

KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR

September 23, 2009 - 7:00 pm – FIRE HALL

The September 23RD, 2009 regular meeting of the Kingsville Township Trustees was called to order by Mr. Dennis Huey, Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Dennis Ensman moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 9th, 2009 meeting and approve them as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Doug Reed; all yes. Copies of the minutes were available.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1) A letter was received from Kingsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. explaining the purpose of 3 enclosed checks. The letter stated that one check was for use during Fire Prevention Week for materials; the second check for Trick or Treat night supplies; the third check for pending and/or future projects. 2) A request was received from Deborah Newcomb for the Township's support for the Ashtabula County Senior Service Levy. 3) A letter was read announcing the formation of a new support group for the Fire Department. A group of concerned citizens have decided to fill the gaping need for an active support group. The name of this group is Kingsville Township Fire Department Boosters. They have met with Chief Stewart and several members of the FD. They are in process of drafting a Constitution and By-Laws and the process of incorporating as a non-profit organization. A hoagie fundraiser has been planned for Oct. 10th. 100% of the proceeds will be used for purchasing equipment as directed for and by the KTFD members. 4) A copy of the minutes from the September 22ND Business Meeting of the active Kingsville Township Fire Department were presented and read. Contained within the letter were several motions made, notifications and recommendations: a) Effective immediately, the KTFD no longer recognizes affiliation with the organization named Kingsville Volunteer Fire Department – commonly referred to as "The Association.", b) They recognize and fully endorse the "Kingsville Township Fire Department Boosters" as their official support group. c) They respectfully request that the organization calling itself "KVFD, Inc. immediately remove the phrase "The official page of the KVFD - Kingsville, Ohio USA" from any and all websites under their control or under the control of any members of this group. Also, that they clearly state that they have no direct or official recognized affiliation with the KTFD on all websites and all printed matter/media formats.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: 1) Mr. Charles Page asked if the KVFD, Inc group responded to the letter the Trustees sent concerning funds they are thought to be holding that were intended for the KTFD use in purchasing items. He stated that he heard they discussed using those funds to assist former Chief Laugen with his Defense expenses. He asked if the trustees or residents have access to their financial records. 2) Mr. Kevin Meier gave his opinion that the group known as "The Association" has abandoned support of KTFD and that they clearly recognize none of the active FD members, only the former hierarchy. Mr. Meier expressed concern that bequests will go to "the Association" rather than the actual Township Fire Funds because residents and non-residents are unaware that these things were being redirected to the former chief's private mail instead of to the actual FD. 3) Chief Stewart also mentioned that among things not returned to the FD after former members left were the Chief and Ass't Chief's uniforms and these were purchased by the Township. 4) Mr. Kellis Holley asked when the Trustees lost control. 5) Mr. Steve Rhodes inquired about the address used by the FD and whether this had been resolved so that no mail intended for the FD or Township was being redirected improperly. 6) Mr. Meier mentioned a previous meeting when it was brought up that items purchased for the FD by the KVFD, Inc. would or could be removed from the premises when they were clearly donation. 7) Mrs. Angie Cliff expressed appreciation for the donation of money for Fire Prevention Week, Trick or Treat Night, and other needs. 8) In response to where and why a representative of the "Association" was not present to answer the many questions about the alleged missing funds, Mr. Tom Burns said that it is possible that Chip Laugen does not feel welcome. 9) Mr. Holley wants to know why the Trustees cannot and do not go after the money in the KVFD, Inc.'s account.

OLD BUSINESS: 1) Neal reports that Green Rd. is ready to be paved and then the shoulder and curb work will be completed. 2) He stated that the contracts are signed. 3) Also the stone that has been hauled in for cold mix is ready to mix and the seeding has been done. 4) Mr. Ensman asked about the error on the bid for the hot mix – a change order needs done. 5) Neal reported that seasonal worker, Jim English will be retiring. 6) 36 hour Fire Fighters courses have started. We have 2 attendees – Rob Hamrick and Jeffra Carpenter (Maki). 7) A Fireable Entry course is being offered in Perry. Neal requested approval for up to 10 attendees at a cost of \$75.00 each. 8) Rescue Truck still

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at Gainers: Pump and Ladders passed inspection on #611; #601 needs to go to FAST for rebuilding of pump and then it will be tested.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Mr. Dennis Huey stated that as a board the Trustees will not endorse the Senior Citizens Levy as they have decided against such things in the past. 2) Mr. Reed moved to approve sending 5 attendees @ \$75.00 each to the Forcible Entry Course; Mr. Ensman seconded; all yes. 3) Mr. Huey thanked the KTFD boosters for stepping forward to support the FD. He moved to recognize this group as the Official FD Support Group; Mr. Ensman seconded; all yes. 4) Mr. Huey moved to request that KVFD, Inc. remove any reference to association with the KTVFD from all media and written items; Mr. Ensman seconded; all yes. 5) Mr. Ensman moved to request the return of all uniform items and apparel to the FD; Mr. Huey seconded; all yes. 6) Neal was instructed to make a list of projects the FD may need done or purchased and draft a letter to KVFD, Inc. asking for assistance with funding for said items. He is to carbon the letter to the Trustees. 7) It was decided that further research needs done concerning disavowing any relationship with KVFD, Inc. due to the suspected funds they hold belonging to the FD. 8) Mr. Huey moved that the Trustees send a letter to the Ohio Secretary of State explaining that KVFD, Inc. is no longer associated with KTFD and requesting they strip them of that name; Mr. Ensman seconded; all yes.

SAFETY CONCERNS: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT:	Receipts	\$ 36,055.90
	Expenses	\$ 37,733.83
	Balance	\$ 512,032.51

Mr. Ensman moved to pay the bills; motion seconded by Mr. Reed; all yes.

With no further business to address, Mr. Ensman moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Mr. Reed; all yes.

Dennis Huey, Chairman

Carole L. Vanek, Fiscal Officer