

Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

Regular Trustees Meeting Held on September 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 August 12, 2024, regular trustees' meeting. The vote was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

1. The county auditor's office sent their 2025 Amounts and Rates Resolution.

[RN2024-106] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Trumbull County, Ohio in its certification for Kinsman Township to be hereby levied on the tax duplicate of Kinsman Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten-mill limitation.

The vote was as follows:

Jamin Banning	Yes
Greg Leonhard	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

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

2. OTARMA sent notice that they are seeking board members.
3. KLA Risk Consulting sent recommendations to follow for liability and property insurance coverage.

Old Business:

1. County ARPA grant monies may be allowed to be used for culvert replacement on Morford East that is rotting and sinking. It is estimated at \$25,000 to replace. Also, it has been suggested that the trustees reapply for a generator for the Administration Building. Both together may be a couple of thousand dollars over the allotted amount and Greg will ask if the county commissioners would be willing to help with that.

[RN2024-107] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to rescind resolution number RN2024-101, which was applying for 50 trees for the GreenSpace, and instead to submit applications to the Trumbull County Commissioners for ARPA monies to be utilized for culvert replacement on Morford East, estimated at \$25,000, as well as a generator for the Kinsman Administration Building, estimated at \$16,000 installed, which will be utilized as a warming or cooling station due to power outage, as well as to keep operations at the Kinsman Police Department located in the administration building.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

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

The GreenSpace sidewalk project is moving along quickly, with many parts of the sidewalk completed.

Generous donors in Kinsman have volunteered to pay for GreenSpace lighting, which is a considerable amount. The trustees thanked Jamin Banning for donation all of his excavation work in boring for electrical lines at the GreenSpace site. The trustees also thanked many other donors who contributed to the development of the GreenSpace.

1. Zoning- Mark gave the trustees his report for August. He gave the trustees an update of the current zoning map resolution. A copy can be given upon request to the fiscal officer.
2. Nicole Birrell of Friends of Kinsman will be holding a fundraiser at Greene Eagle Winery on September 29th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. creating a fall doormat, a Chinese Auction, Shop Small Businesses Kinsman Contest beginning October 1st through October 31st. Shop at Kinsman Businesses for a chance to win \$150 in gift certificates, also a chance to win \$250 at a drawing at participating Kinsman businesses.
3. The Scrap Tire Grant money has been received, and Aaron Shrock plead guilty to dumping at our recycling bins.

[RN2024-108] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to send a registered letter to Aaron Shrock requesting that he no longer visit the Kinsman Township Recycling Site in Kinsman Township.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

Be it so resolved this 9th day of September, 2024.

New Business:

1. Chief Thad Stephenson recommended and requested two new part-time Police Officers for hire. Both would be hired and sworn in immediately. Both officers will begin training as soon as possible.

[RN2024-109] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to hire part-time police officers Austin Carr and Richard Kennedy as part-time Kinsman Township Police Officers at \$19 per hour. The new officers were sworn in by the fiscal officer.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

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

[RN2024-110] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel leaving the Road Department, as well as invited Road Superintendent Vince Peterson into Executive Session to discuss wages. The time was 6:23 p.m.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

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

[RN2024-111] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, to return from Executive Session where discussion was about Road Department personnel leaving, as well as pay increase for the Road Superintendent.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes

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

[RN2024-112] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to increase Road Superintendent Vince Peterson's wage to \$26 per hour in light of his continued excellent service to Kinsman Township.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes

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

No other new business.

2. Fire- Tyler read his monthly report to the trustees. A copy can be given upon request to the fiscal officer.
The vests, flashlights and helmet fronts have arrived.
Tyler asked the trustees for a purchase.

[RN2024-113] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to allow Tyler to purchase two new batteries and two pads for their AED.

The vote was as follows:

Jamin Banning	Yes
Bruce Bancroft	Yes
Greg Leonhard	Yes

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

The ambulance has been returned from repair. The reservoir on the tanker has been replaced. Two of the three radios received from Mercer have been installed. Tyler will look at the old police vehicles at Birrell's to see if the fire department can use them. They will need a vehicle that can pull a trailer.

The architect is meeting with Doug on October 1st.

3. Police- Thad gave the trustees his report for August. He thanked the trustees for the two new part-time officers. The new cruiser is at Birrell's being fitted for service.
A training session was done with police staff. Jordan is going to a week of training in Warren from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. next week.
Thad requested the trustees and fiscal officer get a credit card for their department.

[RN2024-114] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Jamin Banning, for the fiscal officer to look into getting credit cards for Police, Road and Administration departments. The township spending limits will still apply.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Jamin Banning	Yes

Bruce Bancroft

Yes

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

Senior welfare checks are still being done. Our officers will assist other townships in emergencies only.

- 4. Road- Vince told the trustees a pile of gravel is at the garage. Ten to eleven miles of tar and chip will be done the end of the week for Morford East, Delin Thomas, Ward North, Hall South, our portion of Jewell North, and Perkins Greenville Kinsman Township portion.

The trustees thanked Road Worker Troy Orahood for his great work during his time with Kinsman Township. Vince will be working alone after this week. The trustees are looking at supplementing help through this winter.

- 5. County- Stan Bell looked at the progress of the township sidewalk project. Greg thanked the county engineers for their plans at no cost. Phase 5 of the project is in the works and Trumbull County Engineers have done all of the engineering and grant writing for the projects at no charge. Their help has been invaluable.

- 6. Greg asked the business owner on the Square how parking has been since the neighboring new business has been open. The owner said it seems okay.

- 7. Public- Greg thanked Badger students for attending the meeting. He also told the public there is a Zoning Appeals Board opening if anyone would like to join.

[RN2024-115] Jamin Banning made a motion, seconded by Bruce Bancroft, to adjourn the regular trustees meeting. The time was 6:55 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 9th day of September 2024.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer