



KINGSTON NEWS

1ST QUARTER, FEBRUARY 2020

Chairman's Chat

By William Shively, Trustees Chairman

It is my honor and privilege to again serve as your Chairman of the Kingston Township Board of Trustees for 2020. The groundhog has predicted an early spring—let's hope that the prediction holds true.

On January 1, 2020, Local Waste Services took over the refuse collection and recycling contract for Kingston Township. The new contract includes refuse collection, curbside recycling and carts for both refuse and recycling in the monthly fee. The fee is \$19.95 per month and will be billed on a quarterly basis. Each resident should have received a letter from the company that included information on service guidelines and holiday schedule. If you did not receive the letter, a copy can be found on the home page of the township website at www.kingstontwp.org.

Our new weekly collection day is Wednesday. We had an extremely low rate with Waste Management for a number of years. Our old contract expired, and the township was required to rebid the refuse service. The cost would have increased with the three companies that submitted bids; the Trustees selected the lowest bid that provided both refuse collection and curbside recycling.

Local Waste Services uses rear collection trucks. This should result in much less

windblown trash generated by the front load trucks used previously. They will pick up the carts but will also pick up bags and large items set out at the curb. It would be wise to contact them ahead of setting out a large item to see if it requires any special preparation and that they will collect it. Local Waste Services can be reached at 614-409-9375, or www.localwasteservices.com.

Local Waste Services offers a 10% discount to Senior Citizens for refuse collection and recycling. Please contact them directly to learn of details.

With any change, issues will arise. As the transition continues, any issues impacting service to Kingston Township residents will be dealt with quickly by your Trustees.

We are currently on track for a Township Hall and Park groundbreaking this spring with our partners at Nationwide Reality Investors. Final details are being worked out regarding the entrance roadway, picnic pavilion, utilities, on-site septic system and construction of the hall. Watch the newsletter for future updates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 740-524-2333.

2019 TRUSTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

At their January 6, 2020 Organizational Meeting, a number of appointments and resolutions were passed for 2020 including:

- Bill Shively elected Chairman
- Dewey Akers elected Vice-Chair
- Steve Volpe elected Exec. Member
- Porter Kingston Fire District Board—Dewey Akers, Trustee Representative and Dave Stites Resident Rep.
- Delaware County Prosecutor retained as the township's legal counsel
- Rinehart Legal Services retained as zoning legal counsel
- Delaware Health District Advisory Board—Bill Shively
- Established the first Tuesday of the month for Trustee Meetings at 7:00pm
- Bob Talbott renamed Zoning Inspector
- Dave Stites renamed Zoning Secretary, Asst. Zoning Inspector and Regional Planning Representative
- Renamed current Members of the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals
- Renamed Doug Crowl Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton
- Continued current Zoning Fees and Cemetery Fees and Rules
- Set the Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$.575 cents per mile
- Certified official roadway mileage as 18.70 miles
- Approved \$ 1,163 for Emergency Services Fee Assessment
- Approved \$ 1,823 for Regional Planning Membership Dues
- Approved \$ 2,924 for Health District Apportionment
- Adopted Public Records Policy
- Adopted Credit Card Use Policy

- Established Public Records Commission



Dewey Akers Sworn In As Trustee For New Term 2020

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The Trustees would like to recognize and thank all the Township Residents who exquisitely decorated their homes with outside lights for the Christmas Holiday! Each and every road had something worth seeing! While there were numerous homes that should be individually recognized, the most festive home was on State Route 521 just west of Carter's Corner Road. A special thanks is extended to Zinn family for their outstanding display!

CEMETERY WREATHS

The Trustees would also like to sincerely thank Sandra Bradford on Wilson Road for again donating the beautiful wreaths that were hung on the Blue Church Cemetery fence for the holidays.



ZONING REPORT

Permits

For 2019, 46 permits (55 total in 2018) were approved including:

New Build Homes	25 (37 total 2018)
Additions	2
Pools	6
Accessory Buildings	13

Additional approvals included:

Agricultural Exemptions	4
Complaints	7
Adj. Land Transfers	0
Common Access Drives	1
Lot Splits Under 5 Acres	1

The Zoning Commission met 4 times and 1 Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing was held. The Kingston News was published 4 times during 2019: the email distribution list has

expanded to 378 address and 49 newsletters are mailed.

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 November 2019 through January 2020, 7 driveway permits were issued, and 2 cemetery plots were sold.

25 1/2 tons of salt were spread on our township roadways including 8 1/2 tons in November, 9 tons in December, and 8 tons in January.

