



News

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Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! I will serve as Chairman of the Board of Kingston Township Trustees for 2014.

The Trustees have hired Schorr Architects to start the design and planning of the new Township Hall and Park. If all goes as planned, this project will be on the November 2014 ballot. We are in need of Kingston Township residents to serve on the Planning Committee and work with the architect and trustees. Contact one of your trustees if you are interested.

The winter weather has caused numerous potholes to form on the area roadways. Report any potholes or other road hazards as soon as possible to the Road Superintendent Doug Crowl or one of the trustees so we can make timely repairs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 740-272-3668.

Trustees Organize For 2014

The Trustees met January 7 to organize for 2014. They gave staff a 1.5 cost-of-living percent pay increase. Elections, appointments, and liaisons to various organizations were selected as follows:

Trustees

Bill Shively - Chairman

Dewey Akers - Vice-Chairman

Steve Volpe - Executive Member

The Trustees' regular monthly meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month and are open to the public.

Porter Kingston Fire District - Dewey Akers

Health District Advisory Board - Bill Shively

Zoning Inspector - Bob Talbott

Assistant Zoning Inspector/Secretary - Dave Stites

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission

Dave Stites; Bob Talbott, Alternate

Zoning Commission

Tom Filbert, Rick Giffin, Jim Grove, Joey Jerome,

Dick Strohm, and Alternate John White

Board of Zoning Appeals

Nancy Gogle, Jim Kistner, Craig McCord, Steven Smith, one open position, and Alternate Bill Hammond

Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton - Doug Crowl

Township Attorneys

Township - Delaware County Prosecutor

Zoning - Mike O'Reilly

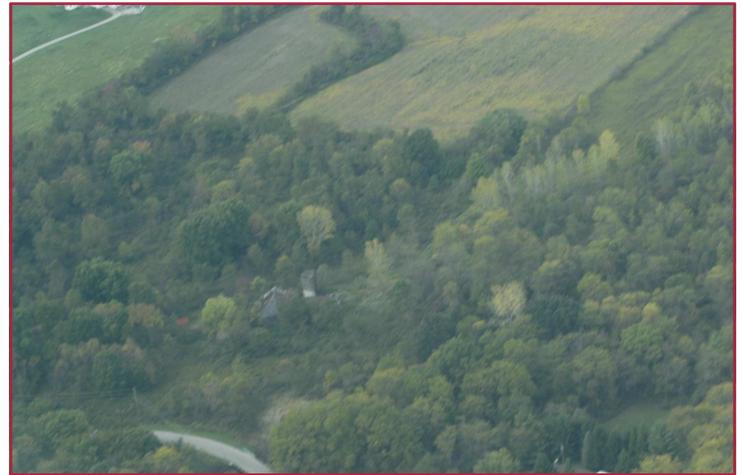
Township Hall and Park Planning

In the past year, the trustees have gathered information about financing methods and legal requirements for the process of building a township hall and park on Carter's Corner Rd. Because the plans are for a public assembly hall, Ohio law requires the voters to weigh in on the subject. Voters may also decide on a bond issue or levy.

In January, the Township Trustees advertised for Requests

for Qualifications from architectural firms. Seven companies responded and were narrowed to three companies that were interviewed. Schorr Architects, from Dublin, was selected and the trustees are working on a formal contract.

The trustees would like your input and invite you to volunteer your time on the Township Hall and Park Planning Committee. Contact a trustee if you are interested in serving. Meetings will begin soon.



This land on Carter's Corner Rd., between Wilson Rd. and St. Rt. 521, includes farm land and is a possible future site for a township hall and park.

December Zoning Report

Permits

Two permits were issued in December for two new build homes on Blue Church Road.

Complaints

Regarding the junk vehicle complaint 07-2012-COMP on Carter's Corner Road, the owner has (through litigation) adequately screened or removed vehicles from the property to the satisfaction of Zoning Inspector Talbott. Case closed.

Complaint about property on SR 61 and Rosecrans Rd. about uncut grass, debris, and sign. A third and final letter from the Zoning Office was sent 11-08-13. The business sign has been removed but less than adequate progress has been made by the owner to clean up trash and debris adjacent to the residence. Mark Fowler, of the County Prosecutor's Office, will send a letter to the property owner to attempt to get compliance prior to litigation proceeding.

