

Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

Regular Trustees Meeting Held on December 9, 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 November 25, 2024 special zoning and regular trustees' meeting. The vote was unanimously approved.

Correspondence: None.

Laurie Perry, Vice President of Community Opening Doors 4 Mental Health, introduced herself. The nonprofit began with David Blech, NP of the Kinsman Health Center approaching Laurie after recognizing the need for emotional and mental health resources in Kinsman and surrounding areas. Laurie was looking at mental wellness programs that did not reach north, such as health, sleep, and anger management, as well as various types of recovery programs. She was a paralegal but shifted into children's mental health and has been a mental health professional for 10 years. She is currently researching how to engage teens and the school system into learning about bullying awareness. She has found that there is a low rate of overdose in our area, for which she was glad about the Kinsman community. She is planning to attend a Badger Schools board meeting in January to introduce herself, as well. She is also looking into the American Legion hosting some meetings and could possibly partnership with them for veterans' services. The trustees thanked her for her work in helping the Kinsman community.

Old Business:

1. Greg opened the noise resolution to the public for discussion. Questions were asked and discussion was covered about agricultural noise, airbrakes being used in the middle of the night, noise from a logging business across from some residents. Christine Davis, legal counsel, said that agricultural exemption will not be in the resolution. Noise restriction times will still need to be discussed. Kinsman Police officer's discretion will apply to the various situations. The trustees are trying to give our officers the ability to deal with those who do not have consideration for their neighbors. We will only enforce what applies as a violation. Citations will be given when a resident willfully violates the resolution and will be heard in court in Brookfield. If the violation does not apply in ORC law, it won't be a violation. Greg thanked everyone for attending the discussion and is hoping the end of January legal counsel will have the resolution completed.
2. Greg discussed the 2025 Johnston Ambulance contract and the fact the cost has gone up 40% since last year. Event with the replacement levy 3 years ago, our levies will not raise the almost \$103,000 the 2025 contract will cost. There is a meeting with Community Care Ambulance on December 19th at 6 p.m. at the fire hall to discuss their services and costs. Tyler told the trustees it sounds promising for Kinsman, and he also has other

avenues to look into. We cannot afford to continue with the rising costs year after year. Todd Price and Johnston Ambulance has done a great job in providing emergency services to Kinsman but we can't afford it. Our ambulance is in rotation and has benefited us since we have people in town that can man I now. We have a large senior population and Medicare is not paying what is needed. Community Care has two ambulances with one always staffed 24 hours.

3. The trustees thanked Kinsman Road, Fire, and Police for making the parade and Santa on the Square a success. Everything went smoothly and Vince did a terrific job on the lights on the bandstand. He thanked Tyler for organizing everything and the police for traffic help. A lot of people came from out of town and there must have been 125 children. Maggie's Donuts opened up.
4. The ARPA monies for the culvert and generator have not been received yet.
5. The Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste \$3500 Grant has opened up. The deadline to submit is January 31st and the Scrap Tire Grant deadline is February 28th. Greg asked Vince to contract Hudson Communications to get a quote for installing additional cameras for the recycling area at the garage.
6. Tracey Czako of Badger Youth Football told the trustees that they are disbanded and presented the township with a check for \$3586.63 to be used for park improvement projects. Vince gave her some ideas such as landscaping near the monument or restoring the sponsor sign. Tracey said they are okay with anything that has to do with children's experiences at the park. The trustees thanked them for their generous donation. The money will be used for the park.
7. Jamin received another resume for the full-time Road worker job. He told the candidate that the job opening will begin in Spring.

New Business:

1. Gift Cards for Christmas-

[RN2024-141] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to purchase \$35 gift cards for all employees of the township for Christmas.

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

Be it so resolved this 9th day of December 2024.

2. Special Meeting-

[RN2024-142] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to schedule a special meeting on Monday, December 23rd at 11 a.m. to discuss year-end business and ambulance contract issues.

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

Be it so resolved this 9th day of December 2024.

[RN2024-143] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to hold a Department Heads meeting on January 11, 2025, to discuss projects and township business for 2025.

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

Be it so resolved this 9th day of December 2024.

3. Police- Zane gave the trustees the police report for November. A copy can be obtained by contacting the fiscal officer. The cage is in for the new SUV and will be installed soon. The Crown Victoria has been cleaned out and needs the equipment removed.
4. Fire- Tyler read the trustees his November report. A copy can be obtained by contacting the fiscal officer. He will be starting NIMS classes this weekend. He is working on FEMA grants. He needs approval to proceed with the hose grant.

[RN2024-144] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to co-apply for a hose grant with Lordstown. Our total grant applied for will be \$23,820 with our match not to exceed \$1,191.

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

Be it so resolved this 9th day of December 2024.

[RN2024-145] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to allow Tyler to apply for a FEMA grant for a new fire truck in the amount of \$620,000. Our match will be \$31,000.

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

Be it so resolved this 9th day of December 2024.

Tyler told the trustees it is possible that because of new emission standards the price of the truck could be higher. The new tanker will be very useful. The old truck will have to go to a construction company or private owner since FEMA will not allow it to be sold to another safety forces department. Tyler will be applying for the Ohio Fire Marshal grant in January. The smoke alarm program known as "Sound the Alarm" Program to help get smoke detectors into homes in Kinsman applications are now available through the fire department and will be available in more places next month as we roll out the program. There is a tentative meeting set up with Community Care on December 19th at 6 p.m. at the Kinsman Fire Station. The old Ford Explorer has been stripped down. Greg said we need to hold onto the Crown Victoria for a while longer in case there is need for it. Nicole Birrell will look into bid amounts and give them to the trustees. We can look into Gov.deals and talk about it at the next meeting.

5. Road- Vince contacted MES to ask about fire extinguishers and will also call Cadman to get pricing on inspection. The trustees thanked Vince for working through the

snowstorm. He worked 17 hours on the worst day. He had to close Ward North due to dangerous snow drifts. He told the trustees that if he had a funnel plow it would make a difference. The price range for one is \$25,000 to \$26,000. Maggie's Donuts wanted to give Vince a box of donuts for his hard work. Greg said a resident complimented the Kinsman Road Department for their good workers.

6. Zoning- Mark read the trustees his monthly report. The map is now on record with the Planning Commission. The house on Ray State Line Road is scheduled to be demolished.
7. Public- A resident said that if anyone is interested in raising pigeons, there is a gentleman that can sell you the pigeons and teach you how to raise them.

[RN2024-146] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to adjourn the regular trustees meeting. The time was 7:17 p.m. The bills were paid.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer