



KINGSTON NEWS

3RD QUARTER, AUGUST 2022

WILSON ROAD CLOSED FOR RESURFACING MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND TO MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH

Chairman's Chat

By Matt Roy, Trustees Chairman



I want to thank everyone who attended the Community Open House held on June 12th. Thanks to the Porter Kingston Fire District for being on hand to demonstrate fire safety and answer questions and to Jackie Bain from the Delaware General Health District for informing residents about all the programs and services that the Health District offers. Also, thanks to Joyce Bourgault and Loise Douce who discussed the formation of a new group within the township focused on building new relationships with neighbors based on common values (Community Building).

The Trustees are working on the design and installation of a permanent entrance sign for

the new Township Hall as well as the installation of roadway and parking lot lighting. We are also communicating with our partners, Nationwide Realty Investors, as to when the new picnic shelter will begin construction across the parking lot from the new Township Hall.

In addition, we are working with Assistant County Prosecutor Vince Villio to develop a facility rental agreement for use of both the Township Hall and future Picnic Pavilion.

Due to the generosity of Rodney and Curtis Harp, Product Tooling, Inc., the American Flag is flown proudly at the new Township Hall. With their skill and equipment, a stainless steel flagpole base was fabricated and donated to the Township. The base was then bolted to a concrete area in front of the Hall which allowed the Township to install a new flagpole. The donation is sincerely appreciated!

I have thoroughly enjoyed talking with a number of our residents regarding Township operations and issues since becoming a Trustee and serving as Chairman for 2022. It is an honor to serve you, and I encourage you to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments regarding our Township.

Thank you, Matthew Roy

Community Conversation To Continue

On Saturday, September 10th from 10:00am to 11:30am, Joyce Bourgault and Loise Douce will be at the new Township Hall to continue discussions focused on building new relationships with neighbors within Kingston Township based on common values. Mark your calendars and join in the conversation. **Preregistration is requested so please contact Joyce to sign up for the meeting by telephone at 614-778-0153 or by email at joycebourgault@gmail.com .**

Help Wanted:

ZONING SECRETARY-ASSISTANT

ZONING INSPECTOR

With the pending retirement of current Zoning Secretary-Assistant Zoning Inspector Dave Stites, the Trustees would like to hire someone ahead of Dave's retirement for training purposes. Please watch for the job posting soon on the Home Page of the Township's Website www.kingstontwp.org Please spread the word. If you or someone you know might be interested, contact the Zoning Office by telephone at 740-524-0290 or by email at zoning@kingstontwp.org .

ZONING REPORT

Permits

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

- 9 New Build Homes
- 6 Accessory Structures
- 1 Room Addition
- 3 Agricultural Exemptions
- 3 Lot Splits
- 1 BZA Hearing Held

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

Resident Survey Completed

With the Resident Survey portal closing on July 22nd, 329 surveys were received from Kingston Township residents both on-line and handwritten. With 838 post cards mailed, and the response rate was 39% which is both exceptional and shows how much residents care about the future of our Township. An overview of the responses will appear in the 4th Quarter Kingston News in November.

Board Vacancies Filled

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees have filled the Alternate Vacancies on both the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Each position has a five year term through 2027.

Bashiel Smith will serve on the Zoning Commission and Bob Leone will serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Both men are now retired from their distinguished professional careers and have joined the boards as a way of giving back to their township.



Pictured above are Bashiel Smith (left) and Bob Leone (right).

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Neace Joins Township Team

Fred Neace of Ashley has been hired as the part-time Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton. Fred brings a wealth of skills and experience to the position having previously worked for Orange Township in their maintenance department for 22 years and operating his own landscape business. He is currently training alongside Doug Crawl who anticipates retirement from Kingston Township by the end of the year after 12 years of service



Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of May through July, 3 driveway permits were issued and there were no interments in the Blue Church Cemetery.

Please Note: Tree trimming has begun in the right-of-way along all Township roads and will continue throughout the summer and fall for vehicle safety. It is also a good time to inspect mailboxes ahead of winter snow plowing to ensure that the support posts are solid, and the boxes are securely fastened to the posts.

Roadwork planned for this 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. This work is anticipated to begin mid-August. Ditch cleaning on the west end of the road was completed by the County Engineer's Office in June ahead of the rehabilitation work.

Major work will occur on Wilson Road between State Route 61 and Carter's Corner Road from August 22nd to August 29th in cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer using funding from an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant. The work includes road leveling and application of new asphalt. The roadway will be closed during resurfacing work.

Crack sealing has already been completed on Rosecrans Road and roadways within Northstar along with the correction of a drainage issue on Beacom Road.

Two Petition Ditch Projects have been approved by the Delaware County Commissioners on Todd Street Road including the Ribov and Kingston 2 Petitions. As part of the Kingston 2 project, Kingston Township will install a new culvert under Todd Street Road to return the normal flow of water from north to south. As a benefited party in both projects, the Township will pay an assessment along with other property owners.

Looking ahead to 2023, the Trustees, in cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer, will seek funding to resurface Twigg-Hupp Road through another OPWC Grant.

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 **Yarnell Hired As Full-Time Firefighter**

On July 11th, the Porter Kingston Fire Board approved the hire of Alex Yarnell to a newly created full-time Firefighter position starting August 1st. Alex is a Big Walnut High School graduate and Kingston Township resident who has been working part-time for the Fire District since 2013. He previously worked for OhioHealth Protective Services and part-time for the BSTG Fire District. He received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbus State and Peace Officer Certification through the Ohio Peace Office Training Academy. Firefighter Yarnell holds Firefighter 2 and EMT-Basic certifications and is a Hazmat and Rescue Technician.



Pictured above are Alex Yarnell, his wife Abby, and Fire Board President Dewey Akers.

Personnel Action

In other personnel action, Tom Craft completed his 12 month probationary period and was moved to active status as a part-time Firefighter.

On August 8th, the Fire Board approved the hiring of Craig Norman as a part-time Firefighter. Craig currently holds certification as a Firefighter 2 and is attending classes at the Delaware Area Career Center to earn his EMT-Basic certificate. He will serve a 12 month probationary period.

Pictured below are Craig Norman and Fire Board President Dewey Akers.



Engine 381 Back In Service

Last fall Engine 381 was sent to the Pierce Midwest Regional Refurbishment Center in Weyauwega, Wisconsin for frame rail replacement and other repairs totaling approximately \$142,700. The unit was delivered back to the Fire District in late June and was immediately placed back in service.

Fire District staff are currently in the process of replacing six original scene lights on Engine 381 with Guardian Elite, 20,000 lumen LED lights at a cost of approximately

\$5,000. The Fire District estimates that the above completed work has extended the useful life of Engine 381 for ten more years.

AED Unit For New Township Hall

An AED Defibrillator Unit was delivered by the Fire District to the Trustees on June 6th for placement in the new Kingston Township Hall. The \$2,410 unit will be housed in an alarmed wall mount cabinet and will be inspected and maintained by the District annually. The Lifepak 1000 is the same unit that is carried on District emergency response equipment. The placement of the unit for public safety is sincerely appreciated by the Trustees!



Pictured above are Lt. Pete Isbell, Trustees Matt Roy, Bill Shively, Dewey Akers, and Chief Mike Thompson.

Fan Campaign-It's Not Too Late

The Delaware County EMA is still collecting new fans to benefit People in Need, Inc. of Delaware County. All fans collected will go to Delaware County residents that are served by People in Need. Fan donations will be accepted at all EMS and Fire Stations between 8am and 7pm including our own Porter Kingston Fire 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 August 2, 2022, 7PM
September 6, 2022, 7PM
October 4, 2022, 7PM
November 1, 2022, 7PM
December 6, 2022, 7PM

Zoning Commission August 17, 2022, 7PM
November 3, 2022, 7PM

Trash Days August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
September *8, 14, 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
December 7, 14, 21, 28

CONTACTS

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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

Doug Crowl, 815-8427, roads@kingstontwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375

On-line: localwasteservices.com

ZONING

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740-368-1921

DELAWARE COUNTY BUILDING SAFETY

740-833-2200

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

740-368-1700