



KINGSTON NEWS

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Chairman's Chat

By Matt Roy, Trustees Chairman

"Nature often holds up a mirror so we can see more clearly the ongoing process of growth, renewal and transformation in our lives", author unknown.

As I consider the wording for this Chairman's Chat to my fellow residents of Kingston Township, I reflect on this quote. As the seasons change, the beautiful colored leaves begin to fall and the temperatures begin to drop, we also reflect on the changes that have been taking place in Kingston Township such as the new township building being in full occupancy and ready for rental to residents, and a new township road superintendent taking over the reins.

We would like to take a moment and thank our outgoing Road Superintendent Doug Crawl for his dedicated service to our township over the past 15 years and wish him well in all his future endeavors. Doug will be handing over the reins to our new Road Superintendent Fred Neace. We would also like to welcome Fred to our township team. Fred comes to our township with vast experience and knowledge of township maintenance and care and will strive to continue to make Kingston Township a beautiful and safe place to live.

We would like to say a special thank you to Delaware County Health Commissioner Shelia Hiddleston for her many years of

dedicated service to Delaware County. As she also travels another path in her life, we wish her all the best and look forward to meeting new Health Commissioner Garrett Guillozet.

So, as we reflect on the many changes happening around the township, I leave you with this quote; "Change is the law of life. Those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future" John F. Kennedy. As always, please enjoy our beautiful township we all call home, and let the Trustees know if there are any problems or concerns that may arise. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Chairman this past year. Thank you for that opportunity! Matt Roy

The Trustees continue to work on several items including installation of roadway and parking lot lighting for the New Township Hall, construction of the Picnic Pavilion by Nationwide Realty Investors, a Township Hall Rental/Use Agreement, sale of the old plow truck, pickup truck, and miscellaneous equipment through the govdeals.com website, and resolution of a boundary issue at the old township hall. A used 2000 Ford F450, 4X4, 7.3L diesel engine, 33,000 miles was purchased by the Trustees from the Village of Milford Center on November 14th. The one ton dump truck cost \$15,000 and will be used for general maintenance along with snow plowing of parking lots and roadways within Northstar once fitted with a plow and salt spreader.

LAST CHANCE:
ZONING SECRETARY-ASSISTANT
ZONING INSPECTOR VACANCY

With the pending retirement of current Zoning Secretary-Assistant Zoning Inspector Dave Stites, the Trustees would like to hire someone ahead of Dave's retirement for training purposes. The Job Posting is on the Home Page of the Township's Website www.kingstontwp.org Please spread the word. If you or someone you know might be interested, contact the Zoning Office by telephone at 740-524-0290 or by email at zoning@kingstontwp.org. The Trustees will be interviewing applicants on December 6th at 7:00pm, New Township Hall during their monthly meeting.

ZONING REPORT

Permits

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

- 1 New Build Homes
- 5 Accessory Structures
- 2 Room Additions
- 1 Pool

The Zoning Commission continues to work on revisions to the Township's Comprehensive Plan with the assistance of Scott Sanders, Delaware Regional Planning Office.

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

Resident Survey Completed

The Resident Survey is complete with 329 responses received. The response rate was 39% which is both exceptional and shows how much residents care about the future of our Township. The Survey Results and

Comments are posted on the Township's Website at www.kingstontwp.org. Below are a few of the resident responses and comments:

- Prefer on-site septic vs. county sewer.
- Want limited commercial development in the township and do not mind driving to Delaware or Sunbury.
- Prefer single family residential lots and smaller common access drive subdivisions.
- Do not support housing types like single unit condos, duplex units, apartments, attached/detached homes, etc. on small lots.
- Want light pollution minimized.
- Support increasing minimum lot size.
- Want increased traffic law enforcement on our roadways.
- Want our rural character and farmland preserved and protected.
- Would like to see utility expansion within the township including natural gas, cable, high speed internet, fiber optics, etc.
- Keep it simple, keep it country.

To see the complete survey and all resident comments, please go to the Township's Website.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of August through October, 5 driveway permits were issued. There was 1 interment in the Blue Church Cemetery and 4 cemetery headstone foundations were poured. 4 trees and stumps were commercially removed in the Stark Cemetery. Extra attention has been given to maintenance of the Blue Church Cemetery including more frequent mowing, trimming, and cleaning and mulching of entrance planting beds.



