



# KINGSTON NEWS

2ND QUARTER, MAY 2020

## Chairman's Chat

*By William Shively, Trustees Chairman*

Hello everyone...Our world has changed. The pandemic has put life on hold around the world for the past 90 days or so. The good news is the states are allowing business to slowly open back up! It's a start in the right direction.

Kingston Township is open for business. The Zoning Department is up and running for any related business or permits. Local Waste Services is on schedule for trash pickup. The Trustees are holding our regularly scheduled meetings but with social distancing guidelines. The new Township Hall is in the beginning stages for construction. The land has been cleared and all utilities have been approved for the site. We will move forward with the construction as planned.

The Ohio Department of Transportation is doing archeological work on State Route 656 and at the Stark Cemetery in preparation of the State Route 61 Roundabout. Construction of that project is planned to start next year. The Delaware General Health District has received full approval to build a new office on the south side of the City of Delaware at the old Healing Waters Ministry site. Watch the newsletter for updates on that project. It will have plenty of parking! The County Commissioners have purchased the joint vocational school building on State Route 521. They are

planning a major renovation of this property. It will be the new home to many county departments; a one stop shop instead of running all over town to get your business done.

I would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2020! I know it's been difficult trying to plan ceremonies and celebrations because of the situation we are in. Hopefully it will all work out, and you will walk across the stage and deservedly receive your diploma. You earned it!

It's spring planting season. Many of the areas farmers will be out on the roadways. Please use caution when approaching or passing the large farm equipment. If you need assistance with township business, please contact one of the Trustees. We are here to help! If you have a question or concern, please call me at [614-315-8302](tel:614-315-8302) or [740-524-2333](tel:740-524-2333). Be safe and use every means possible to protect yourself and family members from catching or spreading this dangerous virus.

## ZONING REPORT

### Permits

For the months of February through April, 2020, the following zoning permits were approved:

- 8 New Build Homes
- 2 Pools
- 3 Accessory Structures
- 2 Structure Additions
- 1 Adjacent Land Transfer

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 February through April 2020, 6 driveway permits were issued, 1 headstone was reset, and 0 cemetery plots were sold. 32 tons of salt were spread on our township roadways for the same period.

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 in 2021. Depending on the fiscal impacts of Covid-19 on the Township's revenue, these projects could be postponed.

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

### **History Of The Porter Kingston Fire District**

Many of us take for granted that we have a very active and professional firefighters and paramedics protecting our homes and family. The current department has gone through several changes over the years, and we thought that it would be interesting to look at the history of our department.

The Porter Township Fire Department was formed in 1953 by Joe Caudy, Gerald Crowl, Art Kenny and Walter Phillips, and was operated by the Porter Township Trustees using general fund dollars. The department started with a 1953 Dodge American pumper, and had 16 volunteer members under the direction of Fire Chief Gerald Crowl.

In the mid-50's, Kingston Township began contracting with the department for fire protection. Homer Rader took the helm as Fire Chief in 1965. In the late-60's the department was removed from the township general fund, and operated with funding generated by bond levies and the Kingston Township contract which was also

supported through levies. The Porter Township Trustees remained the administrators of the department.

In January 1972, Larry Caudy became the third Fire Chief of the Porter Township Fire Department. An addition to the original firehouse was constructed by the volunteer firefighters to house a new 1976 Towers fire engine. In 1980, the volunteer firefighters built Hose 381, a four wheel drive International truck chassis with 1000 gpm front mount pump and two large reels carrying 2,700 feet of 4" hose. A new Sutphen pumper that carried a 1,000 gpm pump and 1,200 gallons of water was added to the department in 1985.

In 1989, Porter and Kingston Townships formed an independent entity for fire protection. As a result of the formation, the name changed from the Porter Township Fire Department to the Porter Kingston Fire District (District), Station 380. A new firehouse was constructed in 1991 and named the Joe Caudy Station after one of the founding members. The District is independent of the Porter and Kingston Township Trustees, but is governed by a five member Fire Board consisting of a Trustee from each Township, a citizen representative appointed by the Trustees of each Township, and a representative appointed by the Porter Kingston Firefighters Association.

Still under the direction of Fire Chief Caudy, the District continued to progress and grow adding a new S&S Fire Apparatus 1,800 gallon tanker in 1994 and a new Pierce Saber engine in 1996. The new engine, designated as Engine 382, was designed to seat 6 firefighters and carried a large pump, 1,000 gallons of water, a 7.5kv generator,

and extrication equipment. A grass firefighting vehicle was replaced in 1998 with a H1 Hummer equipped with a 250 gallon water tank, 10 gallon foam tank and 250 gpm pump. In September of 1998, the District began staffing the firehouse with one firefighter during daylight hours.

Another milestone was reached in June 2000 when the Delaware County Commissioners approved the placement of a county medic transport vehicle and staff in Station 380. Medic 6 is staffed by three paramedics who are on duty 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with living quarters on the back of the Firehouse. Having Medic 6 in our District improved medical emergency response times for all our citizens. Fire Chief Larry Caudy and Firefighter Brandon Rausch became the first full time employees of the District in January 2001. A new Engine/Rescue 381 was purchased in July 2002 replacing a 1985 Engine that was donated to the DACC.

