

KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR
April 24, 2019

The April 24, 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 April 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes and approve them as presented. Jim Branch seconded the motion; all yes. Copies of the minutes were available.

FINANCIAL REPORT:	Receipts	\$	0.00
	Expenses		<u>15,073.55</u>
	Balance	\$	990,760.04

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

CORRESPONDENCE: 1) Received the letter from the Ashtabula County Engineer's office regarding Ohio Public Works District 7 PY 20 (Round 34) funding pre applications due by 5/31/19. 2) Email from Gary Blenda, Envirotech, regarding pricing for dust control options was received. 3) Aqua leak adjustment form received. 4) Waste Management options. 5) Received the OHIO DAS Cooperative Purchasing Certificate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Terry Bort, 5067 Dibble Road, the trustees need to clear up things at the county home. The squad was called to the county home on a 911 call and when they got there the head nurse told them that the resident was not ready to go. The squad told her that they were called in on 911 not for just a transport and they could not just wait around for the resident. The trustees gave the squad members time off for this incident. The trustees need to work with Neal and the fire department and stop putting the screws to Neal. Mr. Bort was asked by the trustees not to continue to comment regarding this due to it being a personnel matter and not public knowledge and they did mention that they were concerned that he knew about it. Mr. Bort explained that people talk and that he knows people that work there. He also reminded the trustees that election was coming up and if they did not "get it together" that they might not be re-elected. Chuck Page, South Wright Street, asked if it was fact or rumor that mutual aid between Kingsville and North Kingsville had stopped. Mr. Page commented that Kingsville was no longer getting North Kingsville billing and that Kingsville was going to lose around \$40,000 annually in billing. Latimer Kubichek, South Wright Street, asked how was the \$40,000 annual amount for the new fire chief come up from. Mike Cliff explained that the fire chief would work 40 hours per week and if we used \$13.50/hour times 2080 hours annually that would be \$28,000 and then the four other positions that are already appropriated for the fire department totals \$15,000. Kathy Marcy, Creek Road, asked if anyone was going to answer Mr. Page's question regarding fact or rumor with North Kingsville. Jim Branch said that at this time that as correct. But that the trustees have sent an auto aid contract to North Kingsville and Kingsville was waiting on their response. Mrs., Marcy also asked why they did not discipline the squad at the time of the incident. Karl Brunell explained that discipline was taken care of at the time of the incident. Richard Ring, made the comment that you can make all the plans you want but in reality sometimes things will not work out. Mr. Kubichek asked the trustees what they were going to do now that 3 EMS squad employees had quit since the last meeting. The trustees said that they had not been made aware of that fact. Elmer Johnson, Dibble Road, told the trustees that he had heard the same story about the incident at the county home that Mr. Bort had heard. That is was common knowledge. Bill Ingram, Route 193, asked the trustees why they were changing things. What has Neal done that was so wrong? Neal has lived in Kingsville his whole life. The trustees were elected to run the township to the best of their abilities not to run good workers out. He feels that the trustees have a responsibility to the resident of Kingsville to take care of things. Not sure how the trustees sleep at night. The residents of Kingsville

demand the trustee's attention. Mike Cliff said that he sleeps at night just fine because he also loves Kingsville and feels that he is trying to make a difference. He wants the fastest and best personnel on squad. When he started as trustee a year and a half ago there were 6 volunteer's/EMS personnel and now there are 2 that respond between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. His focus for long term plan would be to have 24 hours, 7 days a week squad coverage. Mutual aid calls to Kingsville take too long. The current fire chief is not certified for EMS. Fifteen minutes is too long to wait for a squad. Jim Branch explained that right now North Kingsville was using Conneaut or Ashtabula for their calls. North Kingsville is reviewing the auto aid contract that we have sent to them. Mutual aid is county wide and auto aid is a special agreement between departments. He will continue to go to the North Kingsville meetings until an agreement has been made. Mr. Kubichek asked why Sheffield was going to North Kingsville for aid instead of Kingsville. The trustees explained that until an agreement was signed that was North Kingsville choice to have Sheffield come for help. Mike Cliff explained that this all started when at one of Kingsville regular meetings it was mentioned that Kingsville receives \$18,000 annually from Monroe and nothing from North Kingsville and it was mentioned in the paper, Neal then went to North Kingsville and stirred the pot. That is why Sheffield is going to North Kingsville and not Kingsville. Mr. Kubichek believes that Mike Cliff is stirring the pot. Kathy Marcy, made the comment that Kingsville residents chose to live in Kingsville without 24-hour care. Things are not getting better but are getting worse. She has been hearing several bad things about Mike. Mike Cliff said that he was just trying to stay ahead of the changing EMS field and feels that by hiring a full time fire chief this will help. Jim Branch gives full credit to Neal for getting the paid part time department up and running but there has been an increase in calls and less volunteers and believes that the time has come for more supervision for the EMS. Karl Brunell said that the trustees are trying to repair the mutual aid, he would love to have that relationship repaired. Kingsville is waiting for North Kingsville to respond to auto aid agreement. RJ Johnson, Dibble Road, asked the trustees why not use the \$40,000 for the new fire chief to have some volunteers to be trained. The trustees explained that unfortunately volunteers are few and far between. Jim Branch commented that they were not trying to run Neal out but they were using best practices. Karl Brunell would like seamless care with better staff and faster service. Tim Baldwin, 5800 Route 193, he had heard Neal was going to retire in the next three years and feels that it is in the townships best interest to start looking for replacements for him. The township needs to get away from the "always done it that way" frame of mind. He feels they are not try to get rid of Neal but to plan ahead. He asked "What would the township do if Neal quit today?" Terry Bort made the comment that we need to get our children and grandchildren to start being involved. Karl Brunell said that would be wonderful and thinks that this board of trustees has been the most transparent board that the township has had, thanks to Jim Branch the township has a great website and newsletter that is getting information about the township out there. Duane Fisher, 5262 Dibble Road, he said that he thinks that the trustees are going a good job, he also said that the window is closing on finding a good replacement for Neal even if its 5 years before he retires. Things are changing and the township needs a long term plan. Volunteers are a thing of the past. People are too busy. Better communication is key for any employee/employer. Mike Cliff mentioned that EMS is not a desirable field anymore. We are in a state of emergency; EMS is a dying field. Norm Thorpe, South Ridge Road, asked when the garage would be complete? Mike Cliff said that the heating delayed everything and was not sure.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road/Service: The township was approved for the Fox Road Grant. This will be a 2-year project. The surveying will need to get started. The project will be for 1.5 miles of Fox Road. Drainage ditches will be installed; we estimate the in kind work to be between \$70,000 to \$100,000. The signs that have been ordered for Buie Road should be in this week.

Cemetery: The cemetery is all cleaned up and getting ready for Memorial Day. There are some graves that need reseeded and we need to do something about the sign. It needs repaired or replaced.

Fire/EMS: The second out ambulance is still out of service. It is now getting brake repairs done. A portion of the fire hall trim fell off in the front of the fire hall. The roof needs to be done with tresses and tin.

Zoning: Mike DeFazio is working a few new things but nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: 1) There are 3 street lights still out through the township. They are out near the Truck Stop. CEI has repaired all of the others per our request. 2) Neal said that he was asked by a Fox Road resident not to touch the berm near his driveway. The trustees asked if that would be possible with the project. Neal said that they are going to have to figure out something. 3) Still a concern of residents parking on the road on Wright Street. Last year when a letter was sent it only stopped for a couple of months. 4) The state needs a drop site for the asphalt grindings that are being donated to the township from the Route 84 project that they will be working on next year. It has to be on township property. It will have to be dropped at the township garage. 5) Under drains are needed on Brydle Road prior to the asphalt grindings going down. Neal will contact the Engineer's office about the drains. 6) The credit cards for the road and fire departments are in so that we can purchase gas at Circle K. 7) Hydraulic line need replaced for the hurst tool. The cost will be \$5135.12 for parts and labor. 8) The dumpsters have been ordered from Penn Ohio for clean-up day on May 11, 2019 at the township garage from 8 am to noon. 9) Please add National Day of Prayer in the Park on May 2, 2019 at noon and the Clean-up Day for May 11, 2019 to the sign in the park.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) A report of a house on Route 193 by the pond is an eye sore. Mike DeFazio will send out a nuisance letter. 2) Karl Brunell made a motion to replace the hydraulic line for the hurst tool at a cost of \$5135.12. Jim Branch seconded the motion; all yes. 3) Mr. Ingram asked whose responsibility it was for the ruts for the mailbox approach. The trustees explained that it was the homeowner's responsibility to have a safe and clear approach.

Mike Cliff made a motion to adjourn the April 24, 2019 regular meeting of the Kingsville Township Trustees. Karl Brunell seconded the motion; all yes.

Mike Cliff, Chairman

Sarah Patterson, Fiscal Officer