



KINGSTON NEWS

4TH QUARTER, NOVEMBER 2016

Chairman's Chat

By Steve Volpe, Trustees Chairman

Hello again. I hope you are doing well. It is a very busy time in and around our township. New home construction has ramped up in Northstar and Bright Energy continues to extend gas lines well beyond their original plans.

And with all of this action comes some traffic concerns. A group of concerned residents on Wilson Road met with Sheriff Russ Martin to explain their concerns. Speed, running of stop signs, and crossing the center line were some of the major issues discussed. The Sheriff has agreed to increase patrols on this road. In a more recent meeting, Sheriff Martin mentioned that the Ohio Highway Patrol will also increase their presence on Wilson Road. One of the biggest changes in enforcement will be to issue citations (tickets) instead of warnings. Be forewarned! If you are stopped on Wilson Road you can count a very expensive ticket. If you are a Wilson Road resident or are affected by the increased traffic and would like to be involved with this effort, please contact Marcia Kiggins at 740-965-4445.

If you are like me, you are very glad the election is now behind us. That was just nasty. You may have noticed that the Big Walnut Schools Bond did not pass. The district population is booming. Everyone I have talked with acknowledges that expansion will be needed at some time, but it is a lot of money to say yes to. Hopefully the District can get something passed before interest rates and construction costs go crazy and it winds up costing all of us (in the Big Walnut District) far, far more.

As always, please feel free to call or e-mail me with any concerns you have concerning Kingston Township. My phone number is 740-965-1802, and my e-mail is svolpe@kingstontwp.org. I am here to serve and assist you.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP NEEDS YOUR HELP

An urgent need exists to fill two positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The first is a vacant Member Position with a term that runs through December 2019. The second is a vacant Alternate Position that runs through December 2020. A Member has full voting authority and an Alternate attends all meetings but only has voting authority in the absence of a Member.

The Board of Zoning Appeals is comprised of 5 Members and 1 Alternate and meets on an as needed basis hearing variance requests, appeal of orders issued by the Zoning Inspector, conditional use requests and revocation of authorized variances and conditional zoning certificates. The positions receive \$40.00 compensation per meeting. The Board averages about 4-6 meetings per year.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter or e-mail of interest to the Zoning Office (zoning@kingstontwp.org). Appointments are made by the Township Trustees during their monthly meetings so applicant attendance at a meeting will be required.

Kingston Township needs your help!

TRASH CONTRACT EXTENDED

The township refuse contract with Waste Management was extended for three (3) years by the Kingston Township Trustees during their November 1, 2016 Monthly Meeting. The current quarterly rate of \$38.64 will remain the same for 2017 with a 2% raise in the rate for both 2018 and 2019.

During their deliberations, the Trustees agreed that initial service problems encountered during the

change from Big O to Waste Management have been resolved. When investigating several recent service complaints brought to their attention, the Trustees found that the complainants had not paid their refuse bill or got their refuse to the curb late.

Because of the type of collection trucks (front open bin emptied overhead into the main compaction unit) used by Waste Management, the Trustees have received complaints about blowing loose trash along our roadways on collection day. The solution rests with all township residents where the Trustees ask that all loose trash be bagged instead of just piled in individual refuse cans. For service contact Waste Management at 866-797-9018 or on-line at www.wm.com.

ZONING REPORT

Permits—August To October

New Build Homes	1
Accessory Structures	7
Agricultural Exemptions	2
Pools	2

Miscellaneous

The Zoning Commission has approved Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2017 to be held on the second Wednesday of February (8), May (10), August (9) and November (8). This is a change from 2016 where meetings were held on the first Wednesday of the designated month.

At the request of the Trustees, the Zoning Commission is considering language changes to Section 7.05 (B) of the Zoning Resolution. Under current language, outdoor storage of trailers of any type, boats, motor homes, buses and equipment of any type for a period exceeding 14 days during any calendar year is prohibited if visible from any adjoining property or roadway. The Commission is discussing potential language changes that more accurately reflects the rural character of the township and resident preferences. The Zoning Resolution is located on-line under the Zoning Tab.

If you have any suggestions or comments to share with the Zoning Commission regarding the language changes, please contact the Zoning Office by telephone or by e-mail.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Just A Reminder: Contractors or homeowners planning any work (including excavation and driveway culvert pipes) within the township roadway right-of-way must obtain a permit from Kingston Township prior to initiating any work. Please contact Roadway Superintendent Doug Crowl at 740-815-8427. Township roads include Todd Street, Blue Church, Rosecrans, Twigg Hupp, Clark, Blayney, Wilson, Stockwell (portion), Beacom (portion), Berkshire (portion) Roads and Basham and Wildwood Lanes.

