

Kingston Township News

March 2010

Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

There is no doubt that winter is upon us. I hope everyone is doing well. Ed Moore has been doing a good job keeping the roads clear. Please continue to be careful and watch for ice, drifting snow, and our exuberant deer population. If there are road problems, please feel free to contact any of your trustees or Ed. We are here to serve you.

Trustee Dewey Akers and myself had the opportunity to participate in the inaugural meeting of the Delaware County Elected Officials. It is quite a diverse group with townships, villages, cities, and the county being represented. We discussed a wide variety of topics, including homeland security, port authority, and shared concerns on roads, etc. There is an enthusiastic and cooperative attitude within this group. We look forward to future meetings and discussions with others who may have insight into the concerns of a developing township.

I also had the opportunity to meet with our Delaware County roads liaison. As always, the county's help will be instrumental in the planning, bidding and execution of road maintenance contracts. By combining bids with other road work throughout the county, we have been able to save valuable tax dollars (AKA your money). We also had a chance to talk about the upcoming implementation of new regulations regarding reflective signage.

What was apparent in both of these meetings was the overwhelming sense of cooperation and spirit of partnership. I am looking forward to working with all the team members throughout Delaware County.

Later this month, the Ohio Township Association will hold its Winter Conference in Columbus. Trustees, fiscal officers, and zoning officials are all invited to attend. There will be a wide variety of seminars to attend. I will report on this in my next "Chairman's Chat".

Zoning News

Collins Appointed to BZA



At their February meeting, the Kingston Township Trustees appointed Jim Collins to serve on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Collins fills the unexpired term of Steve Volpe that runs through December 2012. Collins has lived in the township for one year with his wife of 23 years, Rhonda, and two sons who are 16 and 21. Collins grew up in Worthington and relocated here from Indiana. He is the general manager at Toyota Direct.

Thanks to Burrell and Harsany

The trustees and zoning commission members would like to thank Zoning Commission members Jeanna Burrell and Doug Harsany for their service to the township. Both members resigned their positions recently.

Burrell was a charter member of the commission who assisted in getting zoning under our local control and writing



Trustees Chairman Steve Volpe thanks Jeanna Burrell for her decade of service to the township.



Trustees Chairman Steve Volpe presents Doug Harsany with a certificate of excellence.

the initial zoning resolution. She also served as zoning secretary and initially established the township's zoning office. She assisted in revising the zoning resolution and developing the township's first master land use plan. She has served for a decade and served as chairwoman and vice-chairwoman of the commission.

Harsany began serving on the commission in August 2004. He brought his ample experience from the Ohio Department of Development to the table. He worked on revising the zoning resolution and developing the township's first master land use plan. He has served as chairman and vice chairman and has been presiding over the current comprehensive update of the zoning resolution.

Zoning Commission Vacancies

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing two positions on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission. The appointments will fill two unexpired terms; one position that runs through August 2012 and one that runs through August 2014.

The Zoning Commission meets on a monthly 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.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 7:30 p.m. at the Kingston Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Friday, February 26, 2010. Applicants should specify their interest in the position that runs through 2012, 2014 or either position. The letter of interest and resume may be submitted e-mail to zoning@kingstontwp.org or by mail or to the following address: Kingston Township Hall, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074.

Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions.

Home Heating Safety Tips

- From Division of State Fire Marshal

Fireplaces and Wood Burning Stoves

- Allow enough clearance between a wood burning stove and combustible materials such as walls, floors and ceilings.
- A wood stove should be placed on an approved stove board to protect your floor from heat and hot coals.
- Make sure the flue is open before lighting a fire, and never close the flue while a fire is still smoldering.
- Use a fireplace screen to prevent any sparks from reaching out and igniting nearby objects.
- Never use gasoline or lighter fluid to start a fire.
- The immediate area in front of a fireplace (approximately three feet) should not have a rug, carpet or exposed wood flooring.
- When lighting a gas fireplace, strike your match first, then turn on the gas.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood, and dispose of the cooled ashes in a closed metal container outside and away from your home.
- Never leave a fire burning unattended in the fireplace.

Portable Space Heaters

- When buying a space heater, look for a control feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.
- Never leave a heater on when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep, and do not leave children or pets unattended around any heating source. Unplug the heater when you are not using it.
- Don't use an extension cord with an electric portable heater. The current to the heater could melt the cord and cause a fire.
- Don't plug more than one heating device into an outlet.
- Never use electric heaters near water – as in your bathroom or near a water heater.

Kerosene Heaters

- Make sure the room has proper ventilation.
- Fill your heater with only crystal clear, K-1 kerosene. Do not use fluid that is not recommended for your heater.
- Refuel outside, and only after the heater has cooled down.
- Check the wick every couple of weeks during the heating season. If the wick is dirty, clean it according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Because a kerosene heater has a constant open flame, it should not be used in a room where there are flammable solvents, aerosol sprays, gasoline or any type of oil.

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors, when properly installed and maintained, provide early warning when fire occurs. For the greatest protection, install a smoke detector on every level of your home and inside each sleeping area.

Test smoke detectors at least once each month to ensure that they are working properly. Vacuum the dust from inside the detector at least once every year. Batteries in battery-operated detectors should be changed twice a year or whenever a detector "chirps" to signal low battery power. Never "borrow" a smoke detector's battery for another use. A disabled detector cannot save your life. In addition, smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years or according to the manufacturer's specifications.

Also, develop an escape plan and make sure every family member knows what to do if the fire alarm does sound.

Recycling

Our recycling bin is operated by your Delaware Knox Marion Morrow (DKMM) Solid Waste District. This is a free service and the township does not profit. The bin is placed at the Kingston Township Maintenance Building, 5755 Blue Church Rd. (near the intersection of S.R. 521 by the cemetery), on the second Thursday of each month. If the recycling bin is full, contact Trustee Dewey Akers at 740-803-1529 so he can contact DKMM to have the bin emptied. Once

the bin is removed, it is not returned until the second Thursday of the next month.

Take these steps to help maximize our recycling bin's usefulness and length of stay:

- Break down boxes, and flatten cans and plastic containers.
- Toss materials into the far corners of the bin and make sure voids are filled.
- Never leave materials outside the bin – that's littering.

Only #1 and #2 plastic containers should be placed in the recycling bins. Examples include soft drink bottles, milk jugs, and laundry detergent bottles.

Remember that certain materials should not go in the recycling bin. Pyrex, Corelle dishes, Corning Ware, and similar cookware that can be used in hot ovens should not be placed in recycling bins. These items can ruin an entire load of glass undergoing reprocessing.

Sims Brothers handles the recycling materials and has been discarding as much as 1,000 pounds of unacceptable materials from the bins every day. These include #5 and #6 plastics such as yogurt containers, clear plastic throwaway food containers, peanut butter jars, and some pancake syrup bottles. Other items that should never go in recycling bins include trash and heavy metal objects.

Newsletter Changes

We've revised the format of the newsletter to two columns for improved readability in electronic format. To receive an e-mailed version, contact kingstonnews@embarqmail.com.

Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted* otherwise. Trash pick up days are Thursdays except during holiday weeks.

Trustees Meeting (1st Tuesday) March 2, 7:30 PM
Trash Day (Thursday) March 4
Recycling Bin Arrives (2nd Thursday) March 11 (until full)
Trash Day (Thursday) March 11
Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) March 17, 7 PM
Trash Days (Thursday) March 18, 25

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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