



# KINGSTON NEWS

January 2016

## Chairman's Chat

*By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman*

Hello Everyone. I hope all are doing well. We made it through Thanksgiving with only a few extra pounds and Christmas has come and gone. I like driving around and looking at the houses that are decorated for Christmas. We really have some great sights out there, especially at the corner of 521 and Carter's Corner. They do a fantastic job every year.

Jeanna Burrell has resigning as editor of our newsletter. She will work with Bob Talbott and Dave Stites, who will jointly take over newsletter responsibilities. We appreciate all that Jeanna has done for the township and hate to see her leave the newsletter. She has been involved in one capacity or another with the township for more than 15 years. The trustees have decided to issue the newsletter on a quarterly basis instead of monthly. The cost of issuing a monthly newsletter is approximately \$400 a month, so quarterly issuance will result in a savings to the township. If you have any suggestions about the newsletter, please contact me or one of the other trustees. Information about roads and any other activities will still be posted on the Township Web Site and at the Township Hall.

This is my last newsletter, as we change chairmen every year. It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman this past year, and I hope that you have a great New Year.

## ZONING REPORT

### Permits

2 permits were issued in December 2015 for an accessory structure on Beacom Road and an accessory structure addition on Wilson Road.

### Complaints

No complaints were received in December 2015.

### Miscellaneous

Starting January 2016, the Zoning Office will assume responsibility for preparation and distribution of the Kingston News. The newsletter will change from monthly to quarterly distribution starting in February 2016.

Zoning Secretary Stites is serving as Chairman of the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission and Executive Committee which oversees the Regional Planning Office and Staff.

### 2015 Zoning Activity Summary

- 22 Zoning Permits were issued:

New Built Homes	7
Accessory Structures	7
Deck/Patio	3
Structure Addition	4
Pool	1
- Agricultural Exemptions 4
- Lot Splits 2
- Complaints Closed 10
- Unpermitted Structure Letters 3
- Zoning Commission Meetings 4
- Board Zoning Appeals Meetings 0
  - Variance Hearings 0
  - Conditional Use Hearings 0

### Zoning Commission Meetings 2016 (Quarterly)

- February 3, 2016
- May 4, 2016
- August 3, 2016
- November 2, 2016

The **Board of Zoning Appeals** will meet as needed.

## ROADS & CEMETERIES

Routine maintenance was performed at both the Blue Church and Stark Cemeteries during 2015. No internments were performed; however, several lot/deed conflicts and survey discrepancies were resolved. The fuel station at the east entrance to the Blue Church Cemetery was relocated and properly screened south of the maintenance garage to enhance entrance appearance.

A grand total of \$1,218,172 dollars were spent improving our township roadways in 2015 funded by the Kingston Township (T), Delaware County Engineer (C) and the State of Ohio (S) through Ohio Public Works Commission grants as follows:

S. Blue Church Chip/Seal	\$43,125	T
Grader Paving Repair Various Rds.	\$40,827	T
Wilson Road Reconstruction	\$47,625	T
	\$47,625	C
	\$227,920	S
Blue Church Bridge Replacement	\$700,000	C
Clark Road Culver Replacement (2)	\$100,000	C
Blue Church Bridge Drainage	\$6,550	T
Rosecrans Stormwater Drop	\$4,500	T

Roadway Superintendent Crowl and the Trustees would like to thank the Delaware County Engineer's Office for their assistance, support and cooperation throughout 2015, and look forward to working with them in 2016 on a number of projects to maintain the safety of our roadways.

Roadway work being considered for 2016 includes culvert replacement on Blaney, Blue Church and Beacom Roads, turn around expansion on Basham Lane and Clark Roads, chip/seal on Wildwood Road, full depth reclamation of Blue Church Road north of State Route 521 to its dead end at Interstate 71, and reconstruction of Wilson Road between work completed in 2015 and the township line by Nationwide Realty Investors. The Ohio Department of Transportation intends to begin elevation work on the State Route 521 and North Galena Road bridges over Interstate 71 during 2016.

**Just A Reminder:** Contractors or homeowners planning any work (including excavation and driveway culvert pipes) within the township roadway right-of-way must obtain a permit from Kingston Township prior to initiating any work. Please contact Roadway Superintendent Doug Crowl at 740-815-8427. Township roads include Todd Street, Blue Church, Rosecrans, Twigg Hupp, Clark, Blayne, Wilson Stockwell (portion), Beacom (portion), Berkshire (portion) Roads and Basham and Wildwood Lanes.

**Special Thanks:** The Trustees would like to thank Mary Romaniw of Grove City for donating and installing eight fresh pine wreaths with red bows on the Blue Church Cemetery perimeter fence. Mary's

parents, Mike and Virginia Romaniw are buried in the cemetery, and Mary wanted to do something nice in honor of her parents for Christmas and for all others visiting the graves of loved ones. Mary's sister Jean Montgomery lives in Kingston Township and sister Carol Hoover lives nearby in Berkshire Township.

## 2016 TRUSTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RECAP

Chairman	Steve Volpe
Vice-Chair	Bill Shively
Executive Member	Dewey Akers

Porter-Kingston Fire District Liaison--Akers  
 Health District Advisory Board--Volpe  
 Legal Council Delaware Co. Prosecutor's Office  
 Outside Zoning Council O'Reilly Law Office  
 Mileage Reimbursement \$.54  
 Members renamed to both Zoning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals  
 Commission/Board Meeting Per Diem \$40.00  
 Renamed Cemetery Sexton Crowl  
 Renamed Road Superintendent Crowl  
 Renamed Zoning Inspector Talbott  
 Renamed Zoning Secretary/Asst. Zoning Inspector Stites  
 Township Employee Pay Increase 1.5%  
 Approved Zoning Fees and Cemetery Rules (no change from 2015)  
 Revised and Approved Cemetery Fees (see website under Cemetery)  
 ODOT Certified Roadway Mileage 17.93 miles  
 Approved \$1,674.00 Membership Dues Delaware County Regional Planning Commission  
 Approved \$902.00 Emergency Services Assessment Fee  
 Approved \$3,108 Health District Apportionment Fee  
 Readopted Public Record, Credit Card and Personnel Policies

## PORTER-KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

- 37 runs in November and 339 total runs for the year as of November.
- The District is researching the replacement of Engine 382 with a projected cost of about \$600,000.00.

- One life pack failed annual testing—evaluating need for replacement.

## CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. Trash pickup days are Fridays except during holiday weeks\*.

**Trustees Meeting** February 2nd, 7 PM

**Zoning Commission** February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 PM

**Trash Days** January 15, 22 & 29  
February 5, 12, 19 & 26

## CONTACTS

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### DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 [www.delcoems.org](http://www.delcoems.org)

### NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290

Township Web Site: [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org)

**Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org) or by phone at 740-524-0290 to be added or removed from the Newsletter Distribution List.**

### PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

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### ROADS & CEMETERIES

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