

# Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

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## Regular Meeting Held on March 8, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

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Chairman Greg Leonhard called the meeting to order. All elected officials were present.

Greg Leonhard asked that all present stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda Miller made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to accept the reading of the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting, as corrected. The motion was unanimous.

### **Correspondence:**

1. Menards, Inc. sent the township notice that reapply for sales tax exemption status. Marge will apply.
2. Marge spoke with Christopher at Alexander Pest Control. Christopher gave her the following dates for mosquito spraying: May 12, June 19, July 7, and August 4, 2021. He has an additional spraying available in September should the township decide it is needed.

### **Old Business:**

1. Greg told the trustees and those present at tonight's meeting that this is a test run for those who cannot physically attend Kinsman's Regular Trustees Meeting to join virtually. He will advertise through the township's website and social media instructions for joining the meeting virtually. Greg, the trustees, and fiscal officer thanked Kim Garrett, along with her husband George Garrett, for their assistance in helping the township's administration set up for virtual meetings. He will be meeting with the Trumbull County Engineer's office on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss Phase 2 of the Kinsman Sidewalk Project.

Regarding the two candidates for paramedic training, Amerissa Minor and Sophia Minor, Greg wanted to make the following points to support paying for half of the cost of their training, which will be \$2500 each, as decided in RN2021-031, with contingencies that they will repay that amount to the township should they fail class, and to stay with Kinsman Township for 3 years after graduation. He said that in the past the township had paid for paramedic training and the candidates left the township afterward. The candidates have agreed to their commitment. The candidates have personally responded to 49 calls out of the 159 calls for 2020 since becoming trained EMTs for the township. The previous year only 19 calls were responded to from Kinsman when the candidates were not running. Greg said the township appreciates Cory's commitment to recruiting new members, especially gaining the interest of young people in the Kinsman area.

Fred agreed with Greg, that the trustees made the commitment with the above-mentioned township resolution.

Linda said that she, along with the trustees; appreciate the commitment of the candidates. She feels that in light of the increase in the Johnston Ambulance contract fee, which has doubled, she would like to rescind her vote and vote No to paying for half of their training.

[RN2021-046] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Fred Stahl, to continue the previous commitment and resolution that reads as follows:

[RN2021-031] Linda Miller made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to pay 50% of paramedic training costs, or about \$2,750, for each of the girls, Amerissa Minor and Sophia Minor, to attend and pass paramedic training, and also contingent upon them remaining active paramedics with the township for a 3-year commitment beginning at the completion of their training. If they do not pass training and/or remain with the township for their 3-year commitment commencing after graduation, they will repay the township their \$2,750 each. Classes are to begin in fall.

The vote was as follows:	Linda Miller	Yes
	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Fred Stahl	Abstained

Passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

The vote was as follows:	Greg Leonhard	Yes
	Fred Stahl	Yes
	Linda Miller	No

Passed this 8th day of March, 2021.

Travis of the Fire Department thanked the trustees on behalf of the candidates. Help with the \$5,000 cost of training means a lot to them. He stressed that when we need a call answered in a hurry the candidates are in town and respond as volunteers. We cannot put a price on a quick response in an emergency. The candidates are solidly making their commitment to the township.

The candidates were asked if they had a comment and they did not.

Linda said that she understands and appreciates the candidates and their commitment. She volunteered for twenty years. She said that she hoped that when she spoke with Dr. Bedlion of Johnston Ambulance, he would allow the candidates to work off some of their training cost. Dr. Bedlion would not agree because that was like saying they would not pay for their classes, and they have a past precedent for not paying for classes due to their past experience in paying and volunteers not following through with commitments. That is why Linda voted No on the issue. She is concerned about the ambulance fund monies at this time.

A resident challenged the trustees to thank the candidates and was upset with the trustees. She stated that we need to let people know that they have a place at the Fire Hall, and that we need and appreciate all volunteers helping the community.

Donor Bill Spithaler contributed \$500 cash to the township to go towards their paramedic training cost.

Greg said that Cory has given our township his expertise in recruiting volunteers.

A resident stated that her signs asking for emergency volunteers have been stolen and this has not been resolved.

Linda stated that she was only recently made aware that a 12-page complaint letter and an additional letter from a resident were submitted to Trustee Stahl today. Fred provided the trustees with copies of it before attending the meeting, but Linda and Greg did not have a chance to read the 12-page complaint before the meeting.

Greg asked the candidates if they realize how much the township appreciates their dedication to commitment. They do.

