

Kingston Township Hall Fact Sheet

Our Kingston Township Hall has issues that make it difficult to use it as a true township hall. There is no running potable water, septic system is inadequate and difficult (if not impossible) to maintain. There are structural issues in the floor, roof, and in the addition. The square footage is inadequate for any meeting of substantial size. Even the Board of Elections will no longer allow us to vote there. The cost of renovations with necessary upgrades and land acquisition exceeds the cost of a conservative new building on land given to the township by the Northstar developer.

Three years ago, Kingston Township placed a bond issue on the ballot to build a somewhat lavish and spacious Township Hall. This issue failed. In discussing this, we heard that the Township does need a new hall, but nothing that fancy or expensive. Our new concept is a much simpler concept. It is a simple metal office building (like a Morton Building) of approximately 2,000 to 2,300 square feet. This building is far less expensive and will not require a bond issue. **No new taxes, no tax increase!**

This November you will see a resolution on the ballot for a new Township Hall. This is NOT a bond issue. The total cost should not exceed \$300,000 (including necessary site improvements). We can pay for this project with the rental income we are now getting from the farm land we received from Northstar. We have the land. A substantial amount of infrastructure will be performed by the developer, at no cost to the township. This includes the access road, bike paths, sewage treatment, etc. Additionally, they will build a very nice picnic shelter with running water and restrooms. These actions are only required by the developer if we build a new township hall. We do nothing, they do nothing.

We will hold a special meeting on this topic on Tuesday October 24th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Berkshire Township Hall, 1454 Rome Corners Road. Their township hall is a metal building (ours would be similar, but smaller) so you can get a feel for that type of structure. We will have some concept drawings. We will explain in detail all aspects of this project. If you can't make it to the meeting and have questions, please feel free to call or email Trustee Steve Volpe. His phone is 740-965-1802, his email is svolpe@kingstontwp.org.