



Kingston Township

March 2009

News

Chairman's Chat

By John Fink

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and not suffering too bad from cabin fever. I can't remember a winter with the temperatures dipping down to the teens or below so early in the season and remaining that low for as long as it has. Hopefully, by the time you're reading this newsletter we'll only have a week or two of cold weather left to endure.

It was nice to see neighbors out helping neighbors clear their driveways during the big snow fall at the end of January. Clearing the roads was difficult due to the extremely low temperatures, the volume of snow that fell in a short time period, and the wind that seemed to come and go causing drifting. I want to thank Road Superintendent Ed Moore for sticking with it until the roads were clear. If you live on a township road and your mail box was knocked off the post as a result of the plowing, please contact me and I'll have Ed reinstall it.

I returned from the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference earlier this afternoon where I gained some insight into grant writing that I hope to put to use later this year. Our Zoning Office staff attended workshops on wind turbine farm legislation and the junk vehicle law to mention a couple. Trustees Dewey Akers and Bill Shively attended workshops on Ohio Ethics Laws and HB 458. The subjects covered at this year's conference were very timely. I think we all brought back something we can use.

Please update your e-mail addresses for the Township officers since some recently changed to the kingstontwp.org domain address. They are listed in the Who to Call column on the back of this newsletter.

36/37/71 Improvements

According to Steven Fellenger, P.E., Project Manager for District Six of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the safety study of the U.S. 36/State Route 37 interchange with Interstate 71 has been completed. Decisions have been made regarding improvements to the corridor and construction is currently planned for the Summer of 2012.



- Improvements will include:
- Construction of dual left and dual right turn lanes on the northbound and southbound exit ramp approach to US 36/SR 37 for added capacity.
 - Re-stripping of lanes on the structure over I-71 which will create single, side by side left turn lanes to both north and south I-71. This does not require widening of the structure.
 - Extension of the single, left turn lane on US 36/SR 37 at the ramp intersections across the adjacent ramp intersection (east and westbound directions). This also creates added capacity.
 - Construction of a raised concrete median from the Access Road (Shell/BP) to just east of the McDonald's driveway and also from the I-71 northbound ramps to just west of the Flying J truck entrance. This will cause existing driveways at locations such as BP, Shell, McDonald's, Flying J, Pilot, and Burger King to become right in/right out only.
 - A potential signal at Wilson Road and US 36/SR 37 intersection is under consideration for this location.
 - Left turn lanes on east bound US 36/SR 37 to Wilson Road.
 - Addition of a backage road connecting Flying J to Wilson Road (location to be determined).

The Ohio Department of Transportation is also studying the access management along the US 36/SR 37 Corridor from Delaware to Sunbury.

PKFD Annual Report

The Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) annual statistics are as follows:

Runs

- PKFD responded to 309 calls for assistance in 2008 with a total of 2,571 individual responses of personnel, averaging nine personnel per

run.

- PKFD personnel averaged 85 runs each for the 2008 calendar year.
- PKFD supplied mutual aid to the surrounding area a total of 91 times and received mutual aid 41 times.
- Del. Co. EMS Responded to 223 runs in Porter and Kingston twps.

Personnel

- Hired three new firefighters and promoted two new lieutenants.

Training:

- PKFD personnel completed 301 hours of EMS training and 1,074 hours of fire training in 2008.
- One firefighter completed the Rapid Intervention Team class and one completed the EMT-B class.
- Two firefighters completed the Howell Rescue class.
- One firefighter completed the Certified Fire Instructor class.

Equipment

- Purchased five new sets of turnout gear and a new Paratech Bipod Kit.
- Received grant awards for a CEDAP Wolfpack Viewing System, Searchcam and Breaching System, and ODNF Forestry equipment.
- Received a \$1,500 grant award from the Ohio Division of EMS.
- Received and installed three new Panasonic Toughbooks in the trucks.

Thanks to all our Fire District personnel for all they do to keep us safe throughout the year!

Run of the Month

Porter Kingston Fire District personnel were dispatched to Wilson Rd. just West of State Route 61 on December 19th, 2008 for a report of wires down. They were notified

Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted* otherwise.

Trustees Meet 1st Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Commission Meets 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.

Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays
(except during holiday weeks*)

Trustees Meeting	March 3, 7:30 pm
Trash Day	March 5
Fire Board Mtg.	March 9, 7:30 p.m.
Recycling Bin Arrives	March 12 (until full)
Trash Day	March 12
Zoning Commission	March 18, 7 p.m.
Trash Days	March 19, 26

enroute that a school bus was involved with the driver and approximately eight children on the bus. Fortunately, the firefighters determined that the wires were broken at both ends and posed no danger to the children or bus driver.



The Big Walnut Schools immediately sent a replacement bus and the children were unloaded without incident and sent safely on their way.

Consolidated Electric determined that the wires had become weighed down by the ice and became entangled on the bus.

Trustees News

In February, the trustees discussed a multi-township proposal to improve Stockwell Road. Residents on the road will be contacted about the proposal which includes lowering a hill, widening the road, and repaving. The project is complicated by the lack of right-of-ways. Each township would pay for their portion of the road work. Kingston has approximately 1,000 ft.

Trustees also reviewed a Lawn Care Request For Proposal (RFP) draft. The final version will be posted on the township's web site and advertised in the paper in time for bids to be opened at the March 3 meeting.

Township Hall Land

The trustees opened bids for a phase one environmental analysis of the 270 acres of NorthStar donated land. Four bids were received and will be reviewed. The lowest acceptable bid will be approved. The project will involve evaluation of the land and soil borings on 25 acres to determine its suitability for a township hall and septic field.

The township should receive a Right-of-Entry Agreement from the Robert Weiler Company soon. This allows township officials to inspect the site and begin planning for the township hall construction.

Zoning News

At their January meeting, the Board of Zoning Appeals elected Jim Martin chairman and Tracy Trout vice-chair.

In February, the trustees passed a resolution approving a contract with the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission to revise the zoning resolution. The process kicked off February 18.

Fiscal Officer Moves

Fiscal Officer Greg Roy moved his office to the township hall. His address will be 9899 St. Rt. 521, Sunbury, OH 43074 and his new e-mail address is: fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org.

The state auditor will begin the audit of the 2007-08 books on Feb. 23.

Recycling

When the township's recycling bin seems is gone, you can take your items to other nearby locations, too:

- Porter Twp. Hall, 12826 McKay St., Olive Green: arrives 1st Tues./month.
- Brown Twp., between the old school and the church, 5563 St. Rt. 521, Kilbourne, arrives 2nd Tues./month.
- Big Walnut Plaza, 490 W. Cherry St., Sunbury, full time bin.

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