



KINGSTON NEWS

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Chairman's Chat

By Bill Shively, Trustees Chairman

Hello everyone! I can't believe the students are headed back to school already. Summer has gone by so fast this year. The Trustees and staff are working on numerous projects. The new picnic pavilion construction continues with block wing walls being installed and the restrooms being finished. The contractor is waiting on the special arched lumber that will be used in the ceiling. Once it arrives, construction can continue and hopefully be done by late fall.

The parking lot at the township hall is scheduled to be paved in August. We are working on expanding the hall with a food preparation room addition to the main meeting room. The Trustees are also working to get lights installed along the entire entrance roadway and parking lot. This will light up the entire area.

Twigg-Hupp Road is scheduled to be resurfaced in late August or September weather permitting.

I would like to thank the applicants that applied for the Zoning Secretary position. After careful deliberation, the Trustees hired Bernie Cattrell. Welcome Bernie!

Road Superintendent Fred Neace has been doing a great job keeping the township roads and property looking great this summer.

Trustee Dewey Akers has decided not to seek reelection for another term as trustee. I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU Dewey for your outstanding service to the residence. Enjoy your retirement!

The Delaware County Fair is coming up in September. Good luck to all 4-H and FFA participants with your projects! Harvest season is also starting in September. Please use caution when you come up on large farm machinery on the roadways.

The Trustees also continue to work on several additional items including:

- Sale of old and outdated equipment and furniture through the govdeals.com website.
- Replacing the sign at the Blue Church Cemetery damaged by a motor vehicle accident, and installation of a permanent entrance sign for the Township Hall and Park.
- Repairing the soffit and gutter on the north side of the Maintenance Building, replacing two man doors and the overhead door and wrapping exposed trim in aluminum for long term stability.

If you have a question or concern about our Township, please contact me, Matt or Dewey. Thanks.

Community Connection Committee Established

The Trustees have officially adopted bylaws

and are pleased to announce the establishment of the Community Connection Committee (Committee) for Kingston Township. They have appointed Joyce Bourgault as Chair, Louise Douce as Vice, along with Leslie Yaussy and Angela Willyerd as Members. The purpose of the Committee is to plan and implement programs and events all focused on building a sense of pride and community within our Township. **All residents are welcome to attend our 1st inaugural meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, 6pm at the Township Hall.** Should you have questions or wish to get involved with the Committee, please contact Louise Douce at louisedouce.1@gmail.com or telephone 614-565-7991.

ZONING REPORT

Permits

For the months of May through July, the following zoning permits were approved:

- 2 New Build Homes
- 9 Accessory Structures
- 5 Decks
- 3 Pools

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.

New Zoning Secretary/Assistant Zoning Inspector Bernie Cattrell

Bernie Cattrell brings a variety of education and experience to his new role as Zoning Secretary/Assistant Zoning Inspector for Kingston Township. After graduating from Brookhaven High School in Columbus in 1972, he settled in the insurance industry

working as a loss prevention representative for commercial coverage.

In 1982, he went to work for the Clinton Township Fire Department in Columbus working his way up to the rank of Shift Lieutenant/EMS Coordinator for an engine company and medic unit. While there, he led the effort to computerize the department and upgraded emergency services from Advanced EMT to Paramedic status. For two years in the mid-90's, Bernie also worked as a paramedic in the Critical Care Transport Unit at Riverside Hospital in Columbus.



After 18 years with Clinton Township, Bernie moved to the Washington Township Fire Department in Dublin where he served as Fire Inspector for the next 16 years. His position with the department enabled him to assist township residents, building owners and contractors with questions and issues during property and construction inspections.

Retiring in 2016 after 34 years of public service, Bernie went to work for Cardinal Health in Dublin in their Security Services Division for another 6 years before joining the Kingston Township team in 2023.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of May through July, two driveway permits were issued. Three headstones were reset by RAR Monuments from Sunbury; two using insurance funding from a motor vehicle accident that caused damage to them, and one was reset using township funding due to base settlement. There were 2 interments in the Blue Church Cemetery during the period.

Old Township Hall Decision

Having looked at several options regarding the disposition of the Old Township Hall, the Trustees have decided to retain the brick portion of the structure for historic value and remove the wooden structure on the east side. Moving the structure was investigated but proved too costly for available fiscal resources. The existing propane tank will be relocated on township property, and the existing septic tank was located and abandoned in place following established health department procedures. This action resolves encroachment concerns expressed by adjacent neighbor Mary Ann Krauss. The picture below shows the location of the tank prior to abandonment.



Bernie received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Franklin University in 1996 and took numerous fire and EMS courses at Columbus State, general education courses at Ohio State, and engineering courses at the Illinois Institute of Technology throughout the years.

