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# **KINGSTON NEWS**

**1ST QUARTER, FEBRUARY 2019**

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## **Chairman's Chat**

*By Steve Volpe, Trustees Chairman*

Hello again. It has been a few years since I was your Trustee's Chairman. I am very happy to assume the role again, and would like to say thank you to my fellow trustees for asking me to take on the responsibility. We are all grateful that you have selected us to represent you and your interests.

The residents of Kingston Township have been doing a wonderful job recycling; utilizing the metal bins located at our maintenance facility adjacent to the Blue Church Cemetery and curbside as part of residential refuse pickup. Recycling efforts reduce the impact of refuse going into landfills.

One issue has been brought to our attention regarding metal recycling bin usage. Despite instructions on the bins asking that plastic bags not be put in them, some users are ignoring the text and depositing all their recycled material into the bin in plastic bags. Placing a plastic bag full of recycled material in the bins defeats the whole purpose of recycling.

When the bins are emptied by our partners at the DKMM Joint Solid Waste District, the recycled material is taken to a processing facility for sorting. Each plastic bag full of material has to be physically set aside so that someone can remove the material. If the

facility does not have staff available, the entire bag goes to the landfill.

The Trustees encourage you to continue with your recycling efforts. If you do have the material in plastic bags, empty the contents into the bin and take the plastic bag home. To avoid having to deal with the plastic bags, many residents bring material to the bins in reusable containers.

As always, please feel free to call me with any concerns you have concerning Kingston Township at 740-965-1802, or e-mail me at [svolpe@kingstontwp.org](mailto:svolpe@kingstontwp.org). It is a genuine honor to serve you.

## **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. While there were numerous homes that should be individually recognized, two of the more festive homes were on the corner of Carter's Corner Road and State Route 521. A special thanks is extended to Zinn and Kreft families for their outstanding displays!

## **CEMETERY WREATHS**

The Trustees would also like to sincerely thank Sandra Bradford on Wilson Road for donating the beautiful wreaths that were

hung on the Blue Church Cemetery fence for the holidays.



### TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS RECOGNIZED

Several of our township residents were recognized at the Keep Delaware County Beautiful Awards held on December 13, 2018 at the Stratford Ecological Center.

The Beautification Award went to Daisy Troop #4863 for their work in weeding, planting and mulching the east entrance of the Blue Church Cemetery. The Troop also provided funding for flowers with money earned through the sale of Girl Scout cookies.



The Garrison-Brown Award was given to Samantha Young for organizing a spring

roadway clean up along Todd Street Road the last two years. This award is given to recognize initiative and significant environmental contribution to the community.



Trustees Bill Shively and Steve Volpe attended the award ceremony in support of our award recipients from Kingston Township. The Trustees appreciate the service to our Township on the part of Daisy Troop and Samantha!

### 2019 TRUSTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

At their December 28, 2018 Organizational Meeting, a number of appointments and resolutions were passed for 2019 including:

- Steve Volpe 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—Steve Volpe
- Established the first Tuesday of the month for Trustee Meetings at 7:00pm
- Bob Talbott renamed Zoning Inspector
- Dave Stites renamed Zoning Secretary and Regional Planning Representative
- Renamed current Members of the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals
- Renamed Doug Crowl Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton
- Continued current Zoning Fees and Cemetery Fees and Rules
- Set the Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$.58 cents per mile
- Certified official roadway mileage as 18.96 miles
- Approved \$1,118 for Emergency Services Fee Assessment
- Approved \$1,707 for Regional Planning Membership Dues
- Approved \$2,877 for Health District Apportionment
- Adopted Public Records Policy
- Adopted Credit Card Use Policy

**ZONING REPORT**

**Permits**—For 2018, 55 permits (36 total in 2017) were approved including:

New Build Homes	37 (9 total 2017)
Additions	3
Pools	8
Accessory Buildings	6
Decks	1

Additional approvals included:

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

The Zoning Commission met 4 times and 1 Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing was held.

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

**Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy**--The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals for an **Alternate** position that runs through December 2020. The vacancy posting is located on the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Interested township residents should submit a letter or e-mail of interest along with a brief resume to the Zoning Office. This posting will remain open until such time that the position is filled. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions.

**ROADS & CEMETERIES**

**State Route 61/656 Roundabout**—The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues design work for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road. The shape of the roundabout will resemble a peanut, and minimizes the project impact on adjacent neighbors. The target date for construction is 2020 with an estimated 60 day intersection closure impact. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2.1 million dollars with the Township’s portion being \$17,250 dollars. Questions regarding the

project should be directed to ODOT District 6 in Delaware at 740-833-8000.

**Since The Last Newsletter--4** driveway/road right-of-way work permits were issued. A total of 17 tons of salt were used to keep our township roadways safe in November/December 2018 and 56 tons were used in January 2019.

**Delaware County Salt Shortage—**Kingston Township purchases salt through Delaware County. The County is currently experiencing a salt shortage. As a result, existing salt will be mixed with grit, and applied to roadways for vehicle safety.

