

Kingston Township

February 2010

News

Chairman's Chat

By Steve Volpe

Let me open by wishing one and all a happy and prosperous new year. I hope everyone's holidays have been happy with the enjoyment of friends and family.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, Dewey Akers and Bill Shively, for selecting me to be this year's chairman. It's quite an honor. I would also like to join the chorus of others in thanking John Fink for his years of service and dedication to Kingston Township.

Our Road Superintendent, Ed Moore, has always done a wonderful job keeping our township roads clear. However, there is no doubt that winter is upon us. Rural road conditions can be treacherous with blowing snow and icy conditions, and the occasional deer darting into your path. Please be careful out there. When calling to report road hazards, please be as specific as possible with the description and location of the problem. And don't forget to leave your contact information whenever you call any of your township officials to ensure your call can be returned. We are here to serve you.

The Trustees' year began with the annual organizational meeting, followed by the monthly meeting. Some 45 resolutions were reviewed and acted upon. Both meetings were held on Tuesday, January 5th. I encourage you to stop by to your Trustees Meetings, held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. to voice any concerns or just see your township government in action.

I look forward to bringing you current updates on many township issues in future Chairman's Chats.

Please feel free to contact me at svolpe@kingstontwp.org, or any other Trustee with your comments. You can find all contact information in the "Who to Call" box in each issue of the newsletter as well as on our website at www.kingstontwp.org.

Trustees Organize For 2010

The Trustees met in January to organize for 2010. Elections, appointments, and liaisons to various organizations were selected as follows:

2010 Representatives

Trustees
Steve Volpe - Chairman
Dewey Akers - Vice-Chairman

Porter Kingston Fire District
Dewey Akers

Health District Advisory Board
Steve Volpe

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission
Dave Stites
Bob Talbott, Alt.

Zoning Commission
Jeanna Burrell
Maribeth Deavers
Tom Filbert, Alternate
Jim Grove
Doug Harsany
Bill Steinhoff

Board of Zoning Appeals
Rick Giffin, Alternate
Jim Kistner
Jim Martin
Steve Smith
Tracy Trout
One Open Position

The Trustees named the Delaware County Prosecutor as township legal counsel. They also named O'Reilly Law Office as outside zoning legal counsel to be used on an as-needed basis.

The Trustees reaffirmed employee appointments with Bob Talbott serving as the zoning inspector, Dave Stites as the zoning clerk, and Ed Moore as both cemetery sexton and highway superintendent.

The Trustees regular monthly meetings will remain at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. The Zoning Office hours will continue to be on Fridays, 8 a.m.-noon.

Any vacant employment positions will be advertised in *The Sunbury News* and *Delaware Gazette* while appointed zoning board positions will be advertised in the *Kingston News* and on the township's web site.

Salaries and per diems were set. Cemetery and zoning fees remain the same. A health care reimbursement was set for employees' non-reimbursed costs.

The Trustees also set a policy of requiring three competitive bids for any purchase over \$1,000. They also set Road Department spending limits of \$1,000 for materials only.

Appropriations

Temporary appropriations for 2010 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 78,000
Motor Vehicle License	
Tax Fund	\$ 10,000
Gasoline Tax Fund	\$ 15,000
Cemetery Fund	\$ 2,000
Zoning Fund	\$ 5,000
Permissive Motor Vehicle	
License Tax Fund	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	\$115,000

Investments in Star Ohio are \$138,341 and funds in the Delaware County Bank total \$445,208.

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 PM
Zoning Commission Meets 3rd Wed., 7 PM
Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays

(except during holiday weeks*)	
Trustees Meeting	Feb. 2, 7:30 PM
Trash Day	Feb. 5
Fire Board Mtg.	Feb. 8, 7:30 PM
Recycling Bin Arrives	Feb. 11 (until full)
Trash Day	Feb. 12
Zoning Commission	Feb. 17, 7 PM
Trash Days	Feb. 19, 26

Dues and Fees

The township is a member of various organizations. Some have per capita fees based on the township's estimated 2010 population of 2,146.

- The Trustees approved the following:
- Emergency Service Fee = \$845.20
 - Delaware County Regional Planning Commission = \$2,230
 - Health District Fee = \$2,930.36

BZA

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals. The appointment will fill an unexpired term that runs through December 2012. Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Friday, January 22, 2010. 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.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 7:30 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.

The letter of interest and resume may be submitted by mail or e-mail at the addresses below:

Kingston Township Hall
9899 State Route 521
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

or
zoning@kingstontwp.org.

2009 Zoning

The Zoning Office summarizes their year as follows:

- 23 zoning permits issued vs. 17 in 2008;
- 3 new build permits vs. 2 in 2008;
- 8 agricultural exemptions processed;
- 1 variance approved;
- 1 lot split approved;
- 5 unpermitted structure letters sent out and resolved;
- 6 complaints received from the

- public with 4 resolved to date;
- Revising and updating the zoning code text in conjunction with the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission;
- Completed bidding and execution of the NorthStar Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment; and,
- Assumed responsibility for newsletter mailings and township web site updates.

PKFD Helps Santa Visit



The Porter Kingston Fire District once again helped Santa tour the township to be sure he knew where all the children live before he makes his rounds on the Christmas Eve. Santa greeted kids after his tour at the fire house, listening to wish lists, and enjoying refreshments. Thanks to everyone who made this event a big success!

2009 PKFD

The Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) responded to 282 calls for assistance in 2009 with a total of 2,022 individual responses of personnel, averaging eight personnel per run.

PKFD personnel averaged 81 runs each for the 2009 calendar year.

PKFD supplied mutual aid to the surrounding area a total of 96 times and received mutual aid 40 times.

The district began the process of purchasing land in Kingston Township for a future fire station.

Personnel

- Hired two new firefighters.

Training

- PKFD personnel completed 288 hours of EMS training and 900.5 hours of fire training in 2009.
- Two firefighters completed the Howell Rescue class.
- Two firefighters completed the Certified Fire Instructor Class.

Equipment

- The district purchased five new sets of turnout gear.

- We received a \$6,500 donation from the Sunbury FOE for 5" Hose.
 - The district received a grant award from the Ohio Department of EMS for \$1,500.
 - The ISG Thermal Imager was upgraded.
 - PKFD received two new Search Cams and a Breaching system.
 - The concrete apron in front of the station was replaced.
- Respectfully submitted,
Chief Thompson

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