

**Kingsville Township Trustees Special Meeting
May 14, 2019**

On May 14, 2019, Michael Cliff, chairman, called to order a special meeting of the Kingsville Township Trustees, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Trustee Jim Branch, Michael Cliff and Karl Brunell. In the audience were Gail Urch and Dave West.

Jim Branch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-05. Second by Karl Brunell.

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE MR. JESSE A. SOPKO AS THE KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF, EFFECTIVE PENDING THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF A THOROUGH BACKGROUND CHECK, PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL, AND DRUG TESTING

WHEREAS, the Kingsville Township Board of Trustees has determined that there is a need for a Fire Chief with the certifications of Firefighter II and EMT-Paramedic.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Kingsville Township Trustees, Ashtabula County, State of Ohio that on their behalf and on behalf of all residents of Kingsville Township hereby hire Mr. Jesse A. Sopko as the full-time Kingsville Township Fire Department Fire Chief effective pending the positive results of a thorough background check, pre-employment physical as required under Ohio Revised Code 742.8 and Ohio Administrative Code 742-1-02, and drug testing. Mr. Sopko will be paid an hourly rate of \$19.23 for an annual salary of \$40,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Board of Trustees and as further provided under Ohio law.

On the call of roll. Jim Branch, Yes. Mike Cliff, Yes. Karl Brunell, Yes

Jim Branch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-06. Second by Karl Brunell.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF, NEAL STEWART

WHEREAS, the Kingsville Township Board of Trustees has determined that there is a need for a Fire Chief with the certifications of Firefighter II and EMT-Paramedic; and

WHEREAS, the current Fire Chief, Neal Stewart, was formally offered this position with an 18-month grace period to obtain the proper certifications in a letter dated February 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart failed to respond to the offer by February 28, 2019, within the required 15-day response time thereby forfeiting the Fire Chief position and agreeing to resign upon the successful search of a qualified individual.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Kingsville Township Trustees, Ashtabula County, State of Ohio that they accept the resignation of Neal Stewart from the position of Kingsville Township Fire Department Fire Chief effective upon the start date of a new Fire Chief with the required certifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Board of Trustees and as further provided under Ohio law.

On the call of roll. Jim Branch, Yes. Mike Cliff, Yes. Karl Brunell, Yes

Karl Brunell made a motion to adjourn, Second by Jim Branch. All in favor; YES

Meeting adjourned at 1822.