**Important Snow Removal Tips--**As snow and roadway plowing continues, Road Superintendent Crowl asks that all residents make sure that their mailboxes are securely attached so they are not damaged during snow removal. Also, residents are asked to push snow totally across the roadway and off the berm when clearing driveways at the roadway. Please do not leave snow piled on the roadway as it creates a safety hazard (especially when it freezes) for all vehicles including snow plows.

### **DID YOU KNOW?????????**

### **Township Hall and Park Property**

With a builder selected and a design architect on board, work progresses toward the construction of a new Township Hall and Park on the west side of Carter's Corner Road in 2019. The land belongs to Kingston Township now, but who were the original settlers and owners of the property?

While not much official history is written about the property, the earliest owner is

identified on an 1847 map as Robert Ferguson. Ferguson remained the owner on an 1866 map, and also on an 1875 map where he had expanded his land holdings northward to Twigg Hupp Road. Robert and other family members are not buried in either of the Kingston Township cemeteries so not much more information is available as to their family history.

A two story, Victorian style home with a wraparound drive was built on the property by the Ferguson's. At some point, the house was rented to the Basham family. Members of that family played instruments and stories are told about how the family would play and sing on hot summer nights on the second story porch providing an outdoor concert for neighbors and those traveling Carter's Corner Road.

The home was dismantled in 1969, loaded on a railroad car, and transported to California for reconstruction. Reportedly the house was involved in a rail yard fire in California and destroyed.

We will follow up next issue with any historical information obtained from interviews with longtime residents who grew up near the property.

*By Dave Stites and Doug Crowl*

### **PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT**

#### **2018 Year End Report**

PKFD responded to 227 calls for assistance in 2018 with a total of 1029 individual responses of personnel, averaging 5 personnel per run.

PKFD personnel averaged 41 runs each for the 2018 calendar year.

PKFD supplied mutual aid to the surrounding area a total of 83 times and received mutual aid 45 times.

PKFD responded to 27 structure fires, 43 medical assists, and 32 motor vehicle accidents.

### **Personnel**

PKFD currently has 26 on the roster, an increase of 2 over 2017.

### **Training**

PKFD personnel completed 129.5 hours of EMS training, 1036 hours of fire training, and 13 hours of HAZMAT training.

2 Firefighters completed the Howell Rescue class.

2 Firefighters completed Howell Crash Course Heavy.

### **Other**

Received \$1,250 EMS Grant from ODPS.

Purchased new SCBA replacing 22 year old units.

Received new fire gear washer from BWC grant totaling \$12,970.

Promoted one new Lieutenant.

Sold retired 1996 Saber Engine and 1980 International Hose Truck.

Refurbished Day Room and both Bathrooms.

Purchased three new sets of turnout gear.

Added gear room in engine bay to protect gear from light and diesel fumes.

## **HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS**

The Delaware, Knox, Marion and Morrow Solid Waste District (DKMM) has announced their Special Collection Events for 2019. Electronics and tires will be collected on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Tires 19” and under are \$4 each, televisions are \$20 each, and electronics are free. No tires larger than 19” will be accepted. For more information on this event, call 740-368-1700

or go to DKMM website at [www.dkmm.org](http://www.dkmm.org)

Other events in the area include electronic and tire disposal on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, hazardous waste and paint on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Marion County Fairgrounds and hazardous waste and paint on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Knox County Fairgrounds. Program details for hazardous waste, paint, electronics and tires along with program guidelines can be found on the DKMM website.

## **CALENDAR**

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. **Trash pickup days are Fridays except during holiday weeks\* where Friday service will be performed on Saturday. \*\*Note Change**

**Trustees Meetings** February 5, 2019, 7 PM  
March 5, 2019, 7 PM  
April 2, 2019, 7 PM  
May 7, 2019, 7 PM  
June 4, 2019, 7 PM  
July 2, 2019, 7 PM

**Zoning Commission** February 7, 2019 7 PM  
May 9, 2019, 7 PM  
August 8, 2019, 7 PM  
November 7, 2019, 7 PM

**Trash Days 2019** February 4, 11, 18 & 22  
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
April 5, 12, 19 & 26  
May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31\*  
June 7, 14, 21 & 28  
July 5\*, 12, 19 & 26

## **CONTACTS** (740 Area Code)

### **TRUSTEES**

Bill Shively, 524-2333, 8760 SR 521, Sunbury  
Dewey Akers, 803-1529, [dakers@kingstontwp.org](mailto:dakers@kingstontwp.org)  
Steve Volpe, 965-1802, [svolpe@kingstontwp.org](mailto:svolpe@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 Crowl, 815-8427, [roads@kingstontwp.org](mailto:roads@kingstontwp.org)

## **TRASH & RECYCLING**

Waste Management: 866-797-9018  
On-line: [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

## **ZONING**

Robert Talbott: 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