Please Note: Now is a good time to inspect mailboxes ahead of winter show plowing to ensure that the support posts are solid, and the boxes are securely fastened to the posts. Contact the Porter Kingston Fire District for a new green emergency address sign or a replacement if the existing sign is weathered.

Roadwork has been completed on Rosecrans Road from State Route 61 west to Carter's Corner. The work included grader paving of deteriorated sections and a chip and seal application. Work was also completed on Wilson Road between State Route 61 and Carter's Corner Road in cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer using funding from an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant. The work included road leveling, application of new asphalt and berming.

Ditch work on Berkshire Road will likely take place before the end of the year to improve drainage just west of North Galena Road. Winter weight reductions will be posted on Wilson, Rosecrans and Beacom Roads.

Two Petition Ditch Projects have been approved by the Delaware County

Commissioners on Todd Street Road including the Ribov and Kingston 2 Petitions. As part of the Kingston 2 project, Kingston Township will install a new culvert under Todd Street Road to return the normal flow of water from north to south. As a benefited party in both projects, the Township will pay an assessment along with other property owners. The County Engineer's Office is also looking at another culvert issue on Todd Street Road just west of Clark Road in terms of size and capacity since water overtopped the roadway several times during summer storm events.

Looking ahead to 2023, the Trustees, in cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer, will seek funding to resurface Twigg-Hupp Road through another OPWC Grant. If the grant is denied, the road will be added to list for chip and seal for next summer.

Also, two culverts under Berkshire Road will be replaced in 2023 in a cost sharing partnership with Berkshire Township.

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

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Personnel News

Craig Mignogno was reinstated to a Firefighter position for a 12 month probationary period, and Tony Coletta has moved to active status. The District has one application for Firefighter in process and three more applicants starting the 240 hour

Firefighter Class at the Delaware Area Career Center in February 2023. The number of part-time Firefighters working at the District averages from 22 to 28.

AFG Grant

As reported in previous newsletters, the District applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2021 award cycle to replace the 1994 Tanker Unit currently in use. While the original grant cycle ended in September 2022 and the tanker replacement was not funded, and additional \$90 million dollars was added for award between October 1 and December 31, 2022. Everyone involved with the Porter Kingston Fire District remains hopeful that a new tanker will be funded by the end of the year.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

With the retirement of Health Commissioner Shelia Hiddleston at the end of this year, the Board of Health has approved the hiring of Garrett Guillozet as the next Health Commissioner for the Delaware General Health District. Guillozet has over 17 years of experience in local public health, most recently serving as the Health Commissioner for Ross County Health District since 2020.

From now until January 16, 2023, the Health District Sunbury Office located in the Kroger Shopping Plaza will offer recycling of unwanted holiday string lights. Don't throw them out—recycle them is the theme of this program. Call 740-368-1700 for more details.

The Health District is asking for everyone's cooperation in keeping the Recycling Bins located at the Kingston Township Maintenance Building clean! Recently,

unacceptable materials have been left in or adjacent to the blue, metal recycling bins. When unacceptable items get left, someone else must clean them up. The good news for Kingston Township is that our refuse contractor Local Waste Services will pick up bulk items. Residents need to simply call 614-409-9375 to make arrangements.

Hazardous waste should be saved for a drop off day or taken to a permanent drop off. Currently, Delaware County does not have a permanent drop off location, but the DKMM Solid Waste District is looking into it. Some materials can be taken to other year-round locations. For more information, please contact Jenifer Way-Young at 740-203-2076 or visit the Recycling and Litter prevention pages at www.delawarehealth.org.

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 December 6, 2022, 7PM

Zoning Commission February 1, 2023, 7PM
May 3, 2023, 7PM
August 2, 2023, 7PM
November 1, 2023, 7PM

Trash Days November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
December 7, 14, 21, 28
January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15, 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

CONTACTS

(740 Area Code unless otherwise noted)

TRUSTEES (Meet 7PM 1st Tuesday Of Month)

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FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 504-0311,
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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
Email: PKFD@rrohio.com www.PKFD.org

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Fred Neace, 815-8427, roads@kingstontwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

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

ZONING

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zoning@kingstontwp.org

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

740-368-1921

DELAWARE COUNTY BUILDING SAFETY

740-833-2200

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

740-368-1700

The Kingston Township Trustees,
Fiscal Officer and staff wish you
all a very Happy Thanksgiving, a
Merry Christmas, and a Blessed
New Year!