Complaint regarding overgrown grass, accumulated trash and debris, and excessive motor vehicles on a property located off State Route 61 was investigated by Zoning Inspector Talbott on 12-06-13. In general, overgrown grass is not an issue with the exception of one area that is overgrown and

contains trash and debris. There are several vehicles located on the property; however, the vehicles appear to be licensed/parked in an organized fashion and do not present a zoning violation. A letter was sent 12-06-13 asking for voluntary compliance in cleaning up trash and debris in the overgrown area. The property owner visited the Zoning Office to discuss the matter on 12-13-13 and indicated that they would address the overgrown area with debris by spring. Case pending.

Miscellaneous

On 12-03-13, the Trustees reappointed Nancy Gogle to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term expiring December 2018. Zoning Secretary Stites has been re-elected to the Executive Committee of the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission for 2014.

Jim Collins has resigned from BZA and has moved to Florida.

2013 Zoning Office Summary

25 Zoning Certificates were issued including 10 new homes, 8 accessory structures, 4 swimming pools, 2 decks, and 1 structural addition; 2 lot splits; 3 variance hearings; 1 conditional use hearing; 6 complaints (4 closed and 2 pending); 3 unpermitted structures (2 permitted and 1 exempted due to size); 4 Zoning Commission meetings; and, 6 training programs attended.

BZA Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The position is an existing term that runs through December 2017. The BZA meets on an as-needed basis hearing variance requests, appeals of orders issued by the zoning inspector, conditional use requests, and revocation of authorized variances and conditional zoning certificates.

Interested township residents should submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by email to zoning@kingstontwp.org.

This posting will remain open until the position is filled. Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on February 3, 7 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 or visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

PKFD 2013 Year-End Report

The Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) responded to 259 calls for assistance in 2013 with a total of 1,459 individual responses of personnel, averaging six personnel per run. PKFD personnel averaged 47 runs each for the 2013 calendar year. The District supplied mutual aid to the surrounding area a total of 86 times and received mutual aid 24 times. PKFD responded to 15 structure fires, 76 medical assists, and 44 motor vehicle accidents in 2013.

Personnel

The district hired three new firefighters and currently has 29 on the roster for a decrease of two firefighters from 2012.

Training

PKFD personnel completed 236.5 hours of EMS training, 1,424 hours of fire training, and 52.5 hours of HAZMAT training in 2013. Two firefighters completed the Howell

Rescue class and three firefighters completed the Rescue Technician course.

Equipment

- Purchased three new sets of turnout gear;
- Received a \$1,500 EMS Grant from ODPS;
- Received a \$2,430 Training Grant from State Fire Marshal;
- Received a \$25,000 Grant from the International Order of Oddfellows in memory of Ellis Lewis;
- Received \$2,500 from Monsanto America's Farmers Grant Fund; and,
- Columbus Fire donated 2,500 feet of fire hose to the District.

Trash & Recycling

In our column last month, we provided information from Big "O" Refuse's web site that referred you to the Coshocton Fairfield Licking Perry Solid Waste District for hazardous waste disposal. This obviously would be a little out of your way and we apologize for this misinformation. Kingston Township residents should go to the Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow (DKMM) Solid Waste District at www.dkmm.org and can find more information on disposing of special waste at www.delawarehealth.org/content.cfm?article=special-waste.

Sign up For Our Newsletter

Contact us at kingstonnews@embarqmail.com to have the newsletter emailed directly to you. If you would like a mailed copy, call the Township Hall at 740-524-0290.

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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Dewey Akers, Vice-Ch.: 803-1529, dakers@kingstontwp.org
Steve Volpe, 965-1802, svolpe@kingstontwp.org

FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 524-8591, fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org

DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833-2190
<http://www.delcoems.org>

NEWS & INFO

Township Web Site: <http://www.kingstontwp.org>
Newsletter Editor: Jeanna Burrell 965-1914
 e-mail: kingstonnews@embarqmail.com

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

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

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Doug Crowl, 740-815-8427 roads@kingstontwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

Big-O Refuse: 1- 888-924-BIGO (2446)
 e-mail: service@bigorefuse.com
 web: <http://www.bigorefuse.com>

ZONING

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Kingston Calendar

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise.
 Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks*.
 Trustees Mtg. ----- Feb. 3, 7 PM
 Trash & Recycling Days ----- Feb. 7, 14
 Zoning Commission Quarterly Mtg. ----- Feb. 19
 Trash & Recycling Days ----- Feb. 21, 28