

Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

Regular Trustees Meeting Held on February 12, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Jamin Banning called the regular trustees' meeting to order and asked all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bruce Bancroft made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 8, 2023, regular trustees meeting, and to accept them as read by the trustees. The vote was unanimously approved.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

1. Trumbull County Probate Court, along with the Trumbull County Recorder, and Clerk of Courts, will be hosting an informational meeting titled "Good Deeds" to help citizens create an estate plan at the American Legion on Thursday, February 29th at 6:30 p.m.
2. Greg still has 37 house numbers to be picked up.
3. The Pymatuning Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee was held last month. ODNR and the Army Corps of Engineers is working on funding to aid with cleanup of the dump site on State Route 87.
4. Trumbull County Engineers, road department and trustees met at the GreenSpace to discuss the layout plan for sidewalks at the location. These sidewalks will be paid for through grants from the Trumbull County Commissioners. No township tax dollars will be used for this sidewalk project.
5. An Open House to discuss the Current Expense Operating Levy will be held at the Administration Building Tuesday, February 20th at 6 p.m. and Saturday, February 24th at 10 a.m.
6. Greg has applied for the GoGreen Grant for Kinsman Cleanup Day and Scrap Tire Collection Day to be held May 18th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The grant will include a U-Haul truck for collection of electronics. Regarding the Scrap Tire Grant, Greg asked for a motion to use Horodyski's this year to keep our business local.

[RN2024-030] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to get pricing and utilize Horodyski's for the scrap tire collection for 2024 instead of Liberty Tire, up to 4 tires for each resident at no cost, but to charge \$4 per tire if more than the 4-tire limit, truck, heavy truck tires, and skid steer tires are \$12 per tire, and very large truck tires are \$17 per tire. Tires on rims will not be accepted.

The vote was as follows:	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Jamin Banning	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

7. Region 7 Opiate meeting is opening it up for grants. There is a March 18th 5 p.m. meeting in Youngstown.

New Business:

1. Park Committee Board-

[RN2024-031] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to remove Dave Francis from the Park Committee Board due to his moving out of the area. The Kinsman Trustees thanked him for his hard work and dedication to the Park Committee during his time here in Kinsman.

The vote was as follows:	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Jamin Banning	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

[RN2024-032] Bruce Bancroft made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to add Rochelle Jackson to the Park Committee Board.

The vote was as follows:	Bruce Bancroft	Yes
	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Jamin Banning	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

[RN2024-033] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, gave Norma Hartz permission to fundraise for the pickleball project at the GreenSpace. All decisions need to be approved by the Kinsman Trustees and the Park Committee. The trustees thanked her for her interest and work in this matter.

The vote was as follows:	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Jamin Banning	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

2. Police- Thad told the trustees we received the quote for surveillance cameras for the Administration Building. It is \$10,450.50. We will need another estimate.
 Leroy Long is getting the Kinsman Police Scramble and Golf Outing together.
 While Greg was working a funeral on Main Street he witnessed a lot of speeding. May OSP can help with speed stops in Kinsman. Thad is going to be working the roads.

[RN2024-034] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to hire Jordan Hefner and Geoffrey Fusco as part-time police officers.

The vote was as follows:	Jamin Banning	Yes
	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

Jordan Hefner and Geoffrey Fusco were then sworn in by the Fiscal Officer.
 Thad gave the trustees his monthly reports.
 Thad asked the trustees permission to attend the Police Chief’s conference classes in March.

[RN2024-035] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to send Thad Stephenson to Police Chief Conference in Columbus. The hotel, meals and gas are to be paid.

The vote was as follows:	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Jamin Banning	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

3. Road- Another ton of cold patch was laid down on Turner Mullen. Ward Christy and Ray State Line need work. They are caught up with weight limit signs. Greg asked if road work can be put out to bid sooner this year. Ray State Line Road is a priority this year. Cold Patch was \$125,000 per mile the last time it was quoted.
 The Road Department now has their zero-turn mower and it is good to go.
4. Zoning- Mark gave the trustees his monthly report. The old brass works building is having its façade changed but its footprint has not changed. Mark gave the trustees his information on zoning language for cannabis.
5. Fire- Tyler told the trustee there were 23 calls and they are voting on one new member. This person is going to school but will run EMS calls. Grants available can cover most of training. For fire extinguisher inspection they are switching from MES to Cadman’s in Jamestown to save money. The engine tanker and rescue have been done this week. The helmets need helmet fronts.

[RN2024-036] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to utilize MORE grants for the new helmet fronts for the fire department.

The vote was as follows:	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes
	Jamin Banning	Yes

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The fire department needs Milwaukee 12-amp 18v batteries for the battery powered fan. A 2-pack is \$349 at Home Depot. He will also check Ace Hardware for pricing. He said \$500 should be the top cost. They are currently using 2015 air-pack bottles purchased through a 2015 grant. They have a 15-year life span. Transfer, PA is selling their 2018 bottles for \$1500 for six of them. That is a good deal.

[RN2024-037] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to allow Tyler to purchase six 2018 SCBA bottles from Transfer PA for up to \$1500.

The vote was as follows:	Jamin Banning	Yes
	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

6. Public- Mike Loychik and Sandra O'Brien have been called and emailed asking them to come to the meetings on the proposed General Fund levy. The trustees encouraged everyone to call and email them to discuss why our Local Government Fund distribution is not returned to its original amount, and to not spend the surplus funds on projects for certain townships when smaller townships cannot afford to pay their bills. Monies should be given back to the taxpayers. We need to encourage state legislators to vote no on proposed projects to spend state surplus monies of \$700 million in their General Fund.
7. Greg asked that house number signs be picked up.

[RN2024-029]Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to amend the estimated resources and appropriations with the Trumbull County Auditors for fund #2273 Local Fiscal Recovery/ARP Fund in the amount of \$206,973.93, which is the amount of ARP subgrant monies the Trumbull County Commissioners have awarded to Kinsman Township for \$13,000 toward a power cot and loader for the Kinsman Squad, install sidewalks at the Kinsman GreenSpace in the amount of \$159,459.50, backup generators for warming stations in the amount of \$30,348.64, and \$4,165.79 for an electronic sign to upgrade the township's current community sign.

The vote was as follows:	Jamin Banning	Yes
	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

[RN2024-038] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to go into Executive Session to discuss fire protection, lease increases, and discussion of future housing of police units. The time was 6:57 p.m.

The vote was as follows:	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Jamin Banning	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

[RN2024-039] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to return from Executive Session. The time was 7:21 p.m. Further discussion will continue regarding leasing options.

The vote was as follows:	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Jamin Banning	Yes
	Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 12th day of February 2024.

Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to adjourn the regular trustees meeting. The time was 7:22 p.m. The vote was unanimous. The bills were paid.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

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Special Trustees Meeting Held on February 20, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Jamin Banning opened the Special Trustees to discuss the proposed Current Expense Levy to be placed on the March 19, 2024, midterm ballot.

Several questions and answers were discussed regarding the need to place the levy on the ballot. The General Fund has been steadily decreasing since the Local Government Fund Distribution was cut in half in 2011, going from 3.52% to 1.66%. Utility bills have been steadily increasing.

[RN2024-040] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to adjourn the Special Trustees meeting to discuss the proposed Current Expense levy on the midterm ballot.

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Fiscal Officer

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Special Trustees Meeting Held on February 24, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Jamin Banning opened the Special Trustees to discuss the proposed Current Expense Levy to be placed on the March 19, 2024, midterm ballot.

Several questions and answers were discussed regarding the need to place the levy on the ballot. The General Fund has been steadily decreasing since the Local Government Fund Distribution was cut in half in 2011, going from 3.52% to 1.66%. Utility bills have been steadily increasing.

[RN2024-041] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to adjourn the Special Trustees meeting to discuss the proposed Current Expense levy on the midterm ballot.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer