



News

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Chairman's Chat – By Bill Shively

It's official! The proposed new township hall bond issue will be on the November ballot for your vote. The trustees and the planning committee have worked very hard over the past six months on the township hall, community center, and park project. After a lot of discussion and reviewing the agreements we have clarified what the NorthStar developer, Nationwide Realty, will provide and what the township will provide. The trustees agree that we can build a quality township hall with abundant parking that will serve the long-term needs of our growing township for \$1.5 million. This will cost just under \$97 a year on a \$200,000 home if approved. The original cost of the project was estimated at \$2.1 million. The trustees felt that number was too high and we could bring the cost down to a more affordable number by making some changes to reduce costs. We are in the process of getting the paper work done by the August 4th deadline. Watch the newsletter for announcements on special public viewings of the building plans and the entire project.

If you have a question or concern, please call me at 740-272-3668.

Township Hall and Park Planning

At the trustees meeting on June 3, financing and legal experts discussed the proposed township hall. Eric Prall, from Ross Sinclair & Associates, said financing rates have dropped and he discussed 15-, 20-, and 30-year financing options. Marc Kramer, an attorney from Peck, Shaffer & Williams, discussed voted and unvoted bond issues, lease/purchase arrangements, and tax levies.

The trustees meeting was continued to June 12 in order to gather more information. Architect Tony Schorr deducted items the developer will pay for from the project estimates. This includes the road to the township hall, a trail, the park pavilion, and the sewer system. The trustees opted to reduce costs by reducing the size of the meeting hall to accommodate 100 people instead of the planned 200. The building is designed to be added onto later if needed as the township grows. They also removed landscaping and will only pave the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking spots. The rest of the parking lot will initially be gravel.

The trustees voted to place a 30-year bond issue on the November ballot to fund the \$1.5 million township hall. This would cost approximately \$97 per year per \$200,000 property valuation. As more homes are built, the cost per property owner will reduce and the township can pay off the financing early, if conditions allow.

The committee has worked for months with an architect and land planner to develop a plan reflecting the township's need for a township meeting hall and offices with ample parking that would return a voting location to the township and serve as a community gathering place. Now, it's up to the residents to decide if they want to fund this building. The farm land

income is being saved and will go toward operation of the building and park. The township also hopes to write grant applications for park amenities in the future.

Roads

Wilson Rd. grader paving is complete. This smoothes out rough areas. Soft spots were repaired as well and the road will be chip seal resurfaced from State Route 61 to Carter's Corner Rd. in July or August.

The Delaware County Engineer's Office completed a request for engineering estimate of \$150,000 to repave the road from the Little Walnut Bridge west to the township line. The township will apply for an Ohio Public Works Commission grant for 2015 and hopes to coordinate construction with work the developer is doing in that area.

Delaware County has completed berm work on township roads. They also announced that bids have been coming in high on road projects this year. This has pushed the Blue Church Rd. Bridge work back to 2015.

Berkshire Rd. improvements are delayed until utility lines are relocated.

Culvert concerns are being explored on Twigg-Hupp Rd. Other storm water drainage issues are being reviewed as well.

Culverts will be replaced on Clark Rd., one over Pumphrey Ditch from October to November, and one over the West Branch of Little Walnut Creek from November to December.

Mowing along township roads should be complete soon but it has been hard to keep up due to the rainy weather.

May Zoning Report Permits

4 permits were issued in May:

- A deck permit for a home on SR 521;
- A pool permit for a home on 3 Bs & K;
- A pool permit for a home on Blue Church Rd.; and,
- An accessory bldg. permit for a home on 3 Bs & K.

Complaints

Complaint about property on SR 61 and Rosecrans Rd. about uncut grass, debris, and sign. Property owner is working to resolve the issues after discussion with the Zoning Office. Case pending. Met with owner on 5/30. Grass has been cut. Several items still accumulated on property. Owner claims these are his business/work items.

Miscellaneous

Zoning Commission Alternate John White has submitted his resignation as he is moving permanently to Florida. Request approval to post the position with a term expiring August 2015.

On May 23rd, the Zoning Office notified Delaware County Auditor Kaitsa in writing that the Bell Station Realty property on State Route 521 was still listed as an exempt property owned by the township. On May 27th, a telephone message was received from the Auditor's Office indicating that they are

removing the tax exempt status on the property. They will assess property tax back five years (maximum allowed by law), and the tax lien for recovery of the township vegetation abatement has already been assessed.

BZA & Zoning Vacancies

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be appointing one position on the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The alternate position is an existing term that runs through December 2015. 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.

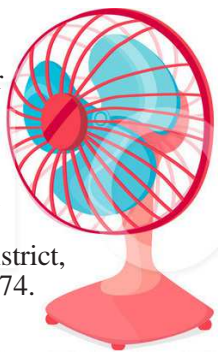
The trustees will also be appointing the Alternate position on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission. The Alternate position appointment will fill an existing term that expires in August 2015, and has voting rights in the absence of a member. The Zoning Commission currently meets on a quarterly basis 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.

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 positions are filled. Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on July 1, 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>.

Donate a Fan

Delaware County EMA and Delaware County People in Need (PIN) are asking for donations of NEW box fans. The organization's supply has been reduced to single digits and with the heat of summer, the need is great. Donations can be dropped off at any Delaware County EMS or fire station including the Porter/Kingston Fire District, 12844 Olive Green Rd., Sunbury, Ohio 43074. For more information, call the Delaware County EMA at (740) 833-2180.



Fireworks Safety

Ohio law requires a license for the sale and use of fireworks. There is a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses at this time. While consumers can buy fireworks, it is illegal to discharge them in Ohio. The only items that can be used in Ohio are designated "trick and novelty" items which smoke, pop, and/or sparkle. In Ohio, use of fire crackers, bottle rockets, etc. is illegal. These laws exist to protect the public and to regulate the fireworks industry in a fair manner.

M80s, M100s, quarter sticks, and similar devices are explosive devices, not fireworks. Since these devices are explosives, such devices are illegal for anyone to possess without a special license and/or permit.

– <http://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/2014fireworksredbook.pdf>

If you discover illegal fireworks or any fireworks incident which results in injuries or property damage, call 911. Be aware that Kingston Township also has a noise ordinance.

Senior Citizen Services Available

In an effort to help older adults stay safe and stay independent in their home, the Delaware General Health District's (DGHD) Falls Prevention Program offers home safety checks. A home safety check is a free service where a health educator and a registered public health nurse tour an older resident's home to assess any safety concerns. The appointments generally last an hour and include a health screening with the registered nurse.

For more information or to schedule a home safety check, call Mitchell Briant, DGHD adult injury prevention coordinator, at 740-203-2054.

The Senior Citizen Appliance pickup service is again available to older adults looking to rid themselves of any old appliances, televisions, and computer equipment. The service is free and available to all Delaware County residents age 60 and over.

For more information, contact Keep Delaware County Beautiful coordinator Jenifer Way-Young at 740-203-2076.

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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. ----- July 1, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Days ----- July 5*, 11, 18, 25