Linda met with the county at the township's meeting at the engineer's office. Questions arose regarding weight scales. The trustees were told that they were provided by the County Commissioners. Linda contacted Frank Fuda to question him on the weight scales. Officer Dragevich contacted Linda and gave

her a contact at the OSP should we need to follow up. He explained that due to COVID they could not do in person training so there is no one currently trained to provide that service.

It was also mentioned that State Street from the Square to State Route 87 needs to be repaved. It will be addressed this summer.

The trustees asked about the load limit for Perkins Greenville Road. The engineers said that the criteria were not met in order to post a load limit on that road since it is newly paved. The road is not disintegrated enough at this time to post the limit. We can post reduced weight limit signs during frost season from February to April when it is starting to thaw and the road is still soft because it is more unstable during that time period.

Fred said that changes for the angled parking near the Square by Kinsman Nickerson will be coming soon. Shawn asked if parallel parking is an option. The angles that ODOT is planning are much sharper angles than what we currently have painted.

### **New Business:**

1. The American Legion Auxiliary Mother's Day Flower Sale

[RN2021-047] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Linda Miller, to allow the American Legion Auxiliary to hold their annual Mother's Day Flower Sale on the Square May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Linda Miller	Yes
Fred Stahl	Yes

Passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

Greg said that the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary will be holding a Soup and Chili Carryout on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

2. Fred gave a copy of the Trumbull County Collection Facility's 2021 schedule for collection of electronics, household hazardous materials, and electronics. A copy will be hung on the window of the Administration Building.
3. Kim Garrett told the trustees that Kinsman Library has a collection receptacle for old household batteries, (excluding vehicle batteries), as well as used ink cartridges.
4. Fred told the trustees that Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management has cigarette receptacles available for township outdoor locations free of charge. The trustees said that they could put one by the concession and restrooms at the park.
5. Fred met with Ed Agler of Trumbull County Agriculture who is asking if different townships would like to install a community garden. Ed offered to till up space for one should we decide. The harvest money could go toward the Kinsman Food Pantry. State Representative Michael O'Brien said that if there is enough interest in the projects locally that money could be raised to help townships with that project in the future. Linda said we should be organized with picking a spot, advertising the project, and that we allow a one-year trial before committing to it. Fred said he can contact different churches and organizations to see if there is interest and commitment.
6. Linda received the plan for Trumbull County Disaster Mitigation. The motion for Kinsman to participate will be tabled until the next meeting so that all the trustees can read it.
7. Police- Shawn submitted his monthly report to the trustees. A copy of the report can be obtained by requesting it of the fiscal officer.  
He has been working on changing the police policy to include body cameras.

Shawn received an email from Motorola regarding the MARCS radios that are currently being programmed. Greg had Ashtabula County dispatch put on our radios for backup for now. Shawn is planning on going over all of the police policies.

He is planning to get the cameras on the road and they will be an integral part of saving the township money. When the policies are in place he will provide the trustees with a copy. Shawn will get more information on Lexipol, a company that reviews a township's police policies and set them to our needs. They also offer training that is consistent with the Ohio Collaborative regarding use of force, equal opportunity employment policies, etc. The cost to the township depends on the department size. There are also training videos on animal encounters, traffic stops, and more. Greg asked if the new policy measures will lower the insurance cost for the township. Shawn will give the trustees the information at the next meeting.

He is interested in getting his department all the training that is available.

Shawn is awaiting the latest information from the CDC and Governor regarding COVID guidelines before he decides on a virtual or in-person Safety Forces Day. He is planning a tentative Golf Outing on September 4, 2021.

8. Fire- Cory has a meeting with a sales representative regarding extrication tools at the end of this week.  
He told the trustees that Dominic Minor is halfway through Firefighter One training.
9. Road- Tim told the trustees that one round of cold patch was completed last week. He also said that the two roads that should have no trucks on them during frost season are Turner Mullen and Ward Christy. Turner Mullen was just redone four years ago and is in bad shape now.  
Tim said the Trumbull County Engineers did begin work on the Kinsman Pymatuning Bridge. We will be receiving concrete and debris from that project at the township garage, but it may not be as much as we originally thought. He and Vince are getting the mowers ready for the season. Jim Grove is ready to return to work at the park.
10. Zoning- Mark told the trustees that it was a slow month. He gave the trustees his Zoning Inspector Report. Mark received a phone call about children playing at the cemetery. Shawn and Bruce are both aware.
11. Zoning Board- Nothing new.
12. Public- A resident asked about an automatic door for the administration building to be purchased with pandemic relief money. Linda said that is already in the works.

Fred Stahl made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to adjourn. The time was 6:56 p.m. The bills were paid.

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Trustees

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Fiscal Officer