In January 2005, the District began additionally training firefighters as paramedics to expand service capabilities for our residents. This capability is important should Medic 6 be handling a separate medical emergency. In February 2005, a new rescue unit (Rescue 382) was added to the District. The truck was designed to be a first responder vehicle, a supplement to Engine/Rescue 381, and a manpower vehicle for any fire and rescue incidents.

Fire Chief Caudy announced that he would be retiring at the end of 2005. His replacement came from within the District. Captain Michael Thompson was promoted to Fire Chief in October 2005 with former

Fire Chief Caudy staying on till the end of the year to help with the transition.

Chief Thompson remains in the position today.

In early 2017, the District placed an order for a new Engine 382 to replace an engine purchased in 1996 which served the townships well for over 21 years. The cost of the new unit, a Pierce Velocity, was \$649,000, and financed by a low interest loan. With conservative fiscal management, the District was able to pay about 40% of the purchase price to reduce the amount financed. The retired engine was sold with sale proceeds returning to the District. New Engine 382 was placed in full service in June 2017, and seats 6 firefighters with air packs, carries 1,000 gallons of on board water, is equipped with a large generator, 1,500 gallon per minute water pump, high velocity deck gun, numerous ladders and hose sizes and lengths, and additional support equipment.

Today, the Porter Kingston Fire District has two full time personnel including Chief Thompson and Lt. Adam Wampler who staff the firehouse on weekdays, has 6 volunteer firefighter/paramedics, and 16 firefighter/EMT's. The District is managed in compliance with the National Fire Protection Agency Fire Code and has an ISO Rating of 4/4Y which benefits residents by lowering home insurance premiums. Considerable, on-going training is held to ensure that District personnel have the skills necessary to protect the lives and property our residents. Mutual aid agreements are in place Countywide; these agreements ensure that emergency response is available at all times depending on the severity of the situation or if District personnel are committed to an active fire or medical

emergency. The District is supported through several existing tax levies paid by property owners in Porter and Kingston Townships, as well as various grants received to fund building safety improvements, training and small equipment replacement. The future looks bright for the Porter Kingston Fire District. To address the on-going growth of our townships, long-term planning efforts are underway focusing on overnight staffing, continued replacement of vehicles and equipment, and construction of a second firehouse to improve response times. The District sincerely appreciates the on-going support received from the residents of both townships! **And Now You Know!**

*By Dave Stites and Chief Mike Thompson, PKFD; Website History of the Porter Kingston Fire District*

## **PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT**

### **COVID-19—From The Desk Of Chief Thompson**

The District started receiving notifications in January about the Covid-19 outbreak from the Delaware General Health District (DGHD) as they were monitoring the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and reports from China.

As the virus progressed, the State, County and the District started taking inventory of equipment on hand as well as making arrangements with suppliers for mask, gloves, gowns, face shields and sanitizing equipment.

Due to the nature of our District, we had a good supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in place. We were able to acquire additional gowns, face shields and hand sanitizer in coordination with Delaware County EMS and other county

departments. We are currently in a good position with our PPE, and we are also having our N95 masks cleaned by Battelle weekly as we use them.

The District has followed the Governors and CDC guidance, and is limiting the visitors to the foyer of the building; we are not presently doing any inspections or home visits for birthday parties or any other gatherings.

The District suspended meetings and in-person trainings on March 12<sup>th</sup>. We are continuing with online trainings at the present time, are taking daily temperature checks for the staff, and are preparing to restart in-person trainings following the CDC guidelines including Social Distancing, face masks, temperature checks and disinfecting protocols.

There is a County Wide Mass Casualty Plan in place that divides the County into four quadrants. If needed, these quadrants will be staffed with a dedicated COVID-19 Medic continuously. So far, due to the social distancing and lowered infection rate, the plan has not been implemented.

The best place for information is the Ohio COVID-19 website; it is updated regularly with the latest guidance from the Governor and CDC. <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/>

## HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

The Delaware General Health District is actively tracking and responding to the Covid-19 Virus. Countywide statistics are updated daily and can be found on the Health District website at [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org). Currently, there are no reported cases in Kingston Township.

## 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** May 5, 2020, 7 PM  
June 2, 2020, 7 PM  
July 7, 2020, 7 PM  
August 4, 2020, 7 PM  
September 1, 2020, 7 PM  
October 6, 2020, 7 PM

**Zoning Commission** August 6, 2020, 7 PM  
November 5, 2020, 7 PM

**Trash Days 2020** May 6, 13, 20, 27\*  
June 3, 10, 17, 24  
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
August 5, 12, 19, 26  
September 2, 10\*, 16, 23, 30  
October 7, 14, 21, 28

## CONTACTS

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### **FISCAL OFFICER**

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

**TRASH & RECYCLING**

Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375

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

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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