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# KINGSTON NEWS

3RD QUARTER, AUGUST 2019

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## Chairman's Chat

*By Steve Volpe, Trustees Chairman*

What an interesting time we are having in our township. We've had a Petition Ditch be turned down by the County Commissioners. I don't believe we've ever see that before in Kingston Township. We have been advised that the petition was declined as the cost exceeded the benefit to be derived by the work. Since a drainage problem still exists in the area, the Trustees continue to discuss the matter with impacted residents to determine if a partnership project can be coordinated where privately funded improvements are completed at the same time township drainage improvements are made within the township roadway right-of-way following plans developed by Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation.

Some residents are concerned with the application of Class B Biosolids in farm fields adjacent or close to their homes. Considering what they are reading on the internet, we certainly understand their concerns. Unfortunately townships can do nothing to change this practice. The OEPA regulates and permits this process in its entirety. The best we can do is to try to arrange an informational meeting with the group of concerned residents and the OEPA. Trustee Dewey Akers and I have been working on this for close to a month.

This would be a good time to review the basics of Ohio Townships. Townships are established in the Ohio Constitution. The primary reasons for their existence are Roads and Cemeteries. There are other things we can do, but we can only do what the Ohio Revised Code allows us to do. We do not have the same powers or authority of a city, or a village. The consequences for even appearing to operate beyond statutory limits can be very significant for townships and individuals. There is no reason, in a well-managed township (like ours), for the majority residents to know these sorts of details. If you're really interested in this sort of thing, drop me a line.

Now back to the OEPA meeting Dewey and I have been trying to set up. Last Friday, some 3 ½ weeks after my initial request, I had a conference call with some of the higher ups at the OEPA. They declined our invitation to have a meeting. They stated the OEPA does not do this kind of meeting. I was, and still am to some degree, shocked by their response. In my almost 10 years as a Trustee I have facilitated many such meetings with a variety of agencies. Never once have I been turned down. They agreed to appeal this to the Director of the OEPA. We hope to know soon.

Meanwhile, I encourage anyone and everyone with questions on this to contact Jessica Johnson at the OEPA. She is familiar with our situation and has a wealth of information. Here phone number is 614-644-2160.

Her email is [jessica.johnson@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:jessica.johnson@epa.ohio.gov).

Until next time, stay safe and enjoy life.

## TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 Kingston News, Trustee Volpe talked about recycling and the materials being placed in the bins at our Maintenance Center adjacent to the Blue Church Cemetery. We have found that unknown persons are placing plastic bags filled with recyclable material and household garbage in the bins. Language on the bins prohibits both. The plastic bags and garbage defeat the whole purpose of recycling, and may end up with the entire bin going to the landfill or the bags jamming processing machinery.

Below is a photo of what is occurring with plastic bags. We are doing a great job as a community recycling, and the Trustees encourage you to continue with your recycling efforts—we are just asking that we all do it the right way.



In a Delaware General Health District report for 2018, Kingston Township contributed 265,890 pounds of drop-off waste in our recycling bins which is outstanding. This does not count the curbside recycling collected by Waste Management utilized by many of our residents.

**For residents who use curbside recycling through our refuse provider Waste Management,** here is a list of acceptable items that can and cannot be placed in the recycling

### **Acceptable:**

- All plastic bottles, no lids
- Glass jars and bottles of any color
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Empty aerosol cans with lids and tips removed
- Brown grocery bags
- Computer and mixed office paper
- Corrugated cardboard broken down to 3' by 3'
- Envelopes, with or without windows
- Junk mail
- Magazines and telephone books
- Newspapers with inserts
- Paperboard such as cereal boxes
- Pizza boxes with no grease and food residue

### **Unacceptable:**

- Plastics that are not bottles such as Cool Whip containers, butter tubs, or food trays
- Plastic bags
- Motor oil jugs or other chemical containers
- Styrofoam
- Lids/caps
- Window or drinking glass
- Light bulbs
- Coat hangers or steel scrap
- Paint cans

## ZONING REPORT

### Permits

Since the last newsletter, the following zoning permits were approved:

- 8 New Build Homes
- 2 Pools
- 3 Accessory Buildings
- 4 Decks/Patios
- 1 Agricultural Exemption

Please remember to contact the Zoning Office before starting construction of any new structures or improvement/expansion of an existing structure.

### Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals for an **Alternate** position that runs through December 2020. The vacancy posting is located on the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions.

## ROADS & CEMETERIES

### State Route 61/656 Roundabout

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues design work for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road. The shape of the roundabout will resemble a peanut, and minimizes the project impact on adjacent neighbors. The target bid date has been pushed back to January 2021, and construction will start in the fall of 2021 with an estimated 60 day intersection closure impact. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2.1 million dollars with the Township's portion being \$17,250 dollars. Questions regarding the

project should be directed to ODOT District 6 in Delaware at 740-833-8000.

### Since The Last Newsletter

Two driveway/road right-of-way work permits were issued and repair to a section of ditch on Clark Road was started.

The Trustees would like to thank the Willyerd Family for their ongoing efforts to maintain the planting beds at the east entrance of the Blue Church Cemetery. Their work is sincerely appreciated!

Pavement repair of Berkshire Road has been completed along with chip seal application with a fog coating to follow for Beacom Road, Blayney Road and Blue Church Road from SR521 north to the end.

At their August Trustee Meeting, the Trustees authorized \$8,500 for sectional tree trimming in the road right-of-way along Rosecrans, Stockwell, Wilson, and Berkshire Roads.

The deteriorated metal roof on the brick section of the Township Hall was replaced in early August for approximately \$4,500.

The Trustees are also securing bids to power wash the hall exterior, caulk joints, clean overspray from the brick and then repaint all wood surfaces and trim.

The Trustees would like to thank Steven Smith (pictured below) of Blue Church Road for helping out with trimming of the Blue Church Cemetery prior to the Memorial Day Weekend. Trustee Bill Shively also manned a trimmer to help out due to the excessive rainfall and vegetation growth.



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

“Did You Know” will return in the next addition focusing on the twin towers (silos) that sit on the bluff overlooking Butler Run at the Township Hall and Park site.

## PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

### DONATE A FAN

The Delaware County EMA in partnership with People In Need of Delaware County is accepting fan donations again this summer. The fan needs to be new, and can be dropped off at our Porter Kingston Fire District now until September 15, 2019.

**It’s not too late. Don’t miss this opportunity to help someone here in Delaware County.**

## HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

How Physically Active are you?

Preservation Parks is partnering with the Delaware General Health District to determine how to better serve our residents’ needs for physical activity.

Follow the link below and take a brief survey about how you are physically active

in Delaware County. You may need to right click the link and select ‘open hyperlink’.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DelawareCountyCommunityPartners>

Your input is very important to us as many community partners are beginning to plan how to promote and increase physical activity and recreation opportunities for families, children, adults and seniors in Delaware County.

From Kelli Kincaid, Program Manager

## 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. \*\*Note Change**

**Trustees Meetings** September 3, 2019, 7 PM  
October 1, 2019, 7 PM  
November 5, 2019, 7 PM  
December 3, 2019, 7 PM

**Zoning Commission** November 7, 2019, 7 PM

**Trash Days 2019** August 30  
September 7\*, 13, 20 & 27  
October 4, 11, 18 & 25  
November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29\*  
December 6, 13, 20 & 27\*

## CONTACTS (740 Area Code)

### **TRUSTEES**

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Steve Volpe, 965-1802, [svolpe@kingstontwp.org](mailto:svolpe@kingstontwp.org)

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

Greg Roy: 504-0311,  
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### **DELAWARE COUNTY EMS**

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 [www.delcoems.org](http://www.delcoems.org)

## **NEWS & INFORMATION**

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290

Township Web Site: [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org)

Office Hours: Thursday, 8a.m. to noon

**Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto: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

Email: [PKFD@rrohio.com](mailto:PKFD@rrohio.com)      [www.PKFD.org](http://www.PKFD.org)

## **ROADS & CEMETERIES**

Doug Crawl, 815-8427, [roads@kingstontwp.org](mailto:roads@kingstontwp.org)

## **TRASH & RECYCLING**

Waste Management: 866-797-9018

On-line: [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

## **ZONING**

Robert Talbott: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304,  
[zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org)

## **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE**

740-368-1921

## **DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE**

740-833-2200

## **DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

740-368-1700