



KINGSTON NEWS

4TH QUARTER, NOVEMBER 2020

Chairman's Chat

By William Shively, Trustees Chairman

Hello everyone. I hope you are all well and looking forward to the holiday season! The Trustees have been very busy with many projects this year. As I stated in the last newsletter, we had planned to start construction of the new Township Hall in October. After hearing from the builders, they recommend that we wait until spring to avoid potentially bad weather this winter. The new start date is now April with a completion date of June, 2021. The Trustees plan to have a grand opening celebration around the July 4th time period; pending the state of the pandemic and what will be safe. Stay tuned to the newsletter for updates.

At the November Trustees Meeting, we received estimates for drainage repairs on Todd Street Road. We will move forward on that project early next spring. The roundabout at SR 61/656 and Wilson Road will start construction around June of next year. Detours are still being finalized. The Delaware County Engineers Office has put up new flashing stop signs at the intersections of North Galena Road and SR 521, and 3B's & K Road and SR 521. We are hopeful this will reduce the accidents at these intersections.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of retired Porter Kingston Fire District Chief Larry Caudy. Larry's tireless energy and

work ethic were unmatched to bring the best possible fire protection to the residents. Please keep the Caudy family in your thoughts and prayers.

The township was hit by a tornado on Labor Day according to the National Weather Service. Cornfields, roofs and trees were damaged. Power lines were also brought down. It is always a good time to review your weather emergency shelter plan with your family.

As the holiday season approaches, please be safe and do everything possible to help stop the virus from spreading. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. Let's bring in 2021 with optimism and hope for the end to this pandemic!

TOWNSHIP HALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS SIGNED

On September 3, 2020, the Kingston Township Trustees met to sign the construction contracts for the new Township Hall and Park. Contracts include Del-Co Water for water service, Morton Buildings who will serve as the design/build contractor and our partnership agreement with Nationwide Realty Investors (Nationwide). Nationwide's responsibilities include construction of the entrance roadway with bicycle lanes, on-site septic system (with future connection to sanitary sewer when available), picnic pavilion with public restrooms, rough grading of the parking lot

to serve the hall and pavilion, storm water detention basins, and shared cost water and electric service to the area.

Design work was provided by Architect Tony Schorr for the Township and Engineer Mike Williams from Terrain Evolution for Nationwide. The Trustees would like to thank Assistant County Prosecutor Vince J. Villio, Jerry Kauffman and Michael Weckesser from Morton Buildings, and especially Bart Barok, Steve Lark and Samantha Grieser from Nationwide for their hard work to bring this project to the construction stage.

The Trustees anticipate the start of construction to begin in Spring 2021 and be completed by mid to late Summer 2021.



Pictured above from left to right are Trustee Steve Volpe, Fiscal Officer Greg Roy, Trustee Bill Shively, and Trustee Dewey Akers as they sign the contracts for construction of the new Township Hall.

The Trustees would like to thank Township Resident Steve Sheets for his efforts restoring the Blue Church Bell Memorial in September. Steve varnished the plaque and

repainted the sides and gable ends of the shelter over the bell. The memorial is located near the entrance of the Blue Church Cemetery.

ZONING REPORT

Permits

For the months of August through October, 2020, the following zoning permits were approved:

- 15 New Build Homes
- 0 Pools
- 7 Accessory Structures
- 0 Structure Additions
- 1 Lot Split
- 2 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 2025. The vacancy posting is located on the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions.

Zoning Commission Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling a vacancy on the Zoning Commission for an **Alternate** position that runs through August 2025. 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 is January 2021 with construction during the summer months. Tentative traffic closure will occur between June 1st and October 31st. 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.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of August through October, 2020, 10 driveway permits were issued, 2 headstone foundations were installed, and 1 interment was made.

The township continues to work 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 intend to initiate the work as soon as plans are complete to relieve roadway flooding impacts.

The Trustees would like to thank the Delaware County Engineers Office for installing new solar powered, flashing stop signs at the intersections of North Galena and 3B's & K Roads with State Route 521. There have been several fatalities at these intersections this year, and it is everyone's desire that the new signs will improve vehicular safety. Liaison Doug Riedel does a great job coordinating our road issues.



This photo was taken in December, 2003 at the Monthly Trustees Meeting. Can you recognize your Township Representatives at that time? Turn to the last page for answers.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Santa Is Coming To Town

The Firefighters of the Porter Kingston Firefighters Association will be escorting Santa Claus around Porter and Kingston Townships on Sunday, December 20, 2020. The tour will begin at 11:00am, and

continue into the night to greet families waiting at the end of their driveways to see the Big Guy!

Residents will be able to see the route, estimated times for your area and turn by turn directions on the Tours Facebook Page at Facebook.com/PKFDSantaTour. If you have questions, please contact the Fire District at 740-524-5050. COVID-19 is not going to stop Santa Clause from visiting our Townships!

New Firefighter Sworn In

On September 14, 2020, Trenton Township resident Tanner Merdeath was sworn in by Fire Board Chairman and Kingston Township Trustee Dewey Akers as a Firefighter for the Porter Kingston Fire District. Tanner has his 240 Hour Firefighter and EMT-B Training Certificates, and is shown in the picture below with his parents William and Laura. Welcome Tanner.



1994 Water Tanker Replacement

The Porter Kingston Fire District is constantly seeking grant funding to replace critical equipment for our safety. Early this year, an application was submitted under the FY2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The application sought approximately \$350,000 to replace the 1994 Water Tanker currently in use. The program received over 8,300 requests. While our District's application made it deep into the review process, the application was not funded. This is only a minor setback, and the District will enhance the application and resubmit in the next grant cycle.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

ISOLATION VS. QUARANTINE--The Health District has been receiving a large amount of calls about when to isolate and quarantine and for how long. We understand this is a confusing time, and we want to provide information in the best way possible to help protect our residents. That's why we created this rundown on the difference between isolation and quarantine. The rundown can be found on the Kingston Township website under Special Notices. <https://delawarehealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Isolation-vs-Quarantine.pdf>

By Kelli Kincaid, Program Manager, Delaware General Health District

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 November 3, 2020 7PM
December 1, 2020 7PM

Zoning Commission November 5, 2020, 7 PM

Trash Days 2020 November 4, 11, 18, 25
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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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
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
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ROADS & CEMETERIES

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TRASH & RECYCLING

Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375
On-line: localwasteservices.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

Blast From The Past Answers: From left to right are Trustee Dan Basham, Trustee Bill Shively, Trustee Sally Joiner, Unknown and Fiscal Officer Greg Roy. Can you identify the unknown person? If so, please call the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 to let us know. Thanks

