

Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

Regular Meeting Held on July 10, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Correspondence:

1. Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation sent the trustees our report for this year. No changes have been made since 2020.
2. The trustees received the Church Street Speed Limit Study from the Trumbull County Engineers. The speed limit will be changed to 30 MPH. When the signs are erected Bruce will sign and we will return it to them.
3. The County Engineers sent notice of a paid permit to work in the right-of-way at 6963 Kinsman Nickerson Road to install 250' of 15" double-wall plastic pipe and one concrete basin.
4. JGL Investment sent the trustees a purchase agreement for the Greenspace property at a price of \$7450.73. The trustees are uninterested in the sale of this township property.

Minutes:

[2023-080] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to waive the reading of the June 12, 2023 minutes, and to accept them as read by the trustees. Copies of the minutes are provided on the desk and upon request of the fiscal officer.

The vote was as follows:

Jamin Banning	Yes
Greg Leonhard	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 10th day of July, 2023.

Zoning: Mark gave the trustees his full monthly Zoning Inspector's report for the month of May. Jamin asked him about the property on Ridge Road behind the cemetery. Mark will re-address this the resident.

Old Business:

1. Bids for the New Police Garage- The township is unable to make an award for bid on the new police garage due to lack of funding to build the new police garage behind the administration building, it was recommended that the trustees pass a resolution rejecting all bids.

[2023-081] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to reject all bids made for the new police garage that was to be located behind the administration building, due to lack of funding for the project at this time. A copy of this resolution will be sent to all bidders.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 10th day of July, 2023.

2. The trustees received a resume for the position of Police Chief.
3. Greg needs the canceled checks for expenses of Clean-Up Day so that he can submit the grant to Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Community Grant.
4. The trustees and road department met with the Trumbull County Engineers on June 27th to discuss and view a drainage issue on Ray State Line where a farmer changed the drainage. It cannot be made any deeper. A complaint was sent to the Army Corps of Engineers. The county engineers are working on it and residents are told to reach out to the trustees.
5. The trustees spoke with the County Sheriff's Department, and we have seen more Sheriff's coverage. There is no charge for this coverage. Greg gave thanks to the Trumbull County Sheriff's Department for their presence in Kinsman.
As was discussed earlier in the meeting, we cannot obtain the county ARP funding for the new police garage due to their legal department rejecting our request. The trustees will submit a request for sidewalks at the Greenspace in the amount of \$159,469.50, as quoted, along with planned submission of generators for warming centers and new playground equipment.
6. Since we are not moving forward with the new police garage building, Bruce spoke with Kenny Wilson and we can rent the old police garage building to house our police vehicles on a 6-month term, paying utilities, including sewage, and clean up the back room. Discussion was had regarding purchasing a storage container that can be placed at the township garage space and used for storage of police and road equipment.

[2023-082] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to purchase a storage container from Birrell's for \$3800 to be used to contain police and road equipment, and to allow Tim Tricker to purchase shelving to accommodate the contents.

The vote was as follows:

Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes
Greg Leonhard	Yes

Be it so resolved this 10th day of July, 2023.

Bruce addressed the Friends of Kinsman regarding their \$30,000 donation toward the new police garage building. Friends of Kinsman will be meeting on Wednesday to discuss.

The Kinsman Fire Association will be meeting on Tuesday to discuss the possibility of housing police vehicles in their fire hall. They feel they will need a work session with the township trustees.

7. Greg said he is not opposed to allowing police officers James Lewis and Josh Ellwood Bellas to take police vehicles home. The trustees agreed unanimously.
8. The trustees gave way to Kinsman resident Marcie Campbell who is Vice President of Marketing and Intake for One Senior Care. Marcie explained that One Senior Care is seeking a resolution of support from the Kinsman Township Trustees. One Senior Care is hoping to begin a P.A.C.E. Program (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) in Trumbull, Mahoning, and Columbiana counties. The program will allow the elderly in rural communities enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid to remain in their own homes to receive skilled nursing care, transportation, personal care, medical supplies, etc.

