

KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

May 8, 2019

The 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 April 24, 2019 minutes and approve them as presented. Jim Branch seconded the motion; all yes. Fiscal Officer was not present due to vacation. Copies of the minutes were available.

Financial report:	Receipts	\$	1,038.47
	Expenses		<u>11,333.13</u>
	Balance	\$	980,465.38

No transfers.

Karl Brunell made a motion to pay the bills. Jim Branch seconded the motion, all yes.

Correspondence: 1) Mr. Hinkle called about cemetery plots, thank you Neal for taking care of his questions. 2) Sunshine laws training, May 14th, Lakeland C.C. Each public official must attend once in 4-year term. 3) Email from Dept. of Natural Resources, ODNR, Wed May 15th, (see email) 4) Ashtabula County Transportation Dept. meeting at ODOT garage on Seven Hills Rd to discuss upcoming projects for District 4, June 4th ODOT garage. 5) Boy scout Troop 11, park request to sell flowers for Mother’s day, 10 & 11 May, 2019.

Public Comments/Concerns: Latimer Kubichek, 6057 Wright St, asked for a request to open the meeting with a prayer, Rich Ring led with prayer concerning ideas and language, ask for guidance from our Lord. Rich Ring, 3023 S Ridge Rd, we have a lot of good plans, can we go back to the way it was? Why don’t we go back to way it was? He said we can’t afford what we are trying to do. Thinks we are barking up the wrong tree and would like to see more unity with Neal and the Fire Dept. Latimer Kubichek spoke again, what are we going to do from here? We are in the ditch! Jim Branch addressed that nothing has changed, Neal is still the Fire Chief, our budget has not changed, we are trying to do the best practices we can without burden on community. We are looking at one position to improve the service we are providing to the community. Latimer Kubichek said surrounding communities don’t agree with what we are doing. Jim Branch said our primary concern is Kingsville. Latimer Kubichek spoke again, why is North Kingsville cutting us out? Jim Branch answered, they made the decision to cut us out. Karl Brunell spoke and said that Neal Stewart told us that Ron McVoy said that Kingsville is trying to take over North Kingsville. Mike Cliff spoke, how do we improve the service to Kingsville? Neal Stewart said we should work with surrounding communities and put levy back on to go 24/7. Mike Cliff would like to work with our neighbors, Neal Stewart said that Claude Kobernick cancelled our mutual aid agreement. Mike Cliff answered, wanting to get support from neighboring communities, just mend the relationship with North Kingsville. We have done our part. Neal Stewart said we went to 16 hour days, because of Monroe Township. Mike Cliff, we need to worry about ourselves, keep our staffing. Neal Stewart said we can’t afford to pay our new Fire Chief. We can’t afford our current situation. We won’t collect enough billing. Jim Branch disagreed and said we will be fine. Neal Stewart, we don’t have money to move forward. Everything costs money. Jim Branch, in terms of Fire Chief position, this will give us more time to build relationships with surrounding neighbors. Mike Cliff, people are upset that it directly affects Neal. Latimer Kubichek, says the last year and a half, the township has gone down the tubes. Katie Thrasher, 1353 Clay St, does anyone have specifics on how to improve things with North Kingsville? Jim Branch, we are working on repairing our mutual aid with Sheffield and North Kingsville. The Board of Trustees stated that we still do not know why mutual aid with North Kingsville was cancelled. Trustees will continue to reach out to surrounding communities. Terry Bort, 5067 Dibble Rd, I understand but your Fire Dept. should be concerned with surrounding communities. Mike Cliff responded, residents are paying taxes to respond to Kingsville, not North Kingsville. We don’t have the money to help out all the communities around us, we will provide care if called. Jim Branch would like to fix North Kingsville first, Sheffield

second. We could go back to 12 hours if things get tight with money. Terry Bort, we threw Neal Stewart under the bus. Terry asked about public meeting notice, for two paramedics, was there a public meeting for Neal's time card incident? Terry also asked about discipline for EMTs, what happened to them? Mike Cliff responded, employees had the option to appeal. Howard Lines, 3077 Main St, will it get to the point where we can't afford the FD? Will it dissolve? Jim Branch answered, we have the county home, this should allow us to continue to provide EMS billing. Howard Lines, will we be able to maintain what we have with equipment and personnel? Will it get to the point where we downsize? Mike Cliff, maybe not in our lifetime, we will need to use surrounding communities first. Howard Lines stated, the fire bell used to go off, 20 people ran to the Fire hall. He thinks it will dissolve down the road. Mike Cliff, the southern part of the country has nothing but districts. Mike Cliff, we are fortunate to have what we have. Howard Lines, if we sell what we have could we afford to pay for contracted services? How do we keep up with 2.5 mils? Retirement community can't afford more levy money. Jim Branch, yes, we have looked at contracting for service with Ashtabula Township. Howard Lines, sounds like we should go that way. Jim Branch, we are still doing a good job with what we have and we are not at a tipping point yet. The western side of the county, has 24/7 service. Jim Branch, weird that all the ones surrounding us are 24/7 but not us. Howard Lines, relationships are great but it comes down to dollars and cents. Jim Branch, we still have enough money to keep our 16-hour service. AIMS billing will pay for our staff. Jim Branch, we are trying to not get to that point. Dennis Huey 2997 Priest St, said he was on the Board of Trustees and had talks about creating a district with our surrounding neighbors. At that time the bottleneck of a district was the Fire Chiefs, townships were interested in pursuing that way. We are not getting any younger. Dennis Huey, can't believe the cost of equipment. Employees are headed towards retirement. What do these places do when people retire? Not sure he wants to retire in Kingsville, hard to hear what people are saying about our community. Mike Cliff, Saybrook Township is similar to North Kingsville, Kingsville, and Sheffield. Look at cost of equipment, firetrucks, and an ambulance, look at replacement. We have 2 + 2 + 2, with equipment, we need to look at consolidation. Neal Stewart, we need to work with North Kingsville, Sheffield & Monroe. Jim Branch and Karl Brunell said this is the right location for a district if it ever happens. Howard Lines, nobody likes change but it is going to be better, limit the cost to each township. Neal Stewart said everyone was against district. Dennis Huey, said the prosecutor's office has lots of problems with Fire Depts. Norm Thorpe, S Ridge Rd, said we need to get the FCs to work together. They don't want to give up the power. Dennis Huey, we need to get all parties involved, Fire Chiefs, trustees, community, forward thinking & work together.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Zoning: Nothing new to report.

