

Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

Regular Meeting Held on October 9, 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.

Minutes:

[RN2023-117] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to waive the reading of the September 11, 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 9th day of October 2023.

Correspondence: The Trumbull County Engineers sent the trustees notice of a permit that was paid to work in the right of way of Mayburn Corners Barclay Road.

The trustees introduced Dan Bell who filled the position with the Trumbull County Engineers when Steve Papalas retired. Dan told the trustees that it was nice to meet everyone and that he can be reached when needed to assist Kinsman Township.

Old Business:

1. Greg previously asked to utilize ARP funds to purchase reflective house numbers to assist first responders find Kinsman homes quickly. Three quotes were received. Stahl printing quoted \$20 per 6"x18" sign with reflective numbers, Municipal Signs quoted \$35-\$40 each for the same, TrafficSign.com quoted \$21.30-\$24.40 for the signs, and Interstate 911.com quoted \$9.25 per sign. To date, Greg has had responses amounting to 93 residents interested in having signs placed at their property.

[RN2023-118] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to purchase reflective-number address two-sided signs for Kinsman Township residents only from Interstate911.com for a price of \$9.25 each utilizing the ARP monies to pay for them.

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

Bruce Bancroft Yes

Be it so resolved this 9th day of October, 2023.

- 2. The trustees spent time interviewing for the position of police chief and made the decision to hire Thaddeus Stephenson as part-time police chief.

[RN2023-119] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to hire Thaddeus Stephenson to fill the position of part-time Kinsman Police Chief at a salary of \$26,000 per year.

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

Be it so resolved this 9th day of October, 2023.

Chief Stephenson was sworn in by the Fiscal Officer. He addressed the trustees and public and thanked the trustees, and said he thanks his beautiful wife, mother, brothers, work family, and officers of Kinsman Township for the opportunity to serve Kinsman.

- 3. The Trumbull County Commissioners notified the trustees that the federal government has changed the guidelines regarding ARP monies and will now consider offering Kinsman \$100,000 toward a new police garage.
Grants applied for by the trustees to the Trumbull County Commissioners are walkways in the Greenspace in the amount of \$159,469.50, Backup generators for warming stations in the township in the Administration Building and American Legion in the amount of \$30,338.64, and Playground Equipment repair in the amount of \$4,165.79.
The trustees agreed that it makes more sense to take the money for the above expenses rather than the \$100,000 toward a police garage since the township would need to take a much larger loan to complete the building at this time.
Kinsman resident Dick Thompson is planning to donate a section of property on State Street
Which would allow access to the park from State Street.

[RN2023-120] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to list the following priorities with the Trumbull County Commissioners grant requests:

- 1. Greenspace walkways.
- 2. Backup Generators
- 3. Playground Equipment
- 4. Police Garage.

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

Be it so resolved this 9th day of October, 2023.

5. The trustees discussed the Open House to be held at the Administration Building on Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed 1.5 mill 5-year Current Expense Levy. We plan to discuss the reasons why the trustees placed the levy on the November 7 ballot. It will not be a continual levy since the trustees would like residents to have the ability to reevaluate in 5 years.
6. Permission to place “Pedestrian Crossing” signs at Action Therapy and the parking lot across State Route 5 is in progress. We are now waiting for the property owners to sign, then the agreement will be sent to ODOT.
7. There is a work ticket for the new streetlight on Lakeview Drive.
8. Work on Ray State Line has stopped, and the trustees have asked for the Army Corps of Engineers input.
9. Chief Stephenson and Nicole of Birrells will discuss removing tires from the old police garage.

New Business:

1. Greg and Bruce spoke with Trumbull County Recorder Todd Latell who is planning on visiting throughout the county to discuss probate issues with seniors. A class for seniors will be held on 2/29/24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the American Legion on State Route 87.
2. The Shop with a Cop fundraiser, Tip a Cop, will be held at Times Square Restaurant on November 14 from 11 am to 7 pm, Santa on the Square will be held December 10th after the Christmas Parade on Main Street. Possible fireworks display afterward. The police golf cart will be out on Halloween October 31st from 5 pm to 7 pm.
3. Fire- The county commissioners have approved the match request for the BWC grant for the Kinsman ambulance power cot and loader.
Cory needs a trustee resolution to purchase new tanker tires. Horodyski’s can do the tires for \$5,000. Nicole said that Flynn offers a national discount. The trustees would like one more quote.
4. Road- Currently Martuccio is paving Ward North. The Lakelands have received a scratch coat and is entirely paved.
5. Mark gave the trustees his monthly Zoning Report. A copy can be obtained from the fiscal officer.
6. Police- more items next meeting.
7. Public- Rebecca Davis of the Maplewood Little Rockets held their last game at Kinsman Park on October 14th. They have unplugged the fridge and freezer and left the doors open. They never touched the thermostat. They would like to talk about the same arrangement for next season. The game attendance was phenomenal and they kept the fields very clean when the games were done. The trustees were very glad that it all worked out. The

trustees thanked her for her diligence in keeping everything orderly, clean and safe. She will give the keys to the Tim.

[RN2023-121] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to enter Executive Session to discuss the Road Superintendent position and invited Tim Tricker to attend. The time was 6:50 p.m. The vote was as follows: Greg Leonhard

Yes

Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 9th day of October, 2023.

[RN2023-122] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to come out of Executive Session after discussing Road personnel and the Road Superintendent position with Tim Tricker. Tim will discuss the position further after a meeting on Wednesday that he will attend.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 9th day of October, 2023.

The trustees explained that they will schedule interviews for the Road Superintendent candidates depending on Tim’s situation after his meeting.

Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The time was 7:04 pm. The bills were paid.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer