



KINGSTON NEWS

2ND QUARTER, MAY 2023

Chairman's Chat

By Bill Shively, Trustees Chairman

Hello everyone! Spring has finally won out over the back and forth battle with winter. I am ready for the warm, nice weather!

The Township has many projects that are underway. The pavilion is now under construction. This project is being built across the parking lot from the Township Hall. The Trustees were successful with our OPWC funding request to resurface Twigg-Hupp Road. This project will start in late summer. The Township has purchased new equipment to replace our old equipment. The new equipment consist of a Case 580 backhoe and a 60 inch cut commercial lawn mower with a new trailer. Very busy times in Kingston Township!

I want to take this time to say a big THANK YOU to Dave Stites. Dave is going to retire this coming summer. Dave has done a fantastic job as Zoning Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Porter Kinston Fire Board Representative and The Delaware County Reginal Planning Commission Chairman! Dave, on behalf of the residents and the Trustees, we want you to know how grateful and thankful we are to have you represent Kingston Township in the most professional, caring manner! We wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement! The Trustees have held interviews to hire a new Zoning Secretary and will announce our decision at the June Monthly Trustees Meeting.

I want to thank everyone who helped clean up the Township's roadways! It is very much appreciated!

The Trustees meet the first Tuesday at 7pm every month at the new Township Hall on Carter's Corner Road. I invite you to come and get involved in what is happening in Kingston Township. If you have a question or concern please contact me, Dewey or Matt. We are here to help!

The Trustees continue to work on several additional items including:

- Installation of roadway and parking lot lighting for the new Township Hall using Care Act Funding.
- Paving and striping the gravel parking lot at the new Township Hall at a cost of approximately \$38,000 using Cares Act Funding starting the week of June 5th.
- The Township Hall Rental/Use Agreement.
- Construction of a 15' X 24' addition to the new Township Hall for rental food prep and storage.
- Sale of old and outdated equipment and furniture through the govdeals.com website.
- Resolution of a boundary issue at the old Township Hall along with long term disposition of the structure.



Picnic Pavilion Footers Being Prepped AJ Asphalt May 9th

ZONING REPORT

Permits

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

- 2 New Build Homes
- 2 Accessory Structures
- 1 Solar Array

Two illegal dumping and one nuisance complaints were received. Several letters were sent to residents starting construction of accessory structures without township approval.

Amended Comprehensive Plan Draft Approved By Trustees

After a Public Hearing held on May 2nd, the Trustees unanimously approved the Amended Comprehensive Plan as recommended by the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission without changes. It goes into effect immediately.

The plan will be posted on the Township Website once it is recorded, and a copy (once

printed) will be housed at the Sunbury Community Library. A copy of the plan is available for review or purchase at the Zoning Office.

Thinking About Building, Contact The Zoning Office First

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

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of February through April, 2 driveway permits were issued. Two headstones were set and there was 1 interment in the Blue Church Cemetery. Winter weight reductions are currently posted on Wilson, Rosecrans, and Beacom Roads through June.

Volunteer Roadway Cleanup Was A Success

During April and May, several roadway cleanup events were held in the Township. The first event in mid-April was organized by resident Samantha Young who with family and friends cleaned up the roadway ditches along Todd Street and Clark Roads.



Todd Street Rd. & Clark Rd. Cleanup Crew

The second event was coordinated by Louise Douce (Community Connection). She and several families cleaned up the roadway ditches on Blue Church Road from Rosecrans Road north to Kilbourne Road. A third event again coordinated by Louise with Tami Jirmasek and Karen Hostetler was held on May 6th where local families and friends cleaned up the roadway ditches on Rosecrans and Blayney Roads. Finally, Road Superintendent Fred Neace picked up the roadway ditches along Wilson Road with Trustee Akers driving the marked Township truck behind Neace for safety on the heavily traveled roadway. Check out more cleanup pictures at the end of the newsletter.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who participated in the ditch cleanup for caring about their neighborhoods and the Township. You all did a great job! A special thanks also goes to Jenifer Way-Young of the Delaware General Health District for providing support equipment for the cleanups under the Keep Delaware County Beautiful Program. The items provided included gloves, bags, safety vests and pickup sticks. Overall, 50+ residents participated in the events and a total of about 50 bags of trash were collected.

Culvert Replacement & Roadway Resurfacing Work

Several roadway culverts were replaced by the County Engineer's office at the request of the Trustees. Work to install a new culvert under Todd Street Road, to return the normal flow of water from north to south, was completed in March. Two culverts on Berkshire Road were completed in April with the cost split between Berkshire and Kingston Townships. A culvert was replaced on Basham Lane also in April. 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. They are also still working on improving drainage at the west end of Rosecrans Road that may require relocation of a natural gas line adjacent to the roadway.



Todd Street Road Culvert Installation

The Trustees, in cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer, were notified that funding to resurface Twigg-Hupp Road has been approved by an Ohio Public Works Commission Grant. Work should begin this August. The project cost of approximately \$382,000 will include a funding match from the Township of approximately \$7,000 and \$21,000 from the Delaware County Engineer.

New Equipment Purchased

Using Township Roadway Funds and money received from the sale of used equipment, several upgrades were made to Township equipment:

- A new single axle 6' X 10' equipment trailer was purchased at a cost of approximately \$2,000.

- A new Hustler X-One 60” deck zero turn riding mower was purchased at a cost of approximately \$9,000 with the old mower taken in trade.



- A new Case 580 SV, 4 wheel drive backhoe with 2’ and 4’ buckets & loader was purchased at a cost of approximately \$138,000. The unit was procured through a lease/purchase program at approximately \$26,000 per year over a five year period. The old backhoe was sold by the Township on-line through GovDeals.



Trustee Bill Shively With New Case Backhoe

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

OPEN BURINING LAWS

Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 under the authority of the Ohio Division of Forestry prohibits outdoor burning statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, and May and then October and November between the hours of 6am and 6pm. This ban includes yard waste, trash and debris even in a proper burn barrel. Wildfire danger is high in spring before plants have turned green and in fall due to the abundance of dry leaves and dead grass. Warm, windy weather in both seasons also contribute to elevated fire risk. Questions can be addressed to the Division of Forestry at 877-247-8733.

Ohio Administrative Code 3745.19 is enforced by the Ohio EPA. EPA notification is required for many types of open burns. Call 614-644-2270 with questions. Never burn food waste, dead animals or materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt or made from petroleum. Fires must be more than 1,000 feet from inhabited buildings; no burning is permitted when an air pollution alert, warning or emergency is in effect; fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadways, railways or airfields; and no waste generated off the premises may be burned. Individuals may be held liable for damage caused by a fire they kindle.

It is good practice to check with our Porter Kingston Fire District prior to conducting

open burns. The non-emergency telephone number is 740-524-5050 and fire personnel are available weekdays 8am to 4pm.

FOR YOUR SAFETY: GREEN REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS

As you drive around Kingston Township, you will see a number of mailboxes with green, reflective address signs mounted on them. These signs are extremely important for both fire and emergency medical personnel from the Porter Kingston Fire District to be able to find individual houses when responding to your calls for help. Many of the green address signs have been in place for a number of years and have lost their reflective properties due to ultraviolet light exposure and salt spray.

If you do not have a green reflective address sign installed on your mailbox or wish to replace the one that you have due to deterioration, where can you obtain one? The answer is closer than you might think. The 6" X 18" sign blanks and letters are available at the Ace Hardware and NAPA Hardware in Sunbury or from the Porter Kingston Fire Station located just east of State Route 656 on Olive Green Road in Olive Green. The Porter Kingston Fire Fighters Association sells the green reflective sign blank and two sets of reflective letters for \$10.00 with any proceeds from the sale used to support local community charities. They have an adequate supply of materials in stock, and signs can be ordered by calling the Fire District business telephone line at 740-524-5050 or by stopping at the fire station.

The Zoning Office encourages all township residents to post the green reflective address signs on their mailboxes to help our emergency personnel respond to calls for assistance.

FIREWORKS LAW

Starting July 1, 2022, discharge of fireworks on an individual's property or the property of another with permission became legal on specific days in the State of Ohio. The discharge days include:

New Year's Eve and Day

Chinese New Year

Cinco de Mayo

Memorial Day weekend

Juneteenth

July 3, 4, and 5, and the weekends before and after

Labor Day weekend

Diwali

The Porter Kingston Fire District encourages everyone to use caution when discharging fireworks. Discharging while intoxicated by alcohol or controlled substance is ill advised and is a misdemeanor offense. Do not discharge into dry woods or field areas where a fire can spread quickly. Keep water or a fire extinguisher nearby to douse fireworks malfunctions or in case of fire. Soak spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding. Keep fireworks away from young children. Light fireworks away from people, houses and flammable liquids.

There are a number of property owners that stable horses in Kingston Township. Horses and the noise from fireworks do not mix well. Be a good neighbor and discuss the discharge of fireworks in advance with horse owners in the area so they may plan for the anticipated noise.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

IMPORTANT: Starting Tuesday, May 16, the Delaware Public Health District's Winter Street Office in the City of Delaware will be permanently closed as staff transition into their new facility at 460 South Sandusky

Street. Until further notice, all service and information requests should be directed to the Sunbury Office located in the Kroger Shopping Plaza. Office hours are 7:30am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday, and the telephone number is 740-965-2339. WIC program clients can access services at the Andrews House, 39 W. Winter Street in Delaware, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

The DKMM Solid Waste District will sponsor an **Electronics and Television Collection on June 3, 2023** between the hours of 9AM and 1PM at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Enter the Fairgrounds at the Main Gate off Pennsylvania Avenue and keep right. There is a fee of \$20.00 per television. Call Delaware Public Health District at 740-965-2339 for more information.

A 2022 Community Profile for Kingston Township has been completed by the Health District. According to the profile, the Township has a population of about 2,480 residents, experienced a population growth of 9% from 2010, has a median age of 44 years and had 12 births and 20 deaths in 2022. If you are interested in reviewing the full profile, go to the Kingston Township Website at www.kingstontwp.org and look under Special Notices.

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 May 2, 2023, 7PM
June 6, 2023, 7PM
July 5 (holiday on 4th), 2023, 7PM

August 1, 2023, 7PM
September 5, 2023, 7PM
October 3, 2023, 7PM
November 7, 2023, 7PM
December 5, 2023, 7PM

Zoning Commission August 2, 2023, 7PM
November 1, 2023, 7PM

Trash Days May 3, 10, 17, 24, **31***
June 7, 14, 21, 28
July **5***, 12, 19, 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
September **7***, 13, 20, 27
October 4, 11, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
December 6, 13, 20, **28***

CONTACTS

(740 Area Code unless otherwise noted)

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Bill Shively, 614-309-9784,
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FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 504-0311,
fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org

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@rohio.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

Dave Willyerd: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304,
zoning@kingstontwp.org

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

740-368-1921

DELAWARE COUNTY BUILDING SAFETY

740-833-2200

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

740-368-1700 Delaware/740-965-2339 Sunbury

More Cleanup Crews Hard At Work



Blue Church Road



Blue Church Road



Blue Church Road



Blue Church Road



Blayney Road



Rosecrans Road