

Kingston Township October 2010 News

Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

Wow, it's almost election time. I know you think I'm nuts, but the fact is Absentee Voting starts September 28th! You may also think I'm nuts because I shouldn't be concerned because there are three years left in my term. But these are the times that try men's souls. The country is in trouble, the state is in trouble, and the township system is under attack.

I am certain that everyone knows of the financial woes of the nation and state. But, I am willing to bet dollars to donuts that most are unaware of the state level discussions and efforts to eliminate the township form of government. Many of those in power for the past few years feel that the State of Ohio can take care of our local business better than the people who live here. You may feel that way too but I whole heartedly disagree. Surrendering our local rule, which operates well in the black, to a state bureaucracy that is billions of dollars in the red is a lousy idea. To think that money from Kingston Township will actually make it back to the township is folly. To think that someone in Columbus will feel an urgent need to clear the snow from our roads or to take our local concerns seriously is absurd.

This is a crucial election on many levels. I encourage everyone to make the effort to find out where the candidates stand on the concerns that are important to you. Study the issues. Listen to both sides and vote with your brain. Your country, state, and township need you to be an informed voter.

Remember, life is not a rehearsal. Get out and enjoy yourself.

Trustees Meeting

At their September meeting, the trustees discussed that the current trash hauling contract ends Oct. 31 but Rumpke billed, and most residents paid, through November. The trash hauling contract is being advertised and bids will be opened at the October 5 trustees meeting. If Rumpke is not the successful bidder, they will have to refund the extra month's payments.

The trustees decided to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Big Walnut Watershed Planning District.

Road Work

Road Superintendent Doug Crawl reported to trustees that he has sprayed and mowed along all township roads.

If anyone knows of any scouts in need of a service project, ask them to contact Crawl regarding sprucing up the Blue Church bell and creating a memorial garden. Crawl drafted cemetery rules for the trustees to review.

Zoning News

The Zoning Commission is reviewing the draft of the Zoning Code. The township's zoning attorney will review the document as well.

One new accessory building permit was issued on Rosecrans Rd. A complaint was received about uncut grass, debris, and

assorted junk at a property on State Route 61. A letter was sent regarding erection of an unpermitted accessory building on Kilbourne Road.

A hearing was held August 31 on a variance request on State Route 61 to construct a 24' X 32' pole building. A variance to the 25' side yard setback was granted.

Zoning Commission Vacancy Extension

No candidates were available for interviews at the Trustees September meeting, so applicants have an additional month to apply for the Zoning Commission Position.

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will appoint one position on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission. The five-year appointment runs through August 2015. Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Friday, October 1, 2010.

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, October 5, 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 to Kingston Township Hall, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by e-mail to zoning@kingstontwp.org. Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions.

Obsolete Equipment For Sale

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will sell at public auction the following surplus items from the Maintenance Department on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kingston Township Hall located at 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, OH:

- John Deere 1020 tractor, ID# T4L1C116106T;
- John Deere 3700 Mower;
- Michigan 85A Loader, ID#1DA392;
- Woods Rotary Ditch Bank Mower S105-3, ID#006015;
- Gledhill Snow Plow 11HTRC-F, ID#GC29800;
- Single Axle Trailer;
- Cycle Bar Mower;
- Salt Spreader;
- V Plow for Road Grader; and,
- Miscellaneous: floor jack, small jack stands, and small chainsaw (not working).

All equipment may be viewed at the Kingston Township Maintenance building, 5755 Blue Church Road, Sunbury, OH on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, from 5-8 p.m., and on

Saturday, September 25, 2010, from 9 a.m.-Noon.

One sealed bid per item is to be submitted and must be marked on the outside of said bid as to the item bidding on. All bids must be submitted to the township fiscal officer by 7:30 p.m., October 5, 2010. Bids may be mailed to: Kingston Township Fiscal Officer, Attention: Public Auction, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, OH 43074.

All bidders must be present at the Kingston Township Trustees meeting on October 5, 2010 to raise their bids after their bids are opened. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids.

Terms of sale of the above equipment: Highest bidder will pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of auction and the balance is due within 30 days from the date of the auction. Cash or certified check will be accepted. Any other fee/or expenses involved in said transaction shall be the responsibility of the buyer. Items are to be removed at the time of closing or arrangements may be made with the trustees for removal at a later date.

Fight Fire with Facts

Bedroom Fire Prevention and Home Fire Safety

About 3,500 Americans die each year in fires and about 20,000 are injured. You **can** stop the fire before it starts. Use this fact sheet to learn how to prevent a fire in your home and know what to do if you have a fire.

Stop a bedroom fire before it starts:

1. **NEVER** smoke in bed.
2. Replace mattresses made before the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
3. Keep lighters and matches in a locked drawer or cabinet out of reach of children. Children are one of the highest risk groups for death in home fires.
4. Do not run electrical cords under your bed or trap them against a wall where heat can build up. Never put too many plugs into an extension cord.
5. Keep lit candles away from bedding, curtains, papers, and anything else that can catch fire easily.
6. Take extra care when using space heaters. Keep bedding, clothes, curtains, and other flammable items at least three (3) feet away from them.
7. Only use laboratory-approved electric blankets and warmers. Check to make sure the cords are not worn away or coming apart.

Be prepared for a fire:

1. One of the best ways to protect yourself and your family is to have a working smoke alarm that can sound fast for both a fire that has flames, and a smoky fire that has fumes without flames. It is called a "Dual Sensor Smoke Alarm." A smoke alarm greatly reduces your chances of dying in a fire.
2. Make sure everyone in your family knows at least two (2) escape routes from their bedrooms.
3. Make and practice a home fire escape plan and set a meeting place outside.
4. In case of a fire, stay low to the ground beneath the smoke.

Get out, stay out.

- courtesy of your Porter Kingston Fire District and http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/mediacorps/gr_bedroom.pdf

Kilbourne Fall Festival and Homecoming

The Kilbourne Fall Festival and Homecoming will be on Saturday, October 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Kilbourne United Methodist Church, 5591 St. Rt. 521, Kilbourne, OH 43032.

For more information on the festival visit

www.kilbourneumc.org.

Household Hazardous Waste

You can drop off your household hazardous waste at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware 43015 on Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Accepted items include:

- **Electronics** - cell phones, computers, monitors, and other components;
- **Flammables** - adhesives, flares, gasoline, kerosene, lighter fluid, motor oil and filters, propane cylinders (20 # max.), and turpentine;
- **Corrosives** - acids, caustics, car batteries, drain cleaners, household batteries, and pool chemicals;
- **Reactives** - ammunition (50 cal. or less), cyanide, fertilizers, and pool chlorine; and,
- **Toxics or Poisons** - ammonia, antifreeze, bleach, brake fluid, insect killers, mercury, rat poison, transmission fluid, and weed killers.

No televisions or paint will be accepted. No tires will be accepted without payment (\$1-25 depending on size). For more information on unacceptable items, visit

www.delawarehealth.org.

Newsletter By E-mail

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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) Oct. 5, 7:30 PM
Trash Days (Thursdays) Oct. 7, 14
Recycling Bin Arrives (2nd Thursday) .. Oct. 14 (until full)
Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) Oct. 20, 7 PM
Trash Day (Thursdays) Oct. 21, 28
Beggar's Night Oct. 28, 6-8 PM

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

TRUSTEES

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Dewey Akers: 803-1529, dakers@kingstontwp.org
Bill Shively: 272-3668, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury, OH

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NEWS & INFO

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PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050
PKFD@rrohio.com; <http://www.PKFD.org>

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Twp. Maintenance, Doug Crowl 740-513-8041

TRASH

Rumpke: 1-888-RUMPKE1 (1-888-786-7531)
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ZONING

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