

Porter Township Newsletter

Spring 2013



Town Hall 12826 McKay St



Township Park SR 656 & Lott

From the Chairman of Porter Township Trustee, Dan Mirise

Spring is right around the corner and the Porter Township Trustees are planning another busy year. Take a drive around Porter Township and you will be surprised to see the improvements we have accomplished over the previous years. All of these accomplishments continue to make Porter Township a great place to live and raise our families. With that said we are all feeling the squeeze of budget constraints as money gets tighter.

We are pleased to be able to move forward with our road maintenance program. Last year we spent \$67,000 on Chip Seal maintenance of existing hard surface roads and this year we have signed up for \$76,800 to chip seal more of our current hard surface roads. Last summer we applied for a grant from Ohio Public Works to pave Moody Rd from Olive Green Rd to Justimere Rd. **We were not awarded the grant.** This being said we are planning to chip seal this surface at a cost of \$30,000. Without the grant we cannot do what we were planning. When spring comes and conditions are right we will return to finishing projects already started. We will not be starting a new project this year due to budget issues.

The trustee board has three members Dan Mirise, Bob Ryan, and Eddy Ambrose. Each one of us is responsible for different functions within the township. Dan is responsible for all road issues such as snow plowing, mowing, and road maintenance. Bob is responsible for the three cemeteries, the Newsletter, and the Porter Township Website. Eddy is responsible for the township hall, our park, and culvert policy.

We have a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Please feel free to come and share what goes on and thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Trustee:
Dan Mirise, Chair
My fellow Trustee's:
Eddy Ambrose & Bob Ryan

Township Website

www.PorterTwp.org

Rent the township hall

If you are planning to get family/friends together for a special occasion, why not rent the township hall? It is a very nice facility situated in Olive Green, in the center of our community. Residents can rent it for a very reasonable fee. For more information see Rental of Township Hall on the FEES page of the website. **www.PorterTwp.org**

To schedule a date, please call Eddy Ambrose at 740-965-3517.

DUST CONTROL PLANNED FOR MAY

As in every year, we will apply the dust control in front of the residences located on gravel roads in Porter Township. The application will be twelve-foot(12) wide; seventy-five-foot(75) long chip and seal mat in front of each house. The tentative date of application is the **week of May 13, 2013**.

If the homeowner wants to purchase additional coverage, the cost is **\$1.82 per/foot**, twelve feet (12) wide. Neighbors who live close together may want to share the cost of extra dust control between their homes to leave one continuous mat. To request additional coverage, please submit your order form and check to arrive **by May 11, 2013**, so we can plan for the amount of materials needed to complete this project.

Please clearly mark the area to be applied with orange colored flags (minimum of 3 foot high) placed two (2) feet from the edge of the road. In areas where many houses are close together, you will be contacted to verify which flags belong to your house. If there aren't any visible orange flags to mark an area of application, the dust control mat will center in front of the house and not the driveway. Please contact **Dan Mirise 740-625-6554** for any questions concerning dust control issues.

Every attempt will be made not to disturb the sealed roads during the current dry season. Residents must be aware that it may become necessary to grade, drag, or otherwise maintain the roads. The sealer may be disturbed **INCLUDING THE DUST CONTROL THAT THE RESIDENT PURCHASED**.

EXTRA DUST CONTROL ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Signature _____

Linear Feet Of Extra Dust Control Ordered _____ X \$1.82 = \$_____ Total

Mail this form with check to:

Porter Township Dust Control
12826 McKay St.
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

Deadline is May 11, 2013! --- No Extra Dust Control will be applied unless payment in full is received by the deadline.



Road Projects

Last year we invested many dollars in labor and material preparing Moody Road for paving. With budget constraints in all Ohio local government entities, there were many applications for State OPWC grants, and the Moody Road project was denied. We were very fortunate in the past getting grants most years. The grant is based on need and how many local county and township dollars are available. Since our entire yearly township budget is less than the cost of the blacktop, we will double chip-seal the road this summer to maintain our current improvement. We will again apply for 2014 state funding help for paving next year.

This year Porter Township will be participating in the Delaware County Road Improvement program. This will allow Porter Township to obtain a lower price for this year's road maintenance. The following roads will have chip-seal applied:

Patrick Road from Monkey Hollow Road to Fredericks Road, Porter Central Road from Centerburg Road to Olive Green Road, Beech Tree Road from Trimmer Road to Dead End, Woodland Road from Plantation Road to Dead End, Chambers Road from State Route 61 to State Route 656 and Moody Road from Olive Green Road to Justamere Road at a cost of 108,000 Dollars.

Our road crew, Dan Mirise, Ed Moore, and Aric Hornsby, did a great job of plowing and salting our roads this past winter. Thanks guys. Our 1989 snowplow/dump truck has many years/miles and is showing signs of aging. We are having hydraulic problems, the dump bed hoist collapsed, and the bed is rotting out from the salt. We are making repairs, but sometimes the parts are hard to find.

During the March meeting the Trustees moved to enforce mailbox setback rules. This means on hard surface roads any part of the mailbox or structure is to be a minimum of 18" from the edge of the blacktop. This will allow better road safety, as well as reduce the risk of damage from snow removal. Only mailboxes meeting setback requirements will be replaced if damaged from blade contact during snow removal.

Bridge Projects

The county is not replacing any bridges in our township this year. They are doing large projects in other areas including the Sunbury Rd. bridge in Galena. They have an ambitious schedule of improvements planned between now and 2020. We were lucky to have 4 bridges replaced in Porter Township during 2012. Our crew will continue to replace deteriorating culverts in our township.

The Adopt-A-Roadway Program

Would your family or group like to volunteer to keep a road in Porter Township looking great? This is sponsored by The Delaware General Health District's Keep Delaware County Beautiful Program. Adopting groups can take great pride in their roadways. For more information, Phone: 740-368-1700 ext. 2077, Email litter@rrohio.com or go to: <http://www.delawarehealth.org/Environmental/PDF/New%20Brochure.pdf>

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To contact personnel, use phone numbers below, or email trustee1@portertwp.org for trustees

Township Trustees

Dan Mirise, Chairman 740-625-6554
Bob Ryan, Vice Chairman 740-965-6498
Eddy Ambrose 740-965-3517

Fiscal Officer

Mark Mazzon 740-936-0295

Meetings: second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission

Marvin Miller, Chairman 740-965-3940
Gerald Crowl 740-524-0470
Joel Hammon

Jim Sherman 740-625-6738
George Blakesly 740-625-7992

Meetings: second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Don Caudy, Chairman 740-965-3889
Allen Blythe, Vice Chairman 740-965-4854
Joseph Scherler 740-524-7612

Marcella Kiracofe 740-625-5276
John Dible 740-965-4938
Laurie Cellar, Secretary 740-965-2211

Meetings: first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. as needed - call first

Zoning Inspector

Paul Reid 740-965-6830

Township Website www.PorterTwp.org

Porter Kingston Fire District Emerg. 911
Business 740-524-5050
Email pkfd@rrohio.com
Web: <http://www.pkfd.org>

Rumpke Trash 1-888-rumpke1
or 1-888-786-7531
Email chris.lavender@rumpke.com
Web <http://www.rumpke.com>

Del. Co. Health Dept. 614-368-1700
Poison Control Emerg. 800-682-7625
Hazardous Materials Emerg. 800-589-4628

Ohio EPA Emerg. 800-282-9378
Red Cross 614-362-2021
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