

## KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR February 27, 2019

The February 27, 2019 regular meeting of the Kingsville Township Trustees was called to order by Mike Cliff, Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Karl Brunell made a motion to waive the reading of the February 13, 2019 regular meeting and the February 19, 2019 Work Session minutes and approved them as presented. Mike Cliff seconded the motion; all yes. Copies of the minutes were available.

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT:</b>	Receipts	\$ 18,200.00
	ACH-County	9,897.33-February
	ACH-EMS	5,813.53-February
	Expenses	<u>123,670.28</u>
	Balance	\$794,129.20

Karl Brunell made a motion to pay the bills. Mike Cliff seconded the motion; all yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 1) Department of Commerce-MARCS Grant-Funds exhausted. But please apply again next year. 2) OTARMA Partnering with CBIZ Valuation Group for a company appraisal. They came out on Monday, February 25, 2019 and met with Neal. 3) Mike Cliff received an email from Michele Baker regarding the traffic at Route 193 and Interstate 90. He explained that it was a temporary thing for the pipe line coming from Pennsylvania to Ohio but would let her know approximately how long. He also reported that someone had vandalized the job site-windows broken and tires slashed. The company has hired security and put up a fence. Mike had heard that it was possible a union war. 4) Jim gave some information regarding a SPIRE grant/safer grant. It is a 3 year grant that would pay out 70% for years 1 and 2 and 30% for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for wages to expand personnel. 5) Karl Brunell reported that Janet Weese submitted a bill for bows and Christmas decorations for the Park in the amount of \$63.60.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS:** 1) Tyler Infield, 6093 North Wright Street asked for permission to close Priest and Wright Streets for a short period of time on May 18, 2019 for the annual Race to help raise money for sidewalks. He hopes to add more sidewalks again this year and was thinking about the area between Rte. 193 stoplight heading north to Priest Street. 2) Fred Pierce Ruhland, Fox Road, had several things to ask the trustees about this evening. a) Mr. Ruhland asked the township if they had looked at the standard lease regarding the 2 acres that he would be willing to donate the use of for milkweed. He said that he would help with the watering but not the harvesting of it. He said that he had done some research and that planting should start in April. A sunny area is needed and it is accessible to the road. The trustees explained that they would like to see volunteers getting together for that but that they did not want to sign any lease or contract for something like that. b) Mr. Ruhland express his concerns with Fox and Brydle Roads being very muddy with ruts in them. He said that he sees when work is being done with them but it only seems to last a few days. The Trustees explained that the ball was dropped last year on getting the dust control down in time due to weather. Mr. Ruhland explained that this has been a problem for 10 to 15 years. Mr. Ruhland feels that the township needs to get a long term plan for those roads. The trustees did explain that Kingsville was still in the running for the OPWC grant for Fox Road to be paved. Mr. Ruhland said that was great for the long term but what will be done in the short term? He feels that it is a safety issue as bad as the roads are at this point. The trustees also explained that Route 84 was going to be resurfaced and Kingsville has requested the grindings from that. The township would like to start on placing sub surface drains on Brydle Road and get a good base with the grindings. c) Mr. Ruhland asked why the township was getting rid of Neal as the Fire Chief. He said that there has been a lot of negative comments out in the

community including the township facebook page. The trustees explained to Mr. Ruhland that due to some management and personnel issues the decision was made that there needed to be more supervision at the fire department for the day to day things. Last year the trustees tried to hire an Assistant Fire Chief to do this but there were not any qualified applicants. This decision has been in the works with Neal involved for some time. They did offer Neal the job, he would need to be a level 2 fire fighter and a paramedic. Neal has until tomorrow to make his decision. They trustee looked at the budget and decided that they could indeed pay a Fire Chief \$40,000.00 per year. They understand that it is not much for an annual salary but feel it would be great for someone just starting out or someone that is retired and looking to stay active. They would be filling an 8-hour shift Monday through Friday as a paramedic. That along with what the township had budgeted for fire chief, assistant fire chief and an administrative assist would cover the wage. Mr. Ruhland stated that the perception was that someone was not doing a good job. The trustees explained that they could not stop people from having their own opinion or voicing it. Mr. Ruhland stated that the trustees should let the people know that Neal was offered the job and had a choice. Karl Brunell thanked Mr. Ruhland for asking the question because no one in the audience had ever asked the trustees about the matter. Dennis Huey, former trustee, stated that the website had been there since 2006 and has for the most part been negative instead of talking about the positive things that Kingsville Township has been doing. The trustees are hoping that with the newsletter and getting Kingsville Township information out there it will bring positive changes. d) The last thing that Mr. Ruhland wanted to mention was LEBOR (Lake Erie Bill of Rights) he encouraged crop farmers to get in a group regarding this issue.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** *Road/Service:* Neal reported that he knows that the gravel roads are in poor condition but he will need better weather to address them. For now, he will fill in the holes as best as possible. Scott has been off on vacation and Neal has been plowing snow.

*Cemetery:* Nothing

*Fire/EMS:* Neal reported that the second out ambulance has been having some issues with running properly. It will start okay and then stall and will not restart if it has not been run for 3 or 4 days. There is nothing leaking. So Neal sent it to the Ford Dealership to have them look for the problem.

*Zoning:* Nothing to report at this time except the letters were sent out to homeowner on Priest Street regarding the junk cars on the side of the street.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1) Jim Branch received the invoice from John Boczar for the water separator for the insurance company. 2) Jim Branch reported that he had scanned all invoices from the fire loss and sent to AI. He made three groups, contents, rental and equipment and organized it. 3) Jim Branch reported that we will receive the NOPEC Sponsorship grant and would like to have Penn Ohio for the dumpsters and have them receive the \$1000.00 directly. 4) Dennis Huey, Zoning Commission, said that the Prosecutor's office was having zoning seminars for local BZA and Zoning Commission members and Zoning Inspectors. The seminars will be free of charge. The Ashtabula County Planning Commission by resolution has recommended that Kingsville Township trustees allow the zoning commission to make changes to the zoning text. The trustees have 30 days to have a public meeting regarding these recommended changes and a notice will need to be place in the Star Beacon 10 days prior to the meeting. Dennis also turned in his resignation from the zoning commission due to his new position as Manager of the Real Estate Division of Ashtabula County. He reminded the trustees that Tim Baldwin was the alternate but they would need find a new alternate for that committee. 5) Mike asked Neal if he had received the ISO audit yet. Neal said that it was in and that the township had moved up by one on their rating. Neal will get the trustees a copy of the audit. Neal explained that the ISO audit based on its findings help insurance companies to determine homeowner's rates. 6) Mike asked Neal if he had ever gotten the quotes for siding the rest of the fire hall or put up the brick wall in the last bay for a wash/bunk room. Neal reported not at this time but he will reach out the vendors. Mike stated that the township needed to cancel their contract with Verizon and get new cell phones for the township. The township could possibly

get MDT (Mobile Dispatch Units and cell service together. We would need 5 phones and 4 tablets. 7) Mike would like Neal to get quotes for drainage on Brydle and chip and seal for Miller Allotment, River and Kingsbury Roads. If we do not get the approved for the OPWC grant, then we would do dust control in 2019. 8) Mike would also like Neal to compare lime stone cost versus Alleghany stone. Mr. Ruhland is worried about the angle of the banks regarding the drainage on Brydle Road. He asked the township to keep the residents in the know on this matter. 9) Mike wants need to get the roadside mower up and running with new pins and bushings that need replaced. Neal explained that the main reason that they did not get done last year was that they had no space to work on things. Now that they have the garage they will be able to work on equipment easier. 10) Jim will get an inventory list for fire loss items that need replaced so that Neal can start making purchases. Neal said that he would like to get a Lowes credit card so that the township could get a 5% discount on purchases. The township would need to pay it off every 30 days which is the township policy already.

11) Jim will be looking into the cost and cost saving for LED streetlighting. Mike asked if the Fire Department could go out and get the trustees a list of all of the streetlights that are out so that we can get them fixed or replaced.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1) Neal reported that as of July 2019 the Sheriff's Department will be charging \$17.68 per call. He is still unsure of how the Sheriff's Department will handle or charge for mutual aid calls. 2) Karl Brunell made a motion to allow the temporary closing of Priest and Wright Streets on May 18, 2019 for the race. Mike Cliff seconded the motion; all yes. 3) Karl Brunell made a motion to reimburse Janet Weese for Christmas decorations in the amount of \$63.60 with a receipt. Jim Branch seconded the motion; all yes. 4) Karl Brunell made a motion to have Clean Up day on May 11, 2019 from 8:00 am to noon. Jim Branch seconded the motion; all yes. 5) Jim Branch made a motion to hold a public meeting on March 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm to discuss the recommended changes to the zoning text. Mike Cliff seconded the motion; all yes. 6) Karl Brunell made a motion to accept the resignation of Dennis Huey from the zoning commission. Mike Cliff seconded the motion; all yes. 7) Jim Branch made a motion to select Penn Ohio for the NOPEC \$1,000.00 grant paid directly to then for clean-up day. Karl Brunell seconded the motion; all yes. 8) A discussion was held regarding the possible gas tax increase that would go up \$0.18. It would generate approximately \$2500.00 per 1 cent of increase for a potential total of \$45,000.00 annually at the township level. This tax has not been increased for several years. In 2006 the County use to maintain 70 miles of road and in 2016 maintained 30 miles of road. 9) Jim Branch made a motion to post in the Star Beacon the March 7, 2019 meeting with North Kingsville regarding mutual aid agreement for Fire and EMS being held at 5:00 pm.

Mike Cliff made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel matters. Jim Branch seconded the motion. On the call of roll: Jim Branch – Yes, Mike Cliff – Yes and Karl Brunell – Yes.

After a short Executive Session Karl Brunell made a motion to back into regular session. Mike Cliff seconded the motion. On the call of roll: Jim Branch – Yes, Mike Cliff – Yes and Karl Brunell – Yes.

Once back in regular session Mike Cliff made a motion to approve the fire chief qualifications excluding # 5. Karl Brunell seconded the motion; all yes.

Jim Branch made a motion to advertise for a Fire Chief with qualifications and salary. Karl Brunell seconded the motion; all yes.

Karl Brunell made a motion to adjourn the March 13, 2019 regular meeting of the Kingsville Township Trustees. Mike Cliff seconded the motion; all yes.