

Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

Regular Trustees Meeting Held on June 10, 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 accept the reading of the minutes of the May 13, 2024, regular trustees' meeting, as corrected. The vote was unanimously approved.

Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to accept the reading of the May 18, 2024, special trustees meeting as read. The vote was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

1. Mosquito Spray contract

[RN2024-077] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to accept the grant contract between Kinsman Township and Trumbull County Combined Health District for mosquito spraying during 2024. The grant amount is \$1429 and would accommodate 4 sprays done by Alexander Pest Control at \$375 each for a total of \$1500. The balance not covered by the grant in the amount of \$71. Friends of Kinsman graciously offered to pay this balance as well as an additional 2 sprays for 2024. The trustees thank Friends of Kinsman for their donation.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes

Be it so resolved this 10th day of June 2024.

2. Jennifer Jones of Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste sent notice that July 1st is the date to switch out the old bins at the recycling site in Kinsman. The new vendor is Kimble Companies who will be taking over for Ohio Valley Waste. The service and types of recycling materials allowed will not change. There may be some crossover time between old and new bins, and Jennifer thanked residents for their patience.
3. Ohio Edison sent notice of their tree-trimming activities in Trumbull County, hoping to minimize power outages.
4. Ohio Edison also sent notice of a planned power outage that will occur on Wednesday, June 12th beginning at approximately 10 am and lasting less than 30 minutes to perform service upgrades in our area.
5. The opioid settlement amount for Kinsman Township is in the amount of \$229.95.
6. Martha Yoder sent an email stating that Lora Superak is taking over the Special Assessments with the impending retirement of Kathy Wilster at the Trumbull County Auditor's office.
7. Donation of Local Share for the Kinsman Phase 4 sidewalk project

[RN2024-078] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to accept the donation of the Local Share of the Kinsman Phase 4 Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$42,954.68, donated by the Northern Trumbull County Community Foundation Kinsman Sidewalk Project. This organization is comprised of local businesses and residents working to improve the quality of Kinsman Township while trying to protect the General Fund. The trustees expressed their gratitude to the donors and Community Foundation.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of June 2024.

[RN2024-079] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to go into Executive Session to discuss discipline of Fire Department Personnel. Action will be taken on return from Executive Session. The time was 6:21 p.m. Police Chief Thad Stephenson and Interim Fire Chief Tyler Elser were invited into the Executive Session.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of June 2024.

[RN2024-080] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to return from Executive Session where discipline of Fire Department Personnel was discussed. The time was 6:34 p.m.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of June 2024.

[RN2024-081] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to accept the retirement letter from Fire Chief Cory VanKanegan. The letter is available upon request. The trustees will also hire Interim Fire Chief Tyler Elser as Kinsman Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief with the same wage as was paid to Cory VanKanegan retroactive to Tyler's time on duty as Chief in January.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of June 2024.

Old Business:

1. Clean up Day: The cost of cleanup day was as follows: UHaul rental for electronics was \$107.13, Sunburst garbage truck was \$877.76, and Horodyski scrap tire collection was not received yet. We collected a total of \$330.46 when turned in and had donations of \$650. It was a successful day.
2. Safety Forces Day will be held Saturday. Food Vendors will be present and activities.
3. The motor for the fire department compressor has been repaired.
4. The radar gun should arrive in a few weeks.

New Business:

1. Jen, an AFLAC representative, discussed her products with township employees.
2. Car Show

[RN2024-082] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to allow the annual Masonic Lodge Car Show to be held at the GreenSpace location on July 21, 2024 from noon to 4 p.m.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of June 2024.

1. Zoning- A resolution to strike the old solar language will be tabled until the next meeting. A public meeting is required.
2. Memorial Day went well and Greg thanked Mark Posey for doing sound again this year, our Road crew for making the Square look good, and Jordan for doing traffic control.
3. The trustees discussed Traveler’s Coffee truck setting up at the GreenSpace location. They would make a donation to the park. The trustees agreed to explore this.
4. The trustees said the Park Committee will be discussing turning the old back stop at the Green Space into a Veterans Memorial Wall Thursday.
5. Fire- Tyler gave the trustees his statistics for the month. Brush Brooms are being used on the trucks. A Firefighter student dropped out of classes that cost \$650. Tyler would like to discontinue Lexipol services and feels we can make policies with the aid of neighboring departments.
6. Police- Thad gave the trustees his monthly report. He is getting ready for Safety Forces Day and said he is grateful for Rochelle Jackson’s help. She’s done a great job! Safety Forces Day has been held in Kinsman for 31 years.

[RN2024-083] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to change full-time officer Jordan Hefner’s pay rate to \$20 per hour and \$30 per hour if overtime, comp time will be paid, as well. The one-dollar per hour increase in pay is retroactive to May 3, 2024.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of June 2024.

7. Road- Bret’s Plumbing did install the bladder tank at the park restroom. This will allow 50% more run time before the pump kicks on. Ashtabula Fence is planning on repairing the fence at the township park ballfield pending weather by June 15th. The old tree stump was taken out and is filled in with dirt. Vince is trying to get bids for a new dugout. The old one was dismantled and scrapped. He has two tons of sand for the sandbox at the playground. The hot water tank needs turned on before Safety Forces Day. The fence is coming down between the GreenSpace property and the donated property at State Street.

[RN2024-084] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to sell the fencing that is removed to Art Tomlinson for \$50.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of June 2024.

Vince has been talking to Martuccio who is having trouble getting stone.

[RN2024-085] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to allow Road Superintendent Vince Peterson to spend up to \$200,000 for this year's road projects.

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

Be it so resolved this 10th day of June 2024.

- 8. Zoning- Mark gave the trustees his monthly report.
- 9. Public- Doug Elser pointed out that Tyler is third generation Fire Chief in the Kinsman Volunteer Fire Department.
Someone in the public asked if the park sign could be repaired and updated to get new sponsors to raise money for park utilities. The trustees feel that is a very good idea. The same thing could be done at the GreenSpace.

[RN2024-086] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to adjourn the Regular Trustees meeting. The bills were paid. The time was 7:45 p.m.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer