

# Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

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Regular Meeting Held on May 8, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

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Chairman Bruce Bancroft called the meeting to order. All elected officials were present.

All present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Fiscal Officer opened the bid meeting and the three sealed bids submitted to the township trustees for the proposed new police garage building. The first bid opened was submitted by Declan Construction in the amount of \$406,000 with an alternate of \$3,000. The second sealed bid opened was submitted by Makers Construction in the amount of \$588,000 with an alternate of \$17,250. The third sealed bid opened was submitted by TIP Construction in the amount of \$425,000 with an alternate of \$9,000.

The trustees thanked the bidders for their participation and will consider each bid.

[RN2023-060] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to close the bid meeting and to table the bids received for discussion among the trustees.

The vote was as follows:

Jamin Banning	Yes
Greg Leonhard	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

The Fiscal Officer told the trustees that there was only one bid received for the flagstone sidewalk pieces salvaged from Phase 3 of the Kinsman Sidewalk Project. The bid was submitted by Bart Gilmore in the amount of \$1,700.

[RN2023-061] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to accept the one bid received by Bart Gilmore for the salvaged slate sidewalk pieces in the amount of \$1,700.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

[RN2023-062] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to utilize the \$1,700 to be received for the sidewalk pieces toward the Local Share of Phase 3 of the Kinsman Sidewalk Project.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Public Meeting to discuss the addition of a Current Expense Levy:

[RN2023-063] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to open the 1<sup>st</sup> public meeting to discuss the addition of a Current Expense levy.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

The Fiscal Officer explained the need for a Current Expense levy due to several factors contributing to the low balance of the General Fund. In 2011, State Legislators reduced the Local Government Fund Distribution from 3.52% to 1.66%. Since utilities, insurance, and other expenses like workers compensation, have continued to increase, we have reached a point where the General Fund cannot function without the addition of a levy. ARP monies have been utilized to supplement the General Fund these past two years but will no longer be available after this year. Greg explained that we are not the only township that has found the need to add a current expense levy to the General Fund, and that there is proposed legislation to further cut the Local Government Fund Distribution by another 10%. The trustees discussed the amount of the additional levy and decided that a 1.5 mill Current Expense Levy would be sufficient to supplement the General Fund administration. The length of the levy would be for 5 years, and not a continuing levy since the trustees want to provide the opportunity for the taxpayers to discuss the trustees' use of the levy monies in the future and have the choice to continue the levy.

[RN2023-059] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to submit the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Resolution for the 1.5 mill, 5-year Current Expense Levy Resolution Form to the Trumbull County Prosecutor's office to be placed on the November 7, 2023, election ballot.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

A second public trustees meeting will be advertised once the figures have been received by the Trumbull County Prosecutor's office.

[RN2023-064] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to close the 1<sup>st</sup> public meeting to discuss the addition of a Current Expense Levy to support the General Fund.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 24, 2023 regular trustees, and to accept them as written. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence: The Trumbull County Combined Health District sent the trustees a request for help in contacting them with any sightings of racoons or other animals that may have rabies. They asked that should they be spotted to call 330-675-2489.

**Old Business:**

1. Greg reminded everyone that the May 18, 2023, Trumbull Township Association meeting will be held at the Kinsman American Legion, cohosted with Johnston Township.  
Kinsman Clean-Up Day will be held this Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Greg has made the final arrangements for the U-Haul that will be used for collecting unwanted electronics such as televisions, etc. Tim told the trustees that he will be helping with the collection, along with road workers Vince Peterson and Jim Grove.  
Greg would like to see the historical mile-marker located on Turner Mullen Road preserved as well as possible with a simple fix. Greg thanked Bill Spithaler for pointing its existence out to the trustees. Tim Tricker will try to try to arrange the culvert as well as possible to prevent further erosion of the marker. Bill thanked the trustees and Tim for their efforts.
2. Jamin said the permit to work in the road right-of-way has gone for review by township Attorney Mark Finamore.

[RN2023-065] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to rescind resolution RN2023-052 which adopts the use of a road right-of-way permit until the final opinion of its use by Kinsman Township Attorney Mark Finamore.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

**New Business:**

1. Greg asked the trustees about the Legion purchasing the leftover decorative stone that was used at the Greenspace restroom building.

[RN2023-066] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to sell the remaining decorative stone utilized at the new Greenspace restroom, valued at \$100, to the Kinsman American Legion for its value of \$100.

The vote was as follows:

Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes
Greg Leonhard	Abstain

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Greg said the excess tiny roofing stone that Boyd’s Home asked permission to dump at the township garage could also be used as fill at the Legion’s parking lot. Tim will help to move it there.

Greg attended the Trumbull County Tourism min-conference at the Avalon. They will be holding a birding event at the Pymatuning Creek on Mother’s Day.

The Pymatuning Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee will be meeting at the Kinsman Administration Building on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

The Kinsman Park Committee has not set a date to meet yet.

Road- Tim met with the Trumbull County Engineers that came out to clear out all our catch basins. They are getting ready to begin their roadside mowing.

A resident contacted Greg to say there seems to be excess wear on the tar and chip on Ridge Road. Tim will check it out.

Police- Shawn is moving forward with the decorative stone and lights for the township sign. The SUV is done being striped. He is taking it to get the electronics hooked up tomorrow. Shawn told the trustees that he is going to research security for the front of the administration building, since he noticed a custody exchange taking place in the parking lot.

Shawn asked the trustees for the following resolutions to hire personnel.

[RN2023-067] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to hire Joshua Ellwood-Bellas as part-time police officer.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

[RN2023-068] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to hire applicant Bradley Paul as parti-time police officer.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Fire- Nothing new.

Zoning- Mark gave the trustees his full monthly report. A copy can be obtained by contacting the fiscal officer. Mark explained about the steps we need to take to turn McKinley Drive into a parcel to be sold.

Public- Kathy Sielschott told the trustees that Friends of Kinsman will be purchasing the flowers and installing them on the Square. She also asked permission to hold the flower sale on the Square.

[RN2023-069] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to give permission to the Kinsman American Legion Auxiliary to hold their annual Mother’s Day Flower Sale on the Square on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and to thank the Friends of Kinsman for their purchase and planting of flowers on the Square.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Bill Spithaler told the trustees that he has collected a total of 27 skids of bottled water containing 1,297 cases holding 51,880 bottles of water to be delivered to East Palestine residents who were affected by the train derailment in February of this year. This is the list of donors, Bortnick Tractor Sales, Boyd’s Kinsman Home, Pheasant Run Farms, Bancroft Farms, Diversified Moving and Storage, Main Drug in Kinsman, Gilmore Landscaping, W. I. Miller and Sons,

Birrells Auto Parts, Utility Services Group, Salem Hardwood Inc., Stanwade Metal Products, Commonwealth Suburban Title Agency, Greg Leonhard, Marge Crupi, Tim Tricker, Horodyski Brothers, Logan Brothers, LLC, Stratton Creek Woodworks, LLC, American Legion Post 506, Ohio Firewood Brothers, and Fred Stahl for all printing.

The trustees thanked Bill Spithaler for his exceptional work in coordinating the purchase and transportation of the water to East Palestine, as well as American Legion Post 506.

Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:04 p.m. The vote was unanimous. The bills were paid.

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Trustees

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Fiscal Officer