Bernie and his wife Charissa raised three sons in Westerville. As an Eagle Scout himself, Bernie became a Scout Master for his son's troop, and helped all of his sons and 32 other young men accomplish the same honor. During his time with the Boy Scouts of America, Bernie received several recognition awards for his dedication to scouting.

Bernie is looking forward to meeting all the township residents and hopes that you will stop at the Zoning Office on Thursday morning to say hello.

Meet Your Board of Zoning Appeals



Members front row left to right Craig McCord, Chairman Steven Smith, and Vice-Chair Maribeth Meluch. Rear left to right John Blommel, Alternate Bob Leone, and Brian Davidson

Culvert Replacement & Roadway Resurfacing Work

The County Engineer's Office continues to evaluate a 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 recently completed drainage improvement work at the west end of Rosecrans Road with a project cost of \$2,200.

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. Grader paving has been completed to level out deteriorated spots in the roadway and resurfacing work should begin at the end of 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.

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. Winter will be upon us soon. **Now is the time to check your mailboxes and posts to ensure they are stable and in good repair prior to when snowplowing begins.**

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

A Family Tradition

Pictured below Fire Board Chairman and Kingston Township Trustee Dewey Akers swears in new Porter Kingston Fire District Firefighter Claralyn Treffert on July 10, 2023. Claralyn holds her 240 hour

Firefighter 2 certification and has completed but not tested yet for her Basic EMT certification. She is a resident of Porter Township and will serve a 12 month probationary period.

Becoming a Firefighter was a goal for Claralyn for a number of years as she wanted to follow in the footsteps of her family. Her father David recently retired from the Columbus Fire Department, Station 16 after 33 years of service and her mother Annette was a volunteer firefighter and EMT for the City of Upper Arlington for 20 years. Welcome Firefighter Treffert!



Fan Donation Program

The Delaware County EMA is again collecting fans to benefit People in Need of Delaware County. The purpose of the program is to help provide heat relief during the summer months for those county residents who do not have air conditioning. Every donation does make a difference!

New box fans can be donated at all Delaware County EMS and Fire Stations between the

hours of 8:00am and 7:00pm, seven days per week through Friday, September 15th. If you are able to help, simply drop off a fan at our Porter Kingston Fire District located in Olive Green.

EMS Grant Approved

The Fire District has received an EMS Grant totaling \$750.00 dollars from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The funding must be spent by December 31, 2023, and will be used by the District to purchase EMS small equipment, supplies and training. Funding for this grant comes from seat belt fines.

Thermal Imaging Units Replaced

Outdated thermal imaging units have been replaced by the District at a cost of \$15,783. The purchase included 4 large handheld units, 6 smaller units and charging stations. The units are a critical piece of equipment when fighting structure fires as they look for heat differential in smoke filled rooms, and can identify the location of firefighters, other occupants in the room and where the fire is actually located inside and outside of a wall.

Other News

The District intends to send Lt. Wampler and Firefighter Yarnell to an Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC). The course will certify them as instructors and permit them to be able to teach the course to other firefighters in the District.

Two worn out Intake Valves were replaced at a cost of about \$4,000.00 dollars. Properly working valves are important when drafting water from either a pond or from a fire hydrant.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

New Health District Office To Open

The new Delaware Public Health District office located at 470 S. Sandusky Street in Delaware will be available for business starting Monday, August 28!

Public access to services such as birth and death records and licenses and permits will be available, however clinic services will still be handled at our Sunbury location until Sept. 5. The Sunbury office will still be open daily (Monday-Friday) with the clinic being open on Wednesday 9AM-12:30PM & 1:30PM-3PM for walk-in and appointments.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new home!

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

Zoning Commission November 1, 2023, 7PM

Trash Days 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,

wshively@kingstontwp.org

FISCAL OFFICER

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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

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On-line: localwasteservices.com

ZONING

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Bernie Cattrell, Zoning Secretary
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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

Editor's Note

After more than 16 years working in the Zoning Office of Kingston Township, I have decided to retire. I leave knowing that our residents are in capable hands with new Zoning Inspector Dave Willyerd and Zoning Secretary Bernie Cattrell.

This is my last edition of the Kingston News. It has been a pleasure to research and write about all that is going on within our township and our fire district. Along the way, I have made a number of new friends, and we have tried to provide the best customer service possible from the Zoning Office in a timely, professional manner.

Thanks to our past and present Trustees for their support over the years, and to members of both the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals for their service to our township. It has been a pleasure working with Fred Neace our current Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton, and with Doug Crawl, who has retired. Working with former Zoning Inspector Bob Talbott was also a pleasure, and we made a good team for a number of years.

Thanks! Dave Stites