

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 4, 2019

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Council of the Municipality of Kingston was held in Council Chambers, 500 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania, on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Council were present.

Mr. Robert Thompson, Jr. – President

Mr. Rob Jacobs, Vice President

Mr. Jack Schumacher

Mrs. Roberta Rowlands Mr. Anthony Dicton

Mrs. Nancy Cooper

Mrs. Margaret Neville

Others present: Paul J. Roberts, Jr., Mayor; Paul Keating, Administrator; Harry Mattern, Esq., Solicitor; Julie Norton, Secretary

**ADMINISTRATORS VERBAL UPDATE:**

Regarding Ordinance 2019-2 this is simply a change and being consistent with the parking ticket Ordinance ie., if the fees are not paid in time there will be increases.

Regarding Ordinance 2019-3, the old BP gas station. The underground spill has been cleaned up and DEP is satisfied. Mr. Keating is requesting council to consider this Ordinance that there will be no ground water for human consumption which is sort of a moot point because there are no wells in town.

Regarding Resolution 2019-4 we have increased our base from .75 to .9. These are secured accounts.

Our expenses exceed our revenue by \$21,000.00. January and February are the lowest revenue months.

Mr. Keating thanked Chief Delaney for inviting Kingston to participate in a diversity training. Wilkes Barre will not be charging Kingston. Mr. Keating believes it is worthwhile. Thank you Wilkes Barre.

A letter dated February 19, 2019 from WWSA is looking for communities to implement Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) and to solicit information needed for construction of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) requirements.

**AGENDA ITEM:**

It was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Schumacher that **Resolution 2019-4** Approving a Resolution to Enter into an ICS Deposit Placement Agreement with Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank Relating to the Municipality's General Fund Account and Sewer Escrow Account

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher -Yes                      Mr. Diction – Yes      Mrs. Rowlands – Yes

Mr. Jacobs      Mrs. Cooper – Yes      Mrs. Neville – Yes      Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

**REPORTS:**

The Fire Department responded to 354 calls.

The Police Department responded to 663 calls and 24 were in Pringle.

There are 444 memberships at the Rec Center. 601 residents used the Rec Center.

DPW collected 172 tons of garbage and 95 tons of single stream recycling. 8 tons of asphalt was applied throughout Kingston. Inlets were cleaned and streets were cleaned curb to curb from N. Atherton to Third Ave. Paul Keating's office was completely gutted.

Code Enforcement issued 18 violation letters, 7 non-traffic citations and inspected 16 properties.

If there are any questions about the finance report, please call.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Keating had no comment.

Mayor Roberts had no comment.

Attorney Mattern stated that he is still involved with the Franconi and he is working on Mr. Keating's Quality of Life Ordinance.

Mr. Schumacher said that our DPW department did a great job with our streets in this past snow storm. Mr. Schumacher recently visited the Rec Center and there were lots and lots of children. Greg is doing a good job.

Mr. Dicton said that the Rec Center is really nice and it is good for the kids. Good job DPW.

Mrs. Rowlands echoes Mr. Schumacher and Mr. Dicton's statements regarding the Rec Center and DPW.

Mr. Jacobs remembered that Mayor Reese wanted to sell the Rec Center. The Center is literally jammed packed and some communities don't have a Rec Center or they are deplorable.

Mrs. Cooper also feels that the Rec Center and Pool are a great asset to this community. Our DPW department does a great job.

Mrs. Neville had no comment.

Mr. Thompson was curious to know who bought the property at the corner of Pierce Street and Wyoming Avenue. No one had an answer.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Neville to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL:

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Robert Thompson, Jr. - President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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Julie Norton, Secretary - 3/4/19