A number of township roadway improvement projects were completed during the summer months including:

- Culvert replacement and drainage work on Beacom Road
- Culvert replacement on Blue Church Road between Wilson and Rosecrans Road
- Culvert replacement and drainage work on Blayney Road
- Chip/seal resurfacing and fog coating on Wildwood Lane
- Grader paving repair to repair sections of Beacom and Blue Church Roads
- Chip/seal resurfacing to the main Blue Church Cemetery roadway
- Pavement repair on west end of Wilson Road

The Ohio Department of Transportation reopened State Route 521 ahead of schedule in late October after completing bridge deck improvements. Repaving and restriping of Kilbourne Road was completed by the Delaware County Engineer also in late October. The Trustees and residents of Kingston Township again thank County Engineer Bauserman and his staff for the safety improvements to Kilbourne Road

The township has again applied for grant funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission to widen and resurface Blue Church Road from State Route 521 north to the turnaround at Interstate 71. If approved, the project funding will come from the grant, the Delaware County Engineers Office and Kingston Township.

During the quarter, one internment was made in the Blue Church Cemetery, two monument foundations were ordered and one plot was sold. There was one culvert permit issued during the period.

DID YOU KNOW?????????

Prior to 1880, there were two water driven sawmills in Kingston Township both located on Little Walnut Creek. The first mill was built by Leonard Lott in 1819 just east of where Blue Church Road crosses the creek. With the leaves dropping, look to the east when crossing the creek on the bridge and you will see a large bolder in the middle of the creek. This is the approximate location of the mill pond dam which impounded water to power the mill.

The second mill was built by Peter Van Sickle in about 1830 and reportedly located north of Wilson Road about a half mile west of State Route 61.

Both mills used vertical blades about five to seven feet in length that sawed in a reciprocating motion leaving up/down striations on the lumber cut. These blades remained in use until the invention of the circular saw blade just prior to the Civil War. Lumber from the mills was mainly cut in the spring each year when the creek water flow was adequate to operate the water wheel. The Van Sickle Mill produced lumber until about 1840 which then left only the Lott Mill in use.

By Dave Stites and Doug Crawl

Information for this article obtained in part from Kingston Township Memories In Its Bicentennial Year, 2013, and The Delaware Gazette, Section D, Page 9, June 24, 1958.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Annual Santa Tour—December 18th

Santa Claus has requested that firefighters from the Porter Kingston Fire District provide him a tour of both townships prior to his big night. Meet him at the end of your driveway to say hello, get a treat and snap a picture. If your street/road is not on the route or you are not home when he passes, you can visit him about 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Station 380.

The tour will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18, 2016 at the fire station located at 12844 Olive Green Road. For route information

and times when Santa will be on your street/road, like the Fire District's page at www.facebook.com/PKFDSantaTour or contact the fire station at 740-524-5050. The firefighters will update the facebook page with current location and pictures during the tour.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Can you identify these Board of Zoning Appeals Members from 2002? See last page for answers.

CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. Trash pickup days are Fridays except during holiday weeks* where Friday service will be performed on Saturday.

Trustees Meeting December 6, 7 PM

Zoning Commission February 8, 2017, 7 PM
May 10, 2017, 7 PM
August 9, 2017, 7 PM
November 8, 2017, 7 PM

Trash Days November 25*
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

CONTACTS

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DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 www.delcoems.org

NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290

Township Web Site: www.kingstontwp.org

Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at zoning@kingstontwp.org or by phone at 740-524-0290 to be added or removed from the Newsletter Distribution List.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050

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ROADS & CEMETERIES

Doug Crawl, 815-8427, roads@kingstontwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

Waste Management: 866-797-9018

On-line: www.wm.com

ZONING

Robert Talbott: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304,

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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

740-368-1921

DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE

740-833-2200

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

740-368-1700

FOR YOUR SAFETY-HOUSE # SIGNS

As you drive around Kingston Township, you will see a number of mailboxes with green, reflective address signs mounted on them. These signs are extremely important for both fire and emergency medical personnel from the Porter Kingston Fire District to be able to find individual houses when responding to your calls for help. Many of the green address signs have been in place for a number of years, and have lost their reflective properties due to ultraviolet light exposure and salt spray. The Kingston Township Zoning Resolution was updated in 2011 requiring all new built homes to install the address signs once the mailbox is erected, and encouraging all township residents to install the address signs if not currently in place.

If you do not have a green reflective address sign installed on your mailbox or wish to replace the one that you have due to deterioration, where can you obtain one? The answer is closer than you might think. The 6" X 18" sign blanks and letters are available at the Ace Hardware and Washington's Do It Best Hardware in Sunbury or from the Porter Kingston Fire Station located just east of State Route 656 on Olive Green Road in Olive Green. The Porter Kingston Fire Fighters Association sells the green reflective sign blank and two sets of reflective letters for \$10.00 with any proceeds from the sale used to support local community charities. They have an adequate supply of materials in stock, and signs can be ordered by calling the Fire District business telephone line at 740-524-5050 or by stopping at the fire station.

For more details regarding permanent street address requirements, please consult the Kingston Township Website at www.kingstontwp.org (Zoning Tab, Zoning Resolution, Section 21.03). The Zoning Office encourages all township residents post the green reflective address signs on their mailboxes to help our emergency personnel responding to calls for assistance.

Blast From The Past Answers: From left to right are Jim Martin, Carol McCord, Tom Dando, Tracy Trout, and Jim Kistner.

