

KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR

October 9, 2019

The October 9, 2019 regular meeting of the Kingsville Township Trustees was called to order by Mike Cliff, Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Fiscal Officer, Sarah Patterson, was absent due to a family medical situation. Mike Cliff made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim Branch seconded with four (4) corrections. All in favor, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No transfers

Mike Cliff made a motion to pay the bills, Jim Branch seconded. All in favor, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1) Email from Fred Pierce-Ruhland about dust control for Brydle Road. 2) Martuccio about dust control. Not possible this week but will look at next week pending a good stretch of weather. Road must be dry for 3-4 days after application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1) Norm Thorpe of 3709 S Ridge Rd asked when will the remaining tree trunk in the cemetery be cleaned up and when the flagpole outside the fire hall will be replaced? Jesse Sopko stated the base for the flagpole is being fabricated by company in Girard. Mike Cliff stated Brobst might be called in to clean up the cemetery of remaining debris due to the large size of the tree trunk. 2) Kathy Lines of 3077 E Main St asked about Halloween and emergency vehicles at main intersections. Jesse Sopko stated he would address it in his department report. 3) Jeff Drake of 5368 Arbor Drive asked when will roadside mowing on Creamer Rd be completed? Rick Carlson stated he would answer this in his department report. 4) Neal Stewart of 6036 Sheldon Ave said the trustees should 'bite the bullet' and abandon plans for dust control on Brydle Rd. Mike Cliff responded that we met with Tim Martin, Ashtabula County Engineer, and were advised that moisture is more of a concern than temperature. We need to have dry weather as Martuccio stated. In the meantime, the Township will get the stone and then watch the weather. 5) Debbie McCumber of 6042 Wright Street wanted to thank the Board of Trustees for returning phone calls about Halloween. 6) Richard Ring of 3323 S Ridge Rd complained about prosecuting people for Fire Code violations. He asked what the Fire Chief was doing? The Trustees explained the Fire Chief was enforcing the Fire Code and that the property in question was not being 'prosecuted' and that it was now in full compliance. 7) Ladimer Kubichek of 6057 Wright St commented about an EMS call on Wright Street and claimed a Sheffield mutual aid responder could not find the address and this was because of the MARCS radios. Chief Sopko explained that routing to incidents is handled by dispatchers with the County Sheriff's Office and that since Kingsville is still using the VHF radios in addition to the MARCS radios there was no issue with communications. Mr. Kubichek also read a section of the policy manual concerning compensation time and wondered how the Fire Chief was able to accumulate over the yearly maximum of 40 hours. Jim Branch explained that section 'h' of the same policy gives the Trustees the discretion to waive the 40-hour maximum. The Trustees have done this so that more shifts can be covered for the safety of township residents. It was also explained that Chief Sopko's use of compensation time versus over-time helps the township. Mr. Kubichek then read a letter he submitted to North Kingsville Mayor Tim Zee concerning our mutual aid. He also presented the Mayor's response describing their decision to forego automatic aid. Mike Cliff described the series of events leading up to the termination of the automatic aid and the subsequent discussions with North Kingsville officials to try and reinstate it. Some of this discussion revolved around forming a fire district and led to further comments from residents. 8) Chuck Page of 5536 S Wright St commented that a fire district was discussed back in the 1980's and it would require 13 mills in taxes to accomplish. 9) Brad Randolph of 5300 Arbor Drive voiced concern about trees hanging dangerously over Creamer Rd. Jim Branch stated the trees were not in the road right-of-way and we would need to work with property owners to address the issue. Mr. Randolph also stated that the hours the Fire Chief has been allowed to work do not match the hours stated in the original job description.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road / Service Department: Roads Superintendent, Rick Carlson, introduced himself, talked about Brydle Rd, the new plow truck, and the plans for Fox Rd based on our meeting with Tim Martin, the Ashtabula County Engineer. Grading has been performed on Brydle Road. The Road Department will be working with the Kingsville Elementary School to paint our plows for the winter season. Rick said they are continuing to set up in the new building. He reported on an electrical and steering issue with the 2008 dump truck. He is also getting the one-ton checked out, getting the oil changed, and performing preventative maintenance to prepare for winter. He said he is very proud of Scott Burdine and Jim Evans; they have been a big help in the first two weeks. Finally, he said roadside mowing will be completed before the snow flies.

Fire Department: Chief Sopko gave an update on the fire gear. He announced an open house and public presentation at 5pm on October 19th during the KTFD Booster's spaghetti dinner. He reported five (5)

fire inspections, 92.85% coverage of shifts (76% of time there is a paramedic on duty), and details about Fire Prevention week including a upcoming visit to Kingsville Elementary School. A MARCS radio repeater was installed in Engine 621 and is working better than expected. Regionalized pump testing was conducted at Kingsville Elementary with surrounding fire departments to help everyone save time and money. The older Engine 611 passed the pump test while the newer Engine 621 did not. Repairs to 621 will be addressed when it goes in for preventative maintenance. Chief Sopko addressed the public's outrage with not having vehicles at major intersections on Halloween. The chief explained that the plan is now to have emergency vehicles with flashing lights at Priest St & Rt 193 and Wright St & Rt 84 as has been done in the past. In addition to this, the light at Rt 193 & Rt 84 will be flashing red, turning the intersection into a 4-way stop. Stop signs borrowed from North Kingsville will reinforce this and the Road Department will have the new plow truck present at the intersection with its lights on for added safety. The fire department hopes to have 6 people on staff that night to man the station and vehicles. The KTFD Boosters will hand out popcorn and candy at the fire hall as they have done in the past. Zoning: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS: 1) Mike Cliff gave a garage update. Some new work will need to be completed and John Boczar has a punch list for things to do. 2) Jim Branch stated that we already received the \$103,000 for the building that was in question at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Jim Branch made a motion to approve \$717.50 for the county dispatch channel upgrade to use the MARCS radios per the Ashtabula County Fire Chief's Association guidelines, Mike Cliff seconded, all yes, motion passed. 2) Mike Cliff made a motion not to exceed \$1,419.57 for catch basins and pipe at the new garage, Jim Branch seconded, all yes, motion passed. 3) Jim Branch made a motion to pay Scott Burdine the difference in pay between his and the former road superintendent's pay for his time as interim superintendent in the amount of \$764.80, Mike Cliff seconded, all yes, motion passed. 4) Jim Branch made a motion to increase the use of township credit card from \$500 to \$1000 for one-time purchases within a pay cycle. Mike Cliff seconded, all yes, motion passed. 5) Jim Branch made a motion to terminate J. Dragon from fire department roster, based on the Fire Chief's recommendation, Mike Cliff seconded, all yes, motion passed. 6) Jim Branch made a motion to increase our Google Suite account from \$360 to \$720 per year to allow for 5 more users (10 total at \$6 per user per month), Mike Cliff seconded, all yes, motion passed. 7) Jim Branch made a motion to purchase a printer/scanner/copier for the township garage, not to exceed \$500, Mike Cliff seconded, all yes, motion passed. 8) Mike Cliff made a motion to buy office chairs and furniture for the new township garage, not to exceed \$2,000, Jim Branch seconded, all yes, motion passed. 9) Jim Branch made a motion to get a cell phone for the Road superintendent. The existing garage number, 440-224-2377, will be transferred to the new phone. The cost was set to not exceed \$120 a month, Mike Cliff seconded, all yes, motion passed.

Karl Brunell made a motion to adjourn, Mike Cliff seconded, all yes, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.