

Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

Regular Trustees Meeting Held on July 8, 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. All of the trustees were present.

Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 10, 2024, regular trustees' meeting until the August 12, 2024 regular trustees meeting. The vote was unanimously approved.

Jamin asked Rebecca Davis, President of the Maplewood Little Rockets, to address the trustees. Rebecca asked the trustees if they can use the Kinsman Township Park once again this year. They agreed to donate \$50 per game as they did last year. At the end of last year's season they donated an additional \$200. This year they would once again like to utilize the concession's fridge and freezer. The trustees agreed that they left the park in very good shape after each game and after their season ended. They have a lot of volunteers to help with cleaning up afterward.

[RN2024-087] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to allow the Maplewood Little Rockets to utilize the Kinsman Township Park and Concession for their football season. They will provide proof of insurance to the trustees, sign a Hold Harmless Agreement, clean the park after games, and donate toward park utilities. The trustees agreed to allow them to use the fridge and freezer during their season.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes

Be it so resolved this 8th day of July 2024.

Correspondence:

1. Joseph Badger Soccer Organization provided the trustees with proof of insurance for their 2024-2025 season.
2. Jennifer Jones of the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District sent the trustees notice that new recycling bins have been delivered. Our service will continue as usual, every Tuesday. Recycling materials remain the same.
3. Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber sent a bulletin that all township employees are required to complete fraud training with a mandatory completion date of September 28, 2024 for all townships. Marge will send out the website to the training portal.
4. OTARMA sent their award checks for the 2024 Police and/or Fire Grant of \$1,000 for fire, which Tyler is going to use to purchase helmet fronts, and Thad is using toward a radar gun. The remaining balance of the \$3,000 radar gun has been donated by a Kinsman resident.

Old Business:

1. After 2 ½ years of requesting a streetlight on Golf Drive, it is finally up and done.
2. We have \$34,504.93 that we can spend of the county commissioner’s ARP monies. We were shot down for an electronic sign and generators for warming and cooling stations. Greg is considering snow removal or drainage and fixing the driveway at the park would be granted. The drainage part would probably be likely. The police department has all high-mileage vehicles and will need a new vehicle soon. The commissioners allowed an ambulance for Girard, maybe they will allow a police vehicle. Bruce is considering lighting and landscaping at the GreenSpace. Vince suggested the new pitched roof on the GreenSpace restroom building could be an eligible request. Bob Nemeth may already be working on donations for that project. Greg will ask how to submit four or five requests to see what would be eligible. There was discussion about submitting a request for the possibilities of a Honda self-propelled snow blower to clear sidewalks on Main Street, drainage around the Kinsman Park and playground, and a tractor.
3. Thad researched police vehicles with three dealerships. Klaben Ford has a 2024 Police Interceptor they will sell for cost at \$42,977.
4. The preconstruction meeting for Phase 4 of the sidewalks will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m.

New Business:

1. Dates for Santa on the Square and Parade

[RN2024-088] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to set the date for Santa on the Square and Parade for Sunday, December 8, 2024.

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

Be it so resolved this 8th day of July 2024.

2. Solar language Zoning Resolution

[2024-089] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to set the date for the public meeting to discuss the Kinsman Zoning Resolution language on Solar to be held on August 12, 2024 at 6 p.m. with the Regular Trustees Meeting to follow.

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

Be it so resolved this 8th day of July 2024.

3. Police-Thad turned in his monthly and quarterly report to the trustees. The Safety Forces Day Chinese Auction raised \$1,043 for the Gene Long Memorial Scholarship Fund, the 50/50 raffle raised \$122.50, there were 26 children that participated in the bike rodeo with 34 bikes, 5 scooters, and 1 hoover board eligible to be given away. Thanks to Rochelle Jackson for organizing the event, along with Francine Jackson, Marge Crupi,

Jennifer and Fred Stahl, Nicole Birrell, Jackie Long, Jackie Thomas, Gustavus Masonic Lodge for judging the bike rodeo. Thanks to Mark Posey for providing sound, Jory Pools, ODOT, Ashtabula County Safe Communities, Ohio Branch K9 Search Team, Trumbull County Engineers, Trumbull County Sherriff's Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Cadman Fire Extinguisher, Trumbull County HazMat, Kinsman Free Public Library, AG Birrell Co., Kinsman Volunteer Fire Department, and Burghill-Vernon Fire Department. Thad asked the trustees if he could purchase two firearms from Stockers at \$556.50 each Glock 45 with optics, and can switch out body and grip.

The main cruiser is broken down It is at the Ford dealership for an estimated repair of \$3,572. The backup cruiser SUV should be fully functional now.

Thad is in the process of interviewing more police officers.

Officer Hefner was gone for two weeks for military duty and the cruiser was broken down when he returned.

[RN2024-090] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to allow the purchase of two Glock 45 handguns with optics for a cost of \$1,112.

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

Be it so resolved this 8th day of July 2024.

4. Fire- Tyler gave the trustees his statistics report for the month. He is working on department policies. He has up to 8 people training regularly. There was a conversation about dry hydrants and their locations, Orangeville Kinsman Road south of Perkins Greenville, and a hydrant near the church on Webber Cole Road. There is always a need for additional hydrants.
5. Road- the damaged fence has been removed and the new fence installed at the park. Tar and chipping is being done in preparation for road work. The new Road employee is working out great. The trustees told Vince the parks and Square look great.
6. Zoning- Mark gave the trustees his monthly zoning report for June. Discussion about the solar language changes was had.
7. Public- A business owner on Kinsman Nickerson Road was concerned about parking with the addition of a Maggie's Donuts Shop as their neighbor. Greg is wondering if the Army Corps of Engineers will allow use of the land area near the shops to supplement parking. Trees would probably need to be removed. The township lot near the square is also available for parking.

[RN2024-092] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to open the Kinsman Township 2025 Budget Hearing.

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

Be it so revolved this 8th day of July, 2024.

The trustees reviewed the 2025 Alternative Tax Budget Hearing. A copy of the budget can be obtained by contacting the Fiscal Officer.

[RN2024-093] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to accept the 2025 Kinsman Township Budget as prepared by the Fiscal Officer to be sent to the county auditor.

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

Be it so resolved this 8th day of July, 2024.

[RN2024-094] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to close the 2025 Alternative Tax Budget Hearing.

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

Be it so resolved this 8th day of July, 2024.

8. Public- a question was asked about the location of Phase 4 sidewalk project. It will be Church Street west from the library, cross at the Presbyterian Church, then down State Street to the Square. The Greenspace sidewalks will come out to the crosswalks to meet Phase 4 sidewalks. Greg said he will help with snow plowing the sidewalks. Someone asked about the boom heads on the mowers. The cost is too high to replace them. Ditches will be mowed end of season if they hold out. A new tractor with boom arm is \$175,000. A resident was concerned about not seeing public comments in previous minutes. There were not any comments. Discussion about ARP monies from the county commissioners was had.

[RN2024-095] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to adjourn the regular trustees meeting. The time was 7:20 p.m. The bills were paid.

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

Be it so resolved this 8th day of July 2024.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer