

Kingston Township

News

March 2011

Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! The first day of spring is March 20th. The groundhogs have predicted an early spring! I hope they are right! This has been one long, cold winter.

The trustees passed the revisions to the Kingston Township zoning resolution. I would like to thank the zoning board and staff for doing an excellent job of updating our zoning code.

The trash service transition from Rumke to Big-O has gone very well. Big-O's convenient curbside recycling program beats having to load and haul recyclable materials miles away in order to recycle. For an additional \$13.20 per quarter, it is cost effective and convenient to recycle and is good for our environment. Contact Big-O for more information on co-mingled curbside recycling.

As the weather warms up, potholes are sure to follow. Please contact Road Superintendent Doug Crowl or one of the trustees to report potholes or road hazards so we can make timely repairs to the roads. Your safety is our priority. Please drive safely.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me (740) 524-2333

Zoning Code Adopted

On February 1, the Trustees held a public hearing on the proposed text amendments to the Kingston Township Zoning Resolution. No public input was received following the Zoning Commission's public hearing. The trustees passed a motion to adopt the revised resolution. There is a 30-day referendum period. If the resolution is not challenged within that time, it will go into effect on March 3.

Zoning Secretary Dave Stites thanked the trustees for funding a contract with the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) for assistance with the revisions. He said DCRPC's assistance was invaluable since they have knowledge of the Ohio Revised Code as well as other townships' zoning codes. The trustees also thanked the zoning commission members for their perseverance and hard work over the past year and half to the revise the entire document.

New Trash & Recycling Service

Big-O Refuse began its new three-year residential trash and recycling contract in January. All residents should have received information in the mail. Big-O reports that 501 residents signed up for trash pick up with ten percent of that, 51 residents, signing up for curbside recycling.

Some residents are still putting trash out on Thursdays. Remind your neighbors that the new pick up day is Friday and trash and recycling should be at the curb by 6 a.m. Weekly residential service is \$38.64/quarter for unlimited weekly trash pick up including bulk items. An optional, wheeled 96-gallon trash container is \$2.75/month. Big-O also offers voluntary co-mingled curbside recycling for \$13.20/quarter which includes an 18-gallon bin.

Information is available and you can register for services at 1-888-924-BIGO (2446) or www.bigorefuse.com. You can sign up for free paperless billing at your e-mail address as well. You may also reach Big-O at service@bigorefuse.com.

Zoning Report

The zoning staff reported that the township has signed all documents related to the Pastures at Blue Church lawsuit settlement. The settlement paves the way for the rezoning of the Pastures at Blue Church property to Planned Residence District. Upon receiving the rezoning application fee from the developer, the staff will file a map amendment with the Delaware County Recorder's Office to reflect the rezoning.

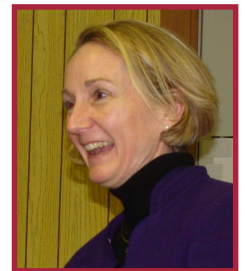
In January, one permit was issued for an accessory building on Carter's Corner Rd.

A resident met with the Zoning Commission to informally discuss rezoning property on State Route 521 near the west township line from Farm Residence District to Commercial. The resident discussed using the property for an auction house or thrift store.

The Zoning Office also received an inquiry about potential commercial use for a party venue on a 6.5 acre property on N. Galena Rd.

New Prosecutor

Carol O'Brien attended the February trustees meeting to introduce herself. She is the newly appointed Delaware County Prosecutor. She explained that she will be hiring a new attorney to specialize in civil law and is increasing paralegal hours to help with township legal issues.



36/37 & 71 Plans

Trustee Dewey Akers attended a recent meeting with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Delaware County Engineer. Upgrades to improve the routes 36/37 interchange at Interstate 71 were discussed.

Ideas include a continuous right turn lane from 36/37 eastbound onto I-71 south and a continuous right turn lane from I-71 north onto 36/37 eastbound. More detailed plans should be available during the summer of 2011 when decisions will be made. No changes will occur prior to 2012.

