

Kingsville Township Trustees Regular Meeting January 23, 2019

On January 23, 2019, the regular meeting of the Kingsville Township trustees was called to order by Michael Cliff, Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Trustee Jim Branch, Michael Cliff and Karl Brunell. Fiscal Officer Sarah Patterson was absent from this meeting. Due to Sara's absence, there were no meeting minutes available from the January 9, 2019 meeting.

Public comments and concerns:

Ashtabula County Auditor Elect David Thomas stated he would like to formally introduce himself as the newly elected County Auditor. David passed out his contact information and business cards and expressed that he was excited to start his new role as County Auditor and wanted to make himself accessible to the Board of Trustees. David stated should anything be needed please do not hesitate to reach out to him.

Financial Report:

Jim Branch made communication with the Fiscal Officer Sarah Patterson and stated there were no transfers.

Correspondence:

Karl Brunell and Neal Stewart both got phone calls in regards to snow piled at the corner of Cemetery Road and State Route 193 by the Grab and Go sign. Neal made contact with Grab and Go and expressed that they cannot stack snow on the corner, as it is a safety concern causing limited visibility at the intersection. Neal stated he had Scott take the front-end loader and remove some of the snow pile to allow visibility at the intersection.

Jim Branch stated he got correspondence back from Adjusters International approving the extension of the Township Garage insurance claim until July 15, 2019.

NOPEC sent a letter offering the sponsorship opportunity. We utilized this same sponsorship in previous years for events at the Township Park or Kingsville Township cleanup day.

Department reports:

Road:

Neal Stewart stated the Ford F550 one ton dump is at Greg Sweet Ford for a power steering pump. The International dump truck is at Kingsville Towing and Repair for work to be done on the clutch fan, they also found a bolt in the thermostat. Additionally, Neal stated that while they were plowing snow with the Loader the wiper blade fell off, he made contact with Ohio Cat to get repaired.

Fire:

Fire Chief Neal Stewart stated Squad 619 was at Kingsville Towing and Repair for new brakes and rotors in the rear. They also found the exhaust pipe was falling off. All parts were scheduled to be in and work to be completed the following day.

Neal stated he has not received any communication back from the contractor to quote the siding for the remaining portions of the fire hall that we not previously sided.

Zoning:

Zoning inspector Mike DeFazio reported he had on one new permit issued at 5370 State Route 193, Kingsville Towing and Repair, for an addition.

Old Business:

Township garage: Neal reported he is in contact with Aqua in regards to turning on the water. He stated we cannot hook up 2-inch water line without paying an approximate cost of \$8000 for the hook up fee. He stated we currently have a reducing Coupler that is made out of plastic that was intended for temporary use only and we need to change that out to a copper fitting. We will go three-quarter inch at the meter to 2 inch going to the building for no additional charge.

Neal stated there are some issues with electrical inspections, as the county does not have on file our original building permit. We are not sure where the problem is as the county has already been out to inspect the footers. We are going to follow up with Dave Payne to see if we can find out what the resolution will be.

Jim Branch reported he went to Plymouth Township Trustee meeting last Tuesday and obtained the signed agreements for Hadlock Road.

Jim Branch reported he made contact with the Planning Commission about the U.S. Census Boundary Survey Assessment in the County Roll Handle this for Kingsville Township.

Jim Branch stated he made contact with Ohio Dept. of Transportation for project 98390, which is to include resurfacing of 1.52 miles of State Route 84 in Kingsville Township. We will be completing paperwork to acquire asphalt grindings from that project at no cost to the Township. ODOT needs the location the grindings are to be delivered, the desired amount and dimensions of specific locations to deposit.

Jim Branch stated he would like to amend a previous motion in regards to the Ohio Townships Association conference reimbursement from the original motion of \$300 plus mileage to \$500 plus mileage. He stated the original amount was for one night stay in the hotel and he would be staying two nights.

Neal reported he had not received any quotes back for dust control and stated it will most likely be closer to March or April as they need to finalize their New Year pricing.

Jim Branch reported he was reviewing previous township meeting minutes and realized there was no minutes produced from a regular trustees meeting from March 28, 2018. Jim recalled Fiscal Officer Sarah Patterson was absent from that meeting and that may have contributed to never receiving minutes.

Neal reported that he was going to need to start looking at purchasing the toilet, vanity, sink, and cabinets for the township garage as that is part of our obligation and not the contractor per the bid specifications.

Jim Branch stated Adjuster's International has a list of 30+ items that have not been submitted for reimbursement. Adjusters International further stated they do not have anything on file for new purchases. Jim suggested a work session to go over replacement equipment and receipts to compile a list to send to Adjusters International to get our insurance claim finished up.

New Business:

Jim Branch made a motion to pass resolution number 2019-002 requesting that the Ashtabula County Auditor certify the total current tax valuation of Kingsville Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated for replacement of the 2 ½ mill fire Levy to a 5.0 mill fire Levy. Second by Karl Brunell.

Discussion: Jim Branch stated that we are under a time crunch for this to be put on the May ballot we would need to have it to the County Auditors office no later than February 6. He further stressed that he would like to see it put on the May ballot for a replacement and increased from a 2.5 to 5 mill. Jim Branch stated if it did not pass then we would have our answer as to whether the Kingsville residence wanted 24 hour a day seven day a week Fire and EMS coverage or not. It would also give us a chance to put the 2.5 mill Levy that is current as a renewal in the November general election if it did not pass in the May election. Michael Cliff stated that after review of our budget from our meetings it is apparent that we are currently spending every year just as much money as we are taking in and sometimes more. Michael Cliff continued to say that it's going to be inevitable, in order for the fire department to expanded services and grow it will require additional monies to make that happen. Michael stated he had a phone conversation with the Mayor of North Kingsville Tim Zee, and expressed the idea of forming a joint district or doing a model similar to what Kingsville Township is currently doing with Monroe Township, and contracting for services. It's a way that we will be able to work with surrounding communities to respond to emergencies automatically. For a small fee to offset the cost of staffing. Tim Stated he would take it back to council to see if its something that they would be interested in discussing with Kingsville. Michael stated he would be for an additional tax levy after exhausting all other options of securing additional funding without asking the taxpayers for more money. Karl stated there was a motion on the floor with a second.

On the call of roll: Jim Branch, Yes - Michael Cliff, No - Karl Brunell, Yes. Motion carried.

Jim Branch made a motion to amend the previous motion of \$300 for reimbursement of the Ohio townships Association conference to \$500 as he will be staying for two nights. Karl Brunell second. All in favor yes, opposed, none. Motion carried.

Jim Branch made a motion to hold a special meeting February 4 at 6 PM second by Karl Brunell. All in favor yes, opposed, none. Motion carried.

Jim Branch made a motion to pay the bills second by Karl Brunell all in favor yes, opposed, none. Motion carried.

Dave Horton and from the Planning Commission stated the Commission has been working on a calendar of dates for the newspaper notices and public meetings and would like to know if they could schedule a public meeting for the Zoning Commission at the end of our next regular meeting. Dave stated that Dennis Huey would be emailing us further information.

Adjournment:

Jim Branch made a motion to adjourn second by Karl Brunell, all in favor yes, opposed, none, motion carried. Meeting adjournment at 20:10.