

# Kingston Township

## News

January 2006

### Comments from Chairman Dan Basham

As we begin a new year, we bid farewell to Trustee Sally Joiner and Fire Chief Larry Caudy. Thanks to both for their many, many years of fine service to this township!

We welcome John Fink as a new trustee and Bill Shively as a returning trustee.

This will be my last column as the chairman as we'll be choosing a new chairman at our January 3 organizational meeting. It has been a pleasure serving you as your chairman this year. I look forward to working with the new chairperson in 2006.

I have made a concerted effort to conduct meetings in an orderly manner so everyone may voice their opinions. We will continue to do the best we can at each meeting. We invite you to attend our trustees' meetings to offer your input.

I also want to thank our employees Dave LaValle, Ed Moore, and Bonnie Newland and our newsletter editor Jeanna Burrell.

We've accomplished a lot in the past year and, if we all work together, we can accomplish much more.

If you have a question or concern, call me at 614-397-1530 or e-mail Basham007@aol.com.

### Farewell to Sally

At the December 19 Trustees Meeting, former trustee Dave Martin presented a plaque to Sally Joiner recognizing her 22 years of service as a clerk and trustee for the township. Joiner said she loved serving her township but felt it was time to retire. Residents gave Joiner a standing ovation in appreciation of all her service.



### Farewell to Larry

Residents bid farewell to Porter-Kingston Fire Chief Larry Caudy at the Dec. 5 Trust-

ees meeting. Caudy moved to the area in 1968 and became a fire department volunteer. He became fire chief in 1972.

Caudy reflected on the changes over the years. During his first year in 1968, there were 18 runs and now there are more than 300 each year. In 1988, Porter Township turned over its equipment when a joint fire district was formed with Kingston. The fire department now has 25 volunteers including two staff members.

### OTA Lease Program

Representatives of Ross, Sinclair & Associates attended the December 5 Trustees meeting to discuss the Ohio Township Association Master Lease Program.

The program allows townships to finance up to 35 years for building projects with tax-exempt interest rates. Township parks, buildings, road maintenance vehicles and equipment, and police and fire vehicles and equipment are among the items eligible for financing under this program. The program would allow the trustees to finance the building of a township hall and park without a levy.

The NorthStar developers have informed Township Clerk Greg Roy that they will turn over the 25 acre township hall site when the final plat is recorded.

### YMCA

Trudy Pieper, of the YMCA Central Ohio, addressed residents at the December 5 Trustees Meeting. She has visited most of the townships and villages in the Big Walnut area to discuss the possibility of a new YMCA in the area. Sunbury has offered land along Miller Drive. She explained the various program the Y offers including day care and health and fitness programming and facilities.

### Trustees Meetings

At the December 5 and 19 meetings, trustees went into executive session with Assistant County Prosecutor Chris Betts to discuss personnel matters.

### Kingston Township Meetings

Township Hall, 9899 St.  
Rt. 521, Rt. 521 &  
Carter's Corner Rd.

### Trustees

First Mondays  
7:30 pm

January 3  
Organizational  
Meeting

January 9

Feb. 6

March 6

### Zoning Commission

3rd Wednesdays  
7:00 p.m.

January 18

February 15

March 15

At the December 19 meeting, residents commented on the manner in which a zoning violation was handled by the zoning inspector and about the production of the newsletter.

The trustees placed a letter in the inspector's personnel file detailing the incident and voted to continue their contract with the zoning inspector.

Trustees did not discuss the newsletter at this meeting, but will discuss it at a later date.

While we normally close the books at our end-of-the-year meeting, there were still some outstanding invoices and the books will not be closed until January.

## Zoning News

Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG) is providing a professional review of the township's Planned Residential District. Tom Bowlus represented PDG at the Zoning Commission's December meeting. He reviewed changes in the law that affect what local zoning can regulate.

He also discussed various types of planned unit development (PUD) districts and land use issues and strategies.

The Zoning Commission is reviewing the revised master plan.

While Judge Whitney said he would rule at the end of November on whether the Done Right Plumbing hearing was held properly, no decision has been issued yet.

During November, the zoning office received 7 zoning permit

applications. (2 additions, 3 accessory buildings, and 2 new buildings).

The Zoning Office received a four-lot split proposal for the Meadows at Blue Church on the northernmost end of Blue Church Road.

## Subdivision Reviews

The Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) has received preliminary subdivision plans for Cedar Grove Estates on Berkshire Road and the NorthStar Golf Course. Both were reviewed by the Technical Review Committee on Dec. 20. The County Engineer expressed concerns about storm water control plans on the golf course.

The golf course plans were reviewed at the Dec. 29 DCRPC meeting. The Cedar Grove plans were withdrawn by the owner.

## Spring Clean-up

At the Dec. 5 Trustees meeting, Doug Worley, of Buckeye Valley Waste, made a proposal to have a two-day spring clean-up. Buckeye Valley would provide large containers for residents to bring trash to the township maintenance building. Residents could clean out items that don't normally go in the trash.

Worley said he would need township volunteers to unload items. The event would be offered to the township at cost and those costs can be partially recouped by sorting and recycling steel.

This would not be a hazardous waste event like the County offers.

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