Discussion was also held about adding a new interchange north or south of the existing 36/37 interchange. Akers reiterated that the trustees, with the exception of Trustee Shively who will wait on the ODOT impact studies to be completed, prefer a southern exchange (near Cheshire Rd) since a northern exchange (near Berkshire Road) would only add heavy traffic impact to the township with no funding to assist with the impact. Akers said the trustees would support an interchange at State Route 521 since that is already part of the County's Thoroughfare Plan and is reflected on the township's master

plan. If that interchange is developed, the township would have potential commercial development tax to defray traffic impacts.

Sewer service was discussed. It was noted that sewer service exists at the southern interchange but not at the northern location. It was also noted that the northern developer has offered to contribute funds but, to date, the southern developer has not.

Porter Kingston Fire District Township Representative Sought

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will appoint one position on the Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) Board to fill a term that runs through December 2012.

The PKFD Board meets on a monthly basis and deals with matters related to the operation of the fire district.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 7:00 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 Fiscal Officer prior to Friday, February 25, 2011. The letter of interest and resume may be submitted by mail to the Kingston Township Hall, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by e-mail to fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org. Please contact the Fiscal Officer at 740-524-8591 with questions.

PKFD 2010 Report

The Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) responded to 319 calls for assistance during 2010 with a total of 2,145 individual personnel responding, averaging seven personnel per run. PKFD personnel averaged 85 runs each for the year.

PKFD supplied mutual aid to surrounding areas 121 times and received mutual aid 65 times.

The Board completed the purchase of three acres of land in Kingston Township on State Route 521 for a future fire station.

One new firefighter was hired during 2010. Fire District personnel completed 214 hours of EMS training and 984 hours of fire training. Two firefighters completed the Howell Rescue class, two firefighters completed the Rescue Technician class, and one firefighter completed the Certified Fire Inspector class.

Five new sets of turnout gear were purchased as well as a new Masimo RAD57 carbon monoxide monitor.

A \$5,450 Ohio Department of Emergency Management Services grant was awarded to the district as well as a \$3,000 grant from the Delaware County Threat-Risk-Needs Committee.

The *Kingston News* would like to thank Chief Thompson for his monthly safety articles to educate residents about how to keep their families and property safe.

Fiscal Matters

Fiscal Officer Greg Roy reports that the 2010 books have been closed and reports are filed with the state auditor. Temporary Appropriations have been made and he is working on Permanent Appropriations for March. The township has \$138,521 in its Star Ohio investment fund and \$442,438 in its general operating fund.

DCLGA Meetings

Steve Volpe has attended the new Delaware County Local Government Association (DCLGA) meetings. Former Kingston Township resident and zoning commission member Andy Brenner is our new state representative. He attended the recent

meeting to discuss state budget issues. Brenner thinks the state estate tax will end and changes to local government funds may be implemented more gradually than first proposed. He also discussed impending changes to the state pension funds and the state's prevailing wage law.

Roads & Cemeteries

The township's web site now has a cemeteries page with rules and fee information.

Road Superintendent Doug Crowl reports that 80 tons of the 170 tons of salt purchased have already been used on our roads (prior to the early February ice storm).

Poll Workers Needed

Poll workers are needed for the Special Election, Tuesday, May 3, and General Election, Tuesday, November 8. You must be a registered voter in Delaware County, able to attend training, and be capable of working a long day. New poll worker training will be held at various times and days during the month before an election, lasts approximately three hours, and pays \$25. On Election Day, poll workers report to their polling location at 5:30 a.m. and will work until approximately 8:30 p.m. and are paid \$107.91.

Please contact the Delaware County Board of Elections, 2079 US Hwy 23N, Delaware, Oh. 43015, 740-833-2080, e-mail: boe@co.delaware.oh.us, or web site: www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe.

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 Fridays except during holiday weeks.

Trustees Meeting (1st Tuesday) March 1
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) March 4
Recycling Bin Arrives (2nd Thursday) March 10 (until full)
Trash & Recycling Day March 11
Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) March 16, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) March 18, 25

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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