



KINGSTON NEWS

4TH QUARTER, NOVEMBER 2019

Chairman's Chat

By Steve Volpe, Trustees Chairman

Hello again. The election is history. I would like to congratulate Dewey Akers on his victory. I have known him for more than a decade. He is a dedicated public servant, whom we are fortunate to have serving Kingston Township.

The past two local elections have shown a disturbing trend of partial truths or as it is called "political spin". In this election cycle we saw a candidate question the financial integrity of the township because of audit findings. The auditors compare our operations to that of standards established for large townships with fulltime employees and a fulltime manager/administrator. We operate in a different, legal and appropriate way. Until we are much larger, there may be an occasional, minor audit finding. These have been and always will be corrected immediately.

Fiscally we are incredibly strong. We have more than a million dollars in our accounts. We have maintained this level for several consecutive years. Virtually no other township our size and with no commercial tax base can boast of this. We will be paying cash for our new township hall. We have not raised the license plate fee (as most other townships have). We have not gone to our residents and asked for additional money for roads. We continue to be very conservative with your tax dollars.

I would also like to congratulate Greg Roy on his reelection. When Greg took over as your Township Fiscal Officer, the state had said our books were un-auditable. He has put the books back in order. Although, sometimes we are still hit with a surprise from "back then", he manages to straighten it out. We are very lucky to have a man of his caliber working for our township.

It would be prudent, when you hear something that sounds slightly askew in someone's township election rhetoric, to call and ask any of your township officials for the facts. We are all available, and here to serve you.

As always, please feel free to call me with any concerns you have about Kingston Township at 740-965-1802, or e-mail me at svolpe@kingstontwp.org. It is a genuine honor to serve you.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas!

ZONING REPORT

Permits

For the months of August, September and October, the following zoning permits were approved:

- 9 New Build Homes
- 2 Pools
- 3 Accessory Buildings
- 2 Agricultural Exemptions

1 Lot Split (4 Lot CAD)

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

For the months of August, September and October, three driveway permits were issued, and 8 cemetery plots were sold.

The metal roof on the brick portion of the Township Hall has been replaced, the shingle roof over the wood sided east wing has been replaced with a matching metal roof and the entire building has been repainted including removal of old overspray on the brick portion of the building.

The Trustees are in the process of securing cost estimates to repair the roof on the Maintenance Building located adjacent to the Blue Church Cemetery including repair of leaks, replacement of skylights and rehanging existing gutters.

Fall road work has been completed at a cost of approximately \$60,000 dollars. This work included repaving of the north end of Blue Church Road, striping of Blue Church Road north of State Route 521, and pavement repair on Todd Street, Wilson, and Rosecrans Roads.

With our current refuse contract set to expire at the end of December, the Trustees have issued a notice to prospective bidders requesting proposals for refuse collection and recycling starting January 1, 2020. The notice can be found on the Township Website www.kingstontwp.org under Special Notices.

At their November 5, 2019 Meeting, the Trustees approved \$4,000 for additional drain tile improvements to the leased farm land. The funds will be used for materials and our farmer, Todd Etgen, will provide labor.

At the request of Nationwide Realty Investors, the Trustees approved a two year extension on the turnover of the 122 acre Reserve B at Northstar to the Township until

January 1, 2022. The extension was granted to give Nationwide more time for design refinements.

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



Perched on the hill overlooking Butler Run on the property where the future Township Hall and Park will be built sit two overgrown concrete silos. When looking at the silos, one might wonder why they are there and for what they were used? The answer is quite fascinating.

Many past and present farmers who raise cattle plant corn to feed the cattle during the winter months. The corn is harvested before it matures where the entire stalk with ears are ground up producing silage. The silage is then placed into silos from the top where it settles and goes through a fermentation

process. The silage is then fed to the cattle during the winter months for sustenance.

The two silos on the Township property are called concrete stave silos. They are constructed from small precast concrete blocks (staves) with ridged grooves along each edge that lock them together into a high strength shell. Concrete is much stronger in compression than tension, so each silo is reinforced with steel hoops encircling the tower and compressing the staves into a tight ring. The hoops are placed across the stave edges. The spacing between rings decreases toward the base of the silo as the weight of the silage inside increases toward the bottom. The height of this type of silo can be increased or decreased depending on farming operation needs.



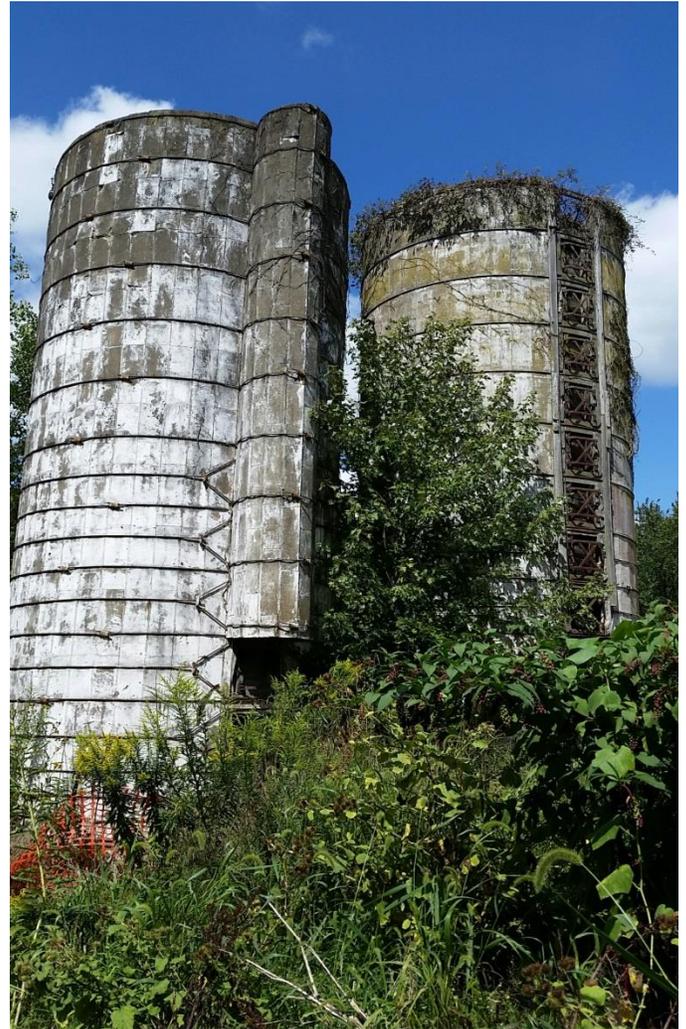
We had a chance to talk with Earl Hawke of Mason and Lawrence, Ribstone Silos from Urbana about the two silos on the property. Earl was asked by the Trustees several years ago to assess the current condition of the silos and make recommendations. These recommendations will be used by the Trustees in the future when they decide whether to keep or remove each unit. Earl has been in the silo business for over 40

years starting with the company full time in 1978. At one point, there were eleven silo companies in Ohio. That number is currently at two including Mason and Lawrence who still sell concrete stave silos today.

While not marked with a manufacturer name, the two Township silos were likely purchased from and installed from National Silos or Ohio Silos of Wooster or Marietta Silos of Marietta sometime in the late 50's or early 60's. The early staves (blocks) were made by a dry tamp method. Concrete with minimal moisture was placed in a mold roughly 10" to 12" wide by 30" high and them compacted by tamping. The blocks were generally 2 ¼" to 3 ½" thick. Today, Ribstone Silos uses more moist concrete that is vibrated in the mold to create a denser block. Most concrete stave silos were 30' to 50' in height and 10' to 14' in diameter. Some had domed roofs while others remained open at the top.

All the concrete stave silos have a series of doors positioned on top of each other integrated into the silo wall. These doors only open to the inside and serve as a ladder to reach the top. Each day, the farmer climbed up the side of the silo to the top, opened the door located above the silage level, went inside the silo and forked the appropriate amount of silage to the ground, onto a wagon positioned below or onto a conveyor that would take the silage into the barn where the cows were located. Since the livestock needed to be fed daily, the unloading process occurred many times during inclement, freezing weather creating significant work to break up the frozen silage at the top and significant risk climbing up and down the silo. From the attached picture, one of the Township silos

has a chute over the series of doors and one does not. It is likely that the one without a chute may have been attached directly to the feeding area of the adjacent barn to minimize additional handling of the silage once on the ground. Modern silos have mechanical unloading systems to improve efficiency and safety.



As you drive the roads within the Township, you will find that a number of concrete stave silos are still located here. We believe the number to be about twelve, and most are no longer in agricultural use. How many can you find?

We sincerely appreciate the historic information about the Township silos

received from both Earl Hawke and Trustee Bill Shively. And now you know.

By Dave Stites and Doug Crawl; Wikipedia Silos

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

The Fire District has been awarded a significant grant by the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Fiscal Year 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to install a vehicle exhaust system for each of the six bays at the station. The total grant award is for \$49,486 with \$2,474 (5%) matched with local funding bringing the project cost to \$51,960.

Exhaust fumes in a building are a significant health risk for our safety personnel. The system will move vehicle exhaust directly from the tailpipe through the system to the exterior of the building. Hoses attached to each tailpipe will automatically be removed as a vehicle leaves the station. Once legal review is complete, the bid package will be advertised to seek a qualified company to perform the station improvement project.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

The Delaware General Health District has now opened its Sunbury Location in the Kroger Shopping Plaza. The Office is open Monday through Friday between 7:30am and 4:00pm; closed for lunch from 1:00 to 1:30pm.

They offer Clinic Services as follows: Immunizations, TB Testing, Health Screenings and Pregnancy Testing Monday, 9:00am to 1:00pm; Immunizations, Health Screenings and Pregnancy Testing Wednesday, 1:30pm to 3:30pm; and HIV Testing on Thursday, 10:00am to 1:00pm.

A Registered Sanitarian and Plumbing Inspector are available Monday through Friday 8:00am to 9:00am for questions and consultations regarding Plumbing Permits and Residential Service Permit Applications. Afternoon consultations are by appointment regarding Food Licenses, Nuisances, Mosquito Control and other similar services.

Birth and Death Certificates are available daily. Certified copies are available for \$24.00 per copy.

Recycle Holiday String Lights—Do you have strands of burned out string lights or are in the process of replacing old strands with energy efficient LED lights? Don’t throw them out, recycle them. Take them to the Sunbury Health District Office in the Kroger Plaza from November 29, 2019 through January 2, 2020.

You can contact the Sunbury Office at 740-965-2339 or go to the Health District website at www.delawarehealth.org.

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 November 5, 2019, 7 PM
December 3, 2019, 7 PM
December 30, 2019, 7 PM (Monday) Year End Meeting

Zoning Commission November 7, 2019, 7 PM

Trash Days 2019 November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29*
December 6, 13, 20 & 27*

CONTACTS
(740 Area Code)

TRUSTEES

Bill Shively, 524-2333, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury
Dewey Akers, 803-1529, dakers@kingstontwp.org
Steve Volpe, 965-1802, svolpe@kingstontwp.org

FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 504-0311,
fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org

DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

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

NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290
Township Web Site: www.kingstontwp.org
Office Hours: Thursday, 8a.m. to noon

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
Email: PKFD@rrohio.com www.PKFD.org

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,
zoning@kingstontwp.org

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

740-368-1921

DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE

740-833-2200

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

740-368-1700