The Trustees are considering 2020 roadway improvement work. Blue Church Road from State Route 521 south to Rosecrans Road would be chip sealed followed by a fog coat and striping. The township is also working with the County Engineers Office for the installation of a new drainage culvert under Todd Street Road as part of a drainage improvement project.

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 rehangng existing gutters.

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

In the 4th Quarter, November 2019 Kingston News, we talked about the history and use of the two concrete stave silos located on the property where the Township Hall and Park will be built in the near future.

How many concrete stave silos do you think are located in Kingston Township? There are more than you might think; in fact there are 22 by our count. Below is a list of where the silos are located by road. **Why not have some family fun and see how many you can find.**

Carter’s Corner	6
Kilbourne	3
3B’s & K	4
Blue Church	1
Twigg-Hupp	0
Clark	0
Todd Street	0

SR 521	1
Berkshire	0
SR 61	2
Rosecrans	3
Blayney	0
North Galena	2
Monkey Hollow	0
Wildwood	0
Beacom	0
Stockwell	0
Wilson	0
Total:	22

By Dave Stites and Doug Crowl

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT



Pictured above is Pete Isbell who was selected as the Firefighter of the Year for 2019 by the Fire District. Pete was born and raised in Kingston Township, and graduated from Big Walnut High School. He is married with one daughter, and is a full time firefighter for Genoa Township. He started with Porter Kingston as a firefighter in 2011, and earned his paramedic certification in 2012.

Pete was selected this year due to his commitment to the District, response to emergency calls, participation in training as both a student and teacher, and help with

administration of the District. He has taken over the EMS training responsibilities, and helps with fire training. He is a 240FFII, a rescue technician, rope rescue technician, hazmat technician, EMS continuing education instructor, and fire instructor.

2019 Fire District Year End Report

- Responded to 241 calls for assistance, 1040 individual responses of personnel and averaged 5 personnel per run.
- Personnel averaged 45 runs each.
- Supplied mutual aid to surrounding departments 77 times, and received aid 49 times.
- Responded to 25 structure fires, 37 medical assists and 41 motor vehicle accidents.
- Current personnel roster 24 with 2 full time.
- Personnel training completed; 124 hours of EMS, 80 hours of fire, and 24 hours of HAZMAT.
- 2 firefighters completed Howell Rescue and 2 completed Howell Crash Course Heavy training.
- Received \$1,200 EMS Grant from State for small EMS equipment, and a separate \$49,000 Assistance To Firefighters Grant for an apparatus bay vehicle exhaust system.
- Purchased 3 new sets of turnout gear.
- Constructed a Gear Room.
- Completed a trial run of Night Time Staffing.
- The Santa Tour for 2019 was a major success. The tour lasted about 10 hours, and Santa got to visit with 412 children, 579 adults and 74 pets.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

Tobacco Cessation Programs at the Health District

Have you successfully quit smoking for more than a year and live in the City of Delaware? The Delaware General Health District is looking for paid volunteers to help other Delaware County residents plan their road to kicking the habit and quit smoking for good. Volunteers will participate in a minimal 8-hour training course. Stipends and compensation incentives are available for approved applicants.

Anyone interested in joining the Vape Task Force, which centers around reducing youth vaping in Delaware, the next meeting is Tuesday, March 31st from 10:30-11:30 at the Delaware General Health District (1 W. Winter St, Delaware, OH 43015). For youth already addicted to nicotine through vaping, The Delaware General Health District encourages the use of My Life, My Quit and Ohio Quit Line Programs which are free and accessible by phone, text message, or online chat. For tobacco and vape cessation, visit: mylifemyquit.com or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

To expand the community's knowledge of the dangers of nicotine addiction, presentations and trainings are now available for local agencies, schools, youth, healthcare providers and parents. To schedule training or get further information on any tobacco programming at the health district, please contact Jamica Harper at 740-203-2033.

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

CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. **Trash pickup days are Wednesday except during holiday weeks* where Wednesday service will be performed on Thursday. **Note Change**

Trustees Meetings January 6, 2020, 7 PM
February 4, 2020, 7 PM
March 3, 2020, 7 PM
April 7, 2020, 7 PM
May 5, 2020, 7 PM
June 2, 2020, 7 PM
July 7, 2020, 7 PM

Zoning Commission February 6, 2020, 7 PM
May 7, 2020, 7 PM
August 6, 2020, 7 PM
November 5, 2020, 7 PM

Trash Days 2020 January 1*, 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19, 26
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20, 27*

CONTACTS

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FISCAL OFFICER

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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

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TRASH & RECYCLING

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On-line: localwasteservices.com

ZONING

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zoning@kingstontwp.org

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

740-368-1921

DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE

740-833-2200

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

740-368-1700