



KINGSTON NEWS

4TH QUARTER, NOVEMBER 2021

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman

With the majority of crops off the fields, the change from daylight savings time and the first snow of the year over the weekend, it sure feels like winter has come early to Kingston Township.

The past several months have been extremely busy for the Trustees. While our summer roadwork is complete, we are already working with the County Engineer's Office on an OPWC Grant for next year which focuses on rehabilitation of Wilson road from State Route 61 west to Carter's Corner Road.

We continue to put the finishing touches on the new Township Hall. A number of interior components have been completed including drywall, flooring and painting. A special thanks goes out to local contractor Jeremiah Morgan of Morgan Painting for completing the painting under a tight schedule. We have entered into a contract with Spectrum for internet service, and they will be bringing fiber optic cable to the building in the next several months, and running the cable throughout the interior. HVAC installation will soon be completed.

After 15+ years with Kingston Township, Bob Talbott has retired as Zoning Inspector. The Trustees are deeply appreciative of his contributions to the Zoning Office and the Township, and wish him nothing but the best as he moves forward.

The vacant Zoning Inspector position has been posted on our website at www.kingstontwp.org. The posting and position description are located at the top of the home page, and the Trustees encourage you or someone you might know to apply for the position if interested. In the interim, Dave Stites will be handling all zoning matters.

Congratulations go to Trustee Bill Shively who was reelected for another 4 year term and to Matt Roy who will fill Trustee Steve Volpe's seat on January 1st. During his tenure, Trustee Volpe has accomplished many things including spearheading the construction of the new Township Hall and Park. Steve's efforts and countless hours coordinating planning and construction matters with our partners at Nationwide Realty Investors, county permitting and numerous contractors are sincerely appreciated. He will be missed. As Steve winds down his involvement in the project, I will be picking up coordination of remaining project components.

As I complete my year as Trustee Chairman, I want you to know that I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all the residents who brought problems and issues to me for assistance. As we close out 2021, if I can help you with a concern or question, please feel free to contact me at 740-803-1529 or dakers@kingstontwp.org. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

ZONING REPORT

Permits

For the months of August through October 2021 the following zoning permits were approved:

- 7 New Build Homes
- 1 Accessory Structures
- 1 Addition
- 3 Patios, Decks & Pools

In addition, the Zoning Office processed:

- 1 Complaint
- 2 Lot Splits (6 Lots)
- 2 CAD Subdivision Reviews
- 1 Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing
- 1 Zoning Commission Meeting

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

Board Vacancies

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling an **Alternate** vacancy on the **Board of Zoning Appeals** and **Zoning Commission** which both run through December 2025. Both vacancies are posted in the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions or interest.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of August through October 2021, 1 driveway permit was issued. There were 6 lots sold in the Blue Church Cemetery, and there was 1 interment.

Roadwork planned for next summer focuses on rehabilitation of Rosecrans Road from State Route 61 west to Carter's Corner. The

work will include milling and rebuilding the edge, berming, a chip and seal application followed with a fog coating.

Even with the installation of flashing stop sign lights at the intersections of State Route 521 and North Galena and 3B's & K Roads by the Delaware County Engineer's Office, significant traffic crashes continued. Based on the Trustee's push for further traffic crash preventive measures at both intersections, the County Engineer's Office installed additional, yellow warning lights to warn motorists. The Trustees appreciate the efforts made by the County Engineer to improve safety!

As you are driving the roadways within Kingston Township and see damage to the pavement, signs or guardrails, please report the damage to Road Superintendent Doug Crowl by calling 740-815-8427. We need your help to ensure that our roadways remain safe.



DID YOU KNOW????

The Zoning Office receives a number of questions regarding zoning issues and the township in general. A frequently asked question involves our historic schools.

Consequently, we have decided to republish an article about our schools from the May 2016 Kingston News. We hope you will enjoy learning about the numerous early schools!

From the mid 1800's into the early part of the 1900's, education of children living in Kingston Township was provided by the Kingston Township Board of Education (Board). During that period, eight different brick, one room schools existed providing education through the 8th grade. These schools were positioned four miles apart so that no child would have to walk more than two miles. All contained stoves, seats, desks and glass windows, and cost approximately \$600-800 dollars to build.

Prior to the State of Ohio assuming control of public education in 1851, several church schools were located in the township. The first one was built in 1820 on the Curtis farm located on Little Walnut Creek about a mile from the south township line.

Teachers were paid approximately \$800 dollars to teach 160 days per year. To be hired, they were required to present a teaching certificate qualifying them for the job. Every child who completed 8 or more years in the one room schools could take a Boxwell Exam in Delaware. If students passed, they could attend high school without paying tuition. Otherwise, they could petition the Board to pay tuition so they could further their education at high schools located in Sunbury, Galena or Delaware.

Each public school was assigned a Sub District Number. The following is a list of the schools and their location:

Sub District 1 **Virginia School**

This school was also known as the Beacom School or Blayney School and was located at the corner of Kilbourne and Blue Church Roads.

Sub District 2 **Oak Hall School**

This school was also known as the Weiant School and was located on the northeast corner of Todd Street Road at Clark Road. It was named after all the large White Oak trees that grew in the area.

Sub District 3 **Stark School**

This school was located on the west side of State Route 61 between Stockwell and Rosecrans Road.

Sub District 4 **Lott School**

This school was also known as the South Kingston School. The school was eventually turned into a home currently owned by the McCanney's on the north side of Wilson Road at Carter's Corner Road.

Sub District 5 **Van Sickle School**

This school was located on North Galena Road about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles north of Berkshire Road. It was a joint sub district that also served Brown and Berkshire Townships.

Sub District 6 **Sunnyside School**

This school was eventually turned into a home currently owned by the Johnson's on the north side of Kilbourne Road at North Galena Road.

Sub District 7 **Kingston Center School**

This school was also known as Scott School. It was the third sub district school built in the township and is currently used as the Kingston Township Hall located on the corner of SR 521 and Carter's Corner Road. The school was built in 1877 by the Owen

family. Workers were paid \$1.50 per day for their labor. The school closed in 1929. Gerald Crowl, the grandfather of Road Superintendent Doug Crowl and Fiscal Officer Greg Roy was a substitute teacher at the school for several years. According to Kingston Township Board of Education records, 17,000 bricks were used for the structure.

Sub District 8 Independence Hall School

This school was also known as Waldon School and Silas Sheets School. The shell of the building still can be observed on the east side of 3B's and K Road south of SR 521. This district was the last to be organized in 1885, and the school closed in 1921. It was a joint sub district that also served Brown Township.

Please take time to explore the township and discover the four remaining schools that exist out of the original eight.

By Dave Siites and Doug Crowl

Information for this article obtained from Kingston Township Memories In Its Bicentennial Year, 2013, The Big Walnut Area Historical Society, Pages 76-95 and The Delaware Gazette, Section D, Page 9, June 24, 1958.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Santa Is Coming To Kingston Township

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 19th to ensure that you do not miss Santa's visit. To sign up for a visit, monitor routing times and receive live updates, sign in at www.facebook.com/PKFDSantaTour.

Please Message the District with your address, and you will be added to Santa's route. The route will be released December 10th on Facebook.

Santa will be traveling with Engine 381 in Utility 381 instead of his sleigh, and will continue his travel through Porter and Kingston Townships until everyone gets to see him. If you have any questions, please contact the District at 740-524-5050.

AFG Grant

For the past several years, the Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD) has applied for a \$490,000 grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program to replace the District's 1994 Tanker Truck T381. This program is very competitive and is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For the FY 2020 grant cycle, FEMA received over 8,150 applications.

In October, the District was notified that the grant funding request was denied with no direct reason given. The District was directed to a webinar to help better understand the review and selection process for future applications.

The Tanker is an important piece of equipment to fight rural fires, and a grant award would save the District and the tax dollars that support it considerable money. At their November 8th Meeting, the Fire Board voted to approve a contract with Ohio First Responder Grants, LLC to prepare a FY2021 grant application to replace the Tanker and possibly the specialized cascade air compressor that is used to refill SCBA tanks. The company has extensive grant writing experience and award success. The matter was expedited as the grant filing deadline is December 17, 2021.

Extrication Equipment Purchased

Extrication tools are an important when responding to a number of situations

including automobile crashes. For many years, the District has used hydraulic tools to open up vehicles and other equipment to extricate occupants. These tools include the familiar “jaws of life”. Use of this equipment would require firefighters to unload a portable hydraulic pump and lines from the fire trucks, set them up and start the pump before emergency extrication could begin.

Just as with most things, extrication equipment has significantly improved over time to improve firefighter capabilities at crash sites. As the PKFD is always trying to improve response times and capabilities upon arrival, the District recently expended \$35,000 to purchase battery operated extrication tools from Genesis Rescue Systems. The purchase included a spreader, cutter and ram with spare batteries. These new tools have been added to the fleet, and the old hydraulic equipment will be used as backup.



How do firefighters get better at their jobs?

Firefighters get better at their jobs through practice either with a fire simulator at a training academy or through actual controlled burns. On November 6th, members of the BST&G and Porter

Kingston Fire Districts conducted a controlled burn of a vacant house on Stockwell Road. Through the morning various training scenarios were created and the structure reignited each time to allow the firefighters to improve their skills dealing with real life fire situations. About 25 firefighters took part in the training, and the structure was burned to the ground at the end of the training.



HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

As you begin to decorate your Christmas trees and home exteriors, keep in mind that there is an opportunity for you to recycle string lights rather than throwing them in the trash. From November 15, 2021 to January 14, 2022, you can drop off the old lights at the Sunbury Health District location in the Kroger Plaza.

The office is open from 7:30AM to 4PM Monday through Friday and closed for lunch from 1 to 1:30PM. Their phone number is 740-965-2339 for questions. Keep in mind that the office can also assist with pediatric COVID-19 vaccinations, birth certificate copies and sanitary and plumbing applications and licenses. The pediatric vaccinations are available on Tuesdays, and an appointment is required.

A school-based clinic for children ages 5-11 to receive the pediatric Pfizer COVID-19

vaccine will be held at General Rosecrans Elementary, 301 S. Miller Dr. in Sunbury from 2:30 to 6:30PM on Monday, November 29th. Appointments are required. <http://forms.delawarehealth.org/Forms/schoolcovid> Use code 'fluCovid2021'. Parents can get their booster doses at the clinic; however, an appointment is required and they must bring their CDC COVID-19 vaccination card with them.

COVID-19 vaccinations, booster doses and flu shots are available at the Health District headquarters in Delaware for all adults. Appointments are required. <http://forms.delawarehealth.org/Forms/fluCovid> Use code 'fluCovid2021'.

The Health District continues to recommend that everyone, including fully vaccinated individuals, continue to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

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 2, 2021, 7PM
December 7, 2021, 7PM

Zoning Commission February 3, 2022, 7PM
May 5, 2022, 7PM
August 4, 2022, 7PM
November 3, 2022, 7PM

Trash Days November 3, 10, 17, 24
2021 - 2022 December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
January 5, 12, 19, 26
February 2, 9, 16, 23
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

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NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290
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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

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DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE

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DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

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