[2023-083] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to provide a letter of support from the Kinsman Township Trustees, endorsing One Senior Care's P.A.C.E. Program which would

allow elderly citizens enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid to remain in their own homes receiving all-inclusive care.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of July, 2023.

9. The trustees went into Executive Session to discuss retirement compensation of Police Personnel.

[2023-084] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing sick leave balance compensation of retiring Police Personnel. The time was 6:54 p.m.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of July, 2023.

[2023-085] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to come out of Executive Session and the discussion of sick leave balance compensation of retiring Police Personnel, and return to the Regular Trustees Meeting. The time was 7:14 p.m.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of July, 2023.

[2023-086] After discussion and consideration during Executive Session regarding retiring Police Chief Shawn Rentz’ sick leave balance compensation, and review of both the 2018 Kinsman Township Board of Trustees and Shawn P. Rentz five-year police contract and township policy renewed each year at the Kinsman Township Reorganization Meeting, Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to accept legal counsel’s opinion that the 2018 police contract supersedes township policy, and utilize the police contract formula to pay Shawn Rentz’ Cash Out of Sick Pay as described on page 5, paragraph D of the 2018 Police Contract between Kinsman Township Board of Trustees and Shawn P. Rentz that was agreed upon in July, 2018, by Shawn Rentz and then trustees Greg Leonhard, Linda Miller, and Fred Stahl, which is “the Officer shall be entitled to cash out Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of his accrued and unused sick time not to exceed Thirty (8 hour) days.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of July, 2023.

New Business:

1. Fire- The trustees and KVFD have been looking into a pond for water supply. The ground near the fire hall is too sandy. They are looking into digging a pond near the boat ramp at the Lakelands and will be meeting at the American Legion tomorrow night at 6 p.m. to discuss this. Invitations were given to Lakelands residents.

2. Bruce noted that the police department did not have a color printer and he purchase a H.P. model that has been very reliable for him in the amount of \$309.56 for the police to try. The trustees thanked Bruce. He also mentioned that the old police garage needs cleaned out. Tim will try to get shelving for the storage container as soon as possible.
3. Road- Tim said that he and Vince have done some cold patch on Ward North and prep work for paving. They have also completed a second round of mowing. We need to get the bid out for paving. The boom mower flail head bushing is worn due to bad design. They looked at a used head in Butler but will keep looking. Greg suggested contacting the county engineer to see if they have any equipment available.
Marge told the trustees that the capital lease on the Ford Dump Truck is now paid off.
4. Police- The monthly and quarterly statistics were turned in to the trustees. Kinsman Police Sergeant James Lewis has expressed interest in the Police Chief open position due to retirement of Chief Shawn Rentz. The trustees were glad to know he is interested. There is another individual that has sent a resume regarding the position. The trustees will try to meet with both this week.
Josh said that everything is going well, and that the Sheriff’s department is aware of Josh’s schedule and will come to Kinsman accordingly.
5. Fire- Travis would like to take an EMT course.

[2023-087] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to allow Travis Sapp to attend an EMT training course in the amount of \$1400 during the months of August through November in Austintown.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of July, 2023.

6. Public- Tim told the trustees that the freezer at the concession stand is working, but the fridge is not working. Tim will look into repair. Tim told the trustees that Jim Grove is doing well after his surgery but will not be back to work this year.
7. Police Secretary Megan Garcia asked the trustees’ permission to attend a seminar on redacting records.

[2023-088] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to give permission to police secretary Megan Garcia to attend an online class on Redacting Records that will be held on November 15, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a cost of \$159.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of July, 2023.

8. Public- A member of the public asked who will pay for the pond at the Lakelands. The Thompson family will pay for it and the township will help with pipe expense.

Bruce Bancroft made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to adjourn. The motion was unanimous. The time was 7:41 p.m. The bills were paid.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer