



# KINGSTON NEWS

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## Chairman's Chat

*By Matt Roy, Trustees Chairman*

Hello Kingston Township residents. As your newly elected Trustee, I want to start off by saying thank you to everyone that supported me in the last election. I have been learning the ins and outs of the Trustee position these last couple months, and have been given the privilege to also be your Trustee Chairman for the 2022 calendar year. I look forward to serving the residents of Kingston Township, and strive to continue to make it a great place to raise a family and live in Delaware County.

The new Township Hall is having the finishing touches put on the building, and we look forward to moving into the new building in the coming month. This building will be a great upgrade and addition to the township. We have also been working with the Delaware County Board of Elections, and are hopeful to have voting in the new building for the Kingston Township residents in this upcoming election.

As the temperatures continue to fluctuate and the intermittent snow storms continue to pop up, I would like to thank our Road Superintendent Doug Crowl for his continued efforts to keep the roads of Kingston Township clear and safe for the residents to travel on. I recently had the opportunity to ride along with Doug during the last snow storm. The snow removal in the township is a small part of Doug's duties

in the township, but he continues to strive to keep the roadways clear and safe for us and we thank him for that. If you observe any road hazards or have any concerns with the roads, please feel free to contact Doug or myself.

As I reflect on these past two months and continue to learn the job as Trustee, I leave you with this quote. "Not every day is good but there is something good in every day" Alice Morse Earl. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact me. Thank you, Matthew Roy.

## Holiday Lights

The Trustees would like to recognize and thank all the Township Residents who exquisitely decorated their homes with outside lights for the Christmas Holiday! Each and every road had something worth seeing! The lights help bring a sense of community to our Township.

## Cemetery Wreaths

The Trustees would also like to sincerely thank Sandra Bradford on Wilson Road for again donating the beautiful wreaths that were hung on the Blue Church Cemetery fence for the holidays.



## **Blue Church Painting Donated**



Pictured above are Carolyn Law, Fiscal Office Greg Roy and Trustee Bill Shively.

During the Monthly Trustee Meeting on December 7, 2021, Carolyn Law presented an oil painting of the Old Blue Church to Kingston Township. The painting belonged to Carolyn's mother Marge Shoaf who grew up on a farm located on State Route 61 south of Kilbourne Road. Marge purchased the painting from Artist Geneva Fuller at the Delaware Arts Festival in the early 80's. Carolyn remembers her grandmother Maude and her aunts and uncles attending services at the Blue Church which sat at the corner of SR521 and Blue Church Road on the cemetery property.

The painting hung in Carolyn's mother and father's home in Delaware for many years. With the passing of her mother in 2018 and her father looking to down size, this was the perfect time for the family to donate the painting to Kingston Township as it transitions into its new Township Hall.

The Trustees gladly accepted the historic painting, and sincerely appreciate the generous donation from the Shoaf family! The painting will be proudly displayed once the new Township Hall is opened.

## **Commissioner's Proclamation Presented**

Also during the Monthly Trustee Meeting on December 7, 2021, County Commissioner Jeff Benton presented a Commissioner's Proclamation to Trustee Steve Volpe for his dedication, commitment and years of outstanding service to the people of Kingston Township and Delaware County.

Steve served as a Kingston Township Trustee for 12 years, during which time he spearheaded the construction of the new Township Hall and Park. He was a graduate of the Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy, and served as President of the Delaware County Township Association where he helped bring issues facing the county's townships to the attention of local, state and federal officials.

Trustee Volpe worked on a number of local issues for the betterment of our residents attempting many times to get the speed limit reduced on Wilson Road, coordinating increased law enforcement patrol presence on Wilson Road and within the Township, and regularly advocated for the extension of high-speed internet and cable to unserved areas.



Pictured above are County Commissioner Jeff Benton and Trustee Steve Volpe.

### New Trustees Sworn In



Pictured above Fiscal Officer Greg Roy swears in new Trustee Matt Roy and reelected Trustee Bill Shively at the January 4th Trustee Meeting.

At their January 4, 2022 Organizational Meeting, a number of appointments and resolutions were passed for 2022 including:

- Matt Roy elected Chairman
- Bill Shively elected Vice-Chair
- Dewey Akers elected Executive Member
- Porter Kingston Fire District Board—Dewey Akers
- Delaware County Prosecutor retained as the township’s legal counsel
- Delaware Health District Advisory Board—Matt Roy
- Established the first Tuesday of the month for Trustee Meetings at 7:00pm
- Dave Stites renamed Assistant Zoning Inspector, Zoning Secretary and Regional Planning Representative
- Renamed current Members of the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals
- Renamed Doug Crawl Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton
- Continued current Zoning Fees and Cemetery Fees and Rules
- Set the Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$.585 cents per mile
- Certified official roadway mileage as 18.70 miles
- Approved \$1,260 for Emergency Services Fee Assessment
- Approved \$1,409 for Regional Planning Membership Dues
- Approved \$3,023 for Health District Apportionment
- Adopted Public Records Policy
- Adopted Credit Card Use Policy

## 2022 TRUSTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

## ZONING REPORT

For 2021, 31 permits (51 total in 2020) were approved including:

New Build Homes	12 (34 total 2021)
Additions	2
Pools	4
Accessory Buildings	10
Decks/Patios	3

Additional approvals included:

Agricultural Exemptions	3
Complaints	1
Adj. Land Transfers	1
Common Access Drives	2
Lot Splits Under 5 Acres	6

The Zoning Commission met 4 times and 2 Board of Zoning Appeals Hearings were held. The Kingston News was published 4 times.

### Permits

For the month of January 2022, the following zoning permits were approved:

3	New Build Homes
1	Accessory Structures
1	Addition/Deck

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 November 2021 through January 2021, 1 driveway permit was issued, and 3 dead deer struck by motor vehicles were removed from the Township road right-of-ways. There were 8 lots sold in the Blue Church Cemetery, and there were 2 interments. 50 tons of salt were applied to the township roadways in January to ensure safety during snow and ice conditions.

Roadwork planned for next summer focuses on rehabilitation of Rosecrans Road from State Route 61 west to Carter's Corner. The work will include 1,000 feet of edge milling and repair, some berming, and a chip and seal application followed with a fog coating. A culvert will be replaced and soft spot repaired on the west end of the road ahead of the rehabilitation work.

Two Petition Ditch Projects are still under review and consideration by the Delaware County Commissioners on Todd Street Road to relieve flooding impacts during heavy rain events.

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.

## PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

### CARES Act Funding

At their December 7, 2021 Monthly Trustee Meeting, the Trustees unanimously approved a transfer of \$34,000 dollars of remaining 2020 Federal CARES Act

funding to the Porter Kingston Fire District (PKFD). PKFD will utilize the funds to purchase two new furnaces/air conditioners with UV filter systems, three sets of parkas and fire gear for new hires, and the remainder for gloves, hoods and boots.

Chief Thompson and Lt. Isbell thanked the Trustees for their continued support for PKFD!

### **Santa Tour A Success**

Even without snow, Santa was able to visit a record setting number of families in Porter and Kingston Townships on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The tour has grown over the years from 182 people in 2011 to 1,153 in 2020 and a new record of 1,228 people in 2021 which represents about 25% of the people in the District. 527 children were able to see Santa accompanied by 701 adults. Santa and the firefighters left the fire station at 11am and returned at 10pm.



Pictured above Santa and his Fire District Elves prepare for their tour of the townships.

### **Grants**

PKFD has been awarded \$1,200 from the 2020-2021 EMS Grant Program which will be used to purchase EMS small equipment and for training. As reported in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Kingston News, PKFD had

submitted a \$34,000 request through the State Homeland Security grant program to purchase collapse and trench management equipment. Unfortunately, the grant request was not approved.

While not successful last year, PKFD has again initiated a FY2021 grant request through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program to replace the District's 1994 Tanker Truck T381. In addition, a second request was initiated to replace the specialized air compressor used to refill SCBA tanks. Based on their grant writing experience and award success rate, Ohio First Responder Grants, LLC was hired to prepare and submit the grant applications for PKFD.

### **Highlights 2021 Year End Report**

- PKFD responded to 243 calls for assistance with a total of 977 individual personnel responses, and averaging 5 personnel per call.
- Personnel averaged 40 runs each for the year.
- Supplied mutual aid to surrounding districts 72 times and received mutual aid 43 times.
- Responded to 17 structure fires, 29 medical assists and 46 motor vehicle accidents.
- The District has 29 personnel on the roster; an increase of 2 from 2020.
- Personnel completed 184.5 hours of EMS training, 1071 hours of fire training and 11 hours of HAZMAT training.
- The 2003 Engine 381 was sent to Pierce Midwest Regional Refurbishment Center in Weyauwega, Wisconsin for frame rail replacement and other repairs. The total cost of

the work will be approximately \$142,700 and the unit is scheduled for return to the District in March, 2022.

- Part-time pay was increased from \$13 to \$15 dollars per hour.
- The District completed conversion to the 911 CAD System.

## 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** February 1, 2022, 7PM  
March 1, 2022, 7PM  
April 5, 2022, 7PM  
May 3, 2022, 7PM  
June 7, 2022, 7PM  
July 5, 2022, 7PM

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

**Trash Days** February 2, 9, 16, 23  
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
April 6, 13, 20, 27  
May 4, 11, 18, 25  
June \*2, 8, 15, 22, 29  
July \*7, 13, 20, 27

## CONTACTS

(740 Area Code unless otherwise noted)

### **TRUSTEES**

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Matt Roy, 816-7756, [mroy@kingstontwp.org](mailto:mroy@kingstontwp.org)

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

Greg Roy: 504-0311,  
[fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org](mailto:fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org)

### **DELAWARE COUNTY EMS**

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 [www.delcoems.org](http://www.delcoems.org)

### **NEWS & INFORMATION**

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290

Township Web Site: [www.kingstontwp.org](http://www.kingstontwp.org)

Office Hours: Thursday, 8a.m. to noon

**Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at [zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto: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](mailto:PKFD@rrohio.com) [www.PKFD.org](http://www.PKFD.org)

### **ROADS & CEMETERIES**

Doug Crawl, 815-8427, [roads@kingstontwp.org](mailto:roads@kingstontwp.org)

### **TRASH & RECYCLING**

Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375

On-line: [localwasteservices.com](http://localwasteservices.com)

### **ZONING**

Dave Stites: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304,

[zoning@kingstontwp.org](mailto:zoning@kingstontwp.org)

### **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE**

740-368-1921

### **DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE**

740-833-2200

### **DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

740-368-1700