Fire EMS: Champion Ford still has 609, hasn't acted up, should be coming back next week. Mike Cliff asked about EMT, Justin Stueper, worked at community care. Neal Stewart said he can't keep a job anywhere, Sheriffs Dept., here, no shows for work.

Roads: Nothing more to add to report.

Old Business: 1) Mike Cliff, Waste Management quote for \$105 for once a week. We can go with the new price or pay a penalty of \$671. Mike Cliff thinks we should cancel WM and pay the fee. Jim Branch, asked about fee being higher than last time. Mike Cliff said we should forward to prosecutor's office for review. 2) Mike Cliff asked about Brydle Road. Estimate is under \$50k, to bid out for under drains. Neal Stewart, Bunn enterprises could come and do it after Memorial Day. Mike Cliff said we could try and save money and rent a trencher, but doesn't look like it will happen. Jim Branch, so if we approve tonight we could move forward with project? Mike Cliff, \$50k would include the stone. Jim Branch, could approve around \$48k? 3) Mike Cliff, OPWC project for Fox road? We need to complete the %s for the project and return to County engineer by May 31st, 2019. 4) Karl Brunell asked about light on Priest St being out, Latimer Kubicheck said he had the one on Wright St fixed.

New Business: 1) Jim Branch made a motion to approve \$350 for urns for the township park, Dennis Huey will get them filled and placed after the lawn sale. Mike Cliff seconded the motion; all yes. 2) Jim Branch made a motion to approve the park use for

the Boy scouts for Mother's day flower sale. Mike Cliff seconded the motion; all yes. 3) Karl Brunell made a motion to have a sign on North Wright street for "no parking". Jim Branch seconded the motion, all yes. 4) Karl Brunell made a motion to accept a donation of mulch for the township park from MC Lawn Care. Jim Branch seconded the motion, Mike Cliff abstained, Jim and Karl yes, approved. 5) Mike Cliff made a motion to contract out Brydle road, not to exceed \$49k for ditch work. Jim Branch seconded the motion, open for discussion; Neal Stewart added for discussion. Please send a letter to residents on Brydle road to let them know what we are doing with project. Bunn enterprises, to accept project. Trucking will be with Simak, hauling away of material. All votes yes. 6) Mike Cliff made a motion for action on the Waste Management contract. Jim Branch motioned to send to the county prosecutor for review. Karl Brunell seconded the motion, all yes. 7) Zoning, two new permits, 1. Mike Ellsworth 5260 Arbor Dr, new garage. 2. Mark Hines, 6021 Wright St, fence. Mike Cliff asked about Reed road, no changes about junk. Neal Stewart, Creek Rd, around turn, will need to take Randy Barnes to show him address with trash on porch. 8) Neal Stewart, cemetery will try to dig footers on Tuesday, pour on Thursday. Cut park on Wednesday, to prepare for lawn sale. Also been working on sign at Lulu falls, will put slate on roof from Carol Brunell. 9) Had to call HAVE, will come back this week to fix leaks. Drywall has been put up, painters have been there. 10) Monroe has asked to use the bucket truck. Mike Cliff, can we have the bucket truck inspected? Western star TSI trucks, 385 S bailey Rd, North Jackson, Ohio; inspection of trucks. Mike Cliff made a motion to have the bucket truck inspected not to exceed \$650 dollars. Jim Branch seconded the motion; all yes. Jim Branch made a motion to allow Monroe Township to use the bucket truck. We will use a Hold Harmless agreement with Monroe Township to use the truck before we get it inspected. Mike Cliff seconded the motion; all yes. 11) Mike Cliff made a motion to allow the steel guitar in park to use Fire Hall or new Township garage for concert if rain. Jim Branch seconded the motion; all yes.

Jim Branch made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. On the call of roll; Mike Cliff, yes, Jim Branch, yes, Karl Brunell, yes.

After a short executive session, Mike Cliff made a motion to adjourn from executive session. Jim Branch seconded the motion. On the call of roll, Mike Cliff, yes, Karl Brunell, yes, Jim Branch, yes.

Karl Brunell made a motion to adjourn the May 8th, 2019 regular meeting of the Kingsville Township Trustees. Jim Branch seconded the motion; all yes.

Mike Cliff, Chairman

Karl Brunell, Recorder