning violation. Letter sent 12-06-13 asking for voluntary compliance in cleaning up trash and debris in the overgrown area. The property owner visited the Zoning Office to discuss the matter on 12-13-13, and indicated that they would address the overgrown area with debris by spring. Case pending.

### Miscellaneous

- Discussion about Commission compensation.
- Pursue Notary for Zoning Office.

## BZA Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The position is an existing term that runs through December 2017. The BZA meets on an as-needed basis hearing variance requests, appeals of orders issued by the zoning inspector, conditional use requests, and revocation of authorized variances and conditional zoning certificates.

Interested township residents should submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by email to [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org).

This posting will remain open until the position is filled. Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on February 3, 7 p.m., at the Kingston Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position. Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

## Burn and Scald Prevention

— from the U.S. Fire Administration

To prevent spills due to overturn of appliances containing hot food or liquids, use the back burner when possible and/or turn pot handles away from the stove's edge. All appliance cords need to be kept coiled and away from counter edges.

Use oven mitts or potholders when moving hot food from ovens, microwave ovens, or stovetops. Never use wet oven mitts or potholders as they can cause scald burns. Replace old or worn oven mitts.

Open heated food containers slowly away from the face to avoid steam burns. Hot steam escaping from the container or food can cause burns.

Foods heat unevenly in microwave ovens. Stir and test before eating.

Young children are at high risk of being burned by hot food and liquids. Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet around the stove.

Keep young children at least three feet away from any place where hot food or drink is being prepared or carried. Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges. When young children are present, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Never hold a child while cooking, drinking, or carrying hot foods or liquids. Teach children that hot things burn.

When children are old enough, teach them to cook safely. Supervise them closely.

### General First Aid for Burns and Scalds

Treat a burn right away by putting it in cool water. Cool the burn for three to five minutes. Cover the burn with a clean, dry cloth. Do not apply creams, ointments, sprays or other home remedies.

Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned area. These can hide underlying burns and retain heat, which can increase skin damage.

If the burn is bigger than your fist or if you have any questions about how to treat it, seek medical attention right away. See your doctor as soon as possible if the burn does not heal in two to three days.

[http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home\\_fire\\_prev/burn\\_prevention.shtm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/burn_prevention.shtm)

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## Who To Call (740 Area Code)

### TRUSTEES

**Bill Shively, Ch: 272-3668,** 8760 SR 521, Sunbury  
**Dewey Akers, Vice-Ch.: 803-1529,** [dakers@kingstontwp.org](mailto:dakers@kingstontwp.org)  
**Steve Volpe, 965-1802,** [svolpe@kingstontwp.org](mailto:svolpe@kingstontwp.org)

### FISCAL OFFICER

**Greg Roy: 524-8591,** [fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org](mailto:fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org)

### DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

**Emergency: 911;** **Business: 833-2190**  
<http://www.delcoems.org>

### NEWS & INFO

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

**Emergency: 911;** **Business: 524-5050**  
[PKFD@rrohio.com](mailto:PKFD@rrohio.com); <http://www.PKFD.org>

### ROADS & CEMETERIES

**Doug Crowl, 740-815-8427** [roads@kingstontwp.org](mailto:roads@kingstontwp.org)

### TRASH & RECYCLING

**Big-O Refuse:** **1- 888-924-BIGO (2446)**  
e-mail: [service@bigorefuse.com](mailto:service@bigorefuse.com)  
web: <http://www.bigorefuse.com>

### ZONING

**Robert Talbott:** **524-0290, Fax: 524-5304**  
e-mail: [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org)

## Kingston Calendar

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise.  
Trash pick up days are Fridays **except during holiday weeks\*.**  
Trustees Mtg. ----- **March 4, 7 PM**  
Trash & Recycling Days ----- **March 7, 14, 21, 28**