

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 1, 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, April 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

**CITIZENS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

**David Cox of 396 Stanley Drive**, spoke to council regarding the dog park in Church Street park. Mr. Cox said that it is 40 feet away from residential properties and believes this dog park is an issue with noise and odor. Mr. Cox didn't understand why Stanley Drive residents were not contacted about the dog park. Mr. Keating responded that he believes will be an improvement and that there will be rules to follow. Mr. Cox suggested the rec center and Mr. Keating said that it was no possible because of the grant rules. Mr. Cox believes that his property will devalue because of this dog park.

**Mark Williams of 382 Stanley Drive** told council that people walk their dogs now and noise is a problem. People do not clean up after their dog. Mr. Williams thinks that children are at risk because of the dog park. Mr. Keating pointed out that there will be signage to be followed. There will be no dogs on the playing field and that will be policed. Mr. Williams would like to see the dog park closed by 6:00 p.m. Mr. Williams was not happy that his neighborhood was not notified of this dog park.

**Mary Conway of 390 Stanley Drive** said that she has lived in Kingston for 33 years. Mrs. Conway feels that her home will depreciate if a dog park is in Church Street park. The park is too close to our homes.

**Clark Stewart of 12 Meyers Court** likes dog parks; however, the location may be too close to residents. Mr. Stewart told council that Target Table is a disaster and dangerous. Mr. Keating told Mr. Stewart that Kingston is working on getting a final resolution. This property was purchased by a private person, although we have a court order from Judge Gelb for demolition. The current owners have a deadline to transfer ownership to the Municipality of Kingston and it appears the transfer will happen. Then we will have an emergency bid for demolition. If not, Attorney Mattern will obtain a Court Order to comply.

**Debi Cox of 396 Stanley Drive** is happy for the dog park, but not happy about the location. She would like to see the dog park more to the right where the water retains. Mr. Keating said that is not a good spot because of the water.

**Laurie Langan of 376 Stanley Drive** is not in favor of the dog park and asks if there is a law regarding placement of a dog park. Mr. Keating said there is no law that it is municipal property. Mrs. Langan is concerned that children playing soccer will taunt the dogs which is a problem. Mrs. Langan wanted to know when this will happen and Mr. Keating said the dog park will be open the week before Memorial Day. Our goal for the soccer field is to open in the Fall. Mrs. Langan is concerned about the stench from the dogs and Mr. Keating assured her that our DPW department will clean the area and we will have appropriate accommodations and signage.

**David Berger of 376 Stanley Drive** is disappointed that residents were not told in advance of the dog park.

#### **ADMINISTRATORS VERBAL UPDATE:**

Resolution 2019-6 is a subdivision; Ordinance 2019-2, relates to updating parking tickets. Ordinance 2019-3 will prohibit wells because of public utilities. The introduction of Ordinance 2019-4 identifies 23 quality of life violations and Ordinance 2019-5 requires a semi-annual registration for abandoned properties.

#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

It was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Rowlands that **Ordinance 2019-2** Modifying Municipal Code Section 170-29F

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher -Yes                      Mr. Dicton – Yes    Mrs. Rowlands – Yes  
Mr. Jacobs    Mrs. Cooper – Yes    Mrs. Neville – Yes    Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. Dicton that **Ordinance 2019-3** Prohibiting the Installation and Use of Supply Wells for Potable and Agricultural use within the Municipal Limits and Providing a Notice Requirement to Inform the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection of any Future Change, Amendment, Elimination or Modification to the Ordinance

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher -Yes                      Mr. Dicton – Yes    Mrs. Rowlands – Yes  
Mr. Jacobs    Mrs. Cooper – Yes    Mrs. Neville – Yes    Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mrs. Rowlands and seconded by Mrs. Neville that **Resolution 2019-5** Approving the Destruction of Specific Records

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher -Yes                      Mr. Dicton – Yes    Mrs. Rowlands – Yes  
Mr. Jacobs    Mrs. Cooper – Yes    Mrs. Neville – Yes    Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Neville that **Resolution 2019-6** Approving Subdivisions of Two Properties Owned by Kenneth R. Ralston and Cindy A. Ralston Located at 744 Milford Drive and 221 Sahara Drive in the Municipality of Kingston

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 440 calls.

The Police Department responded to 694 calls and 36 were in Pringle.

DPW collected 185 tons of garbage and 99 tons of single stream recycling.

Temporary asphalt was applied throughout the City. Mr. Keating thanked Adam and DPW for refurbishing his office.

Code Enforcement issued 21 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 had no comment.

Mr. Schumacher had no comment.

Mr. Diction had no comment.

Mrs. Rowlands had no comment.

Mr. Jacobs thanked the residents of Stanley Drive for participating this evening. Congratulations to the JCC. It is beautiful and an asset to Kingston.

Mrs. Cooper thanked the residents of Stanley Drive for participating this evening. On April 8<sup>th</sup> the Citizens Advisory Committee will have their meeting at the JCC. All are welcome.

Mrs. Neville believes it is a good idea that code enforcement will be able to issue tickets immediately as opposed to writing a letter. Regarding the dog park, it could be an asset to Kingston and there is lots of interest by residents. Mr. Keating is willing to discuss this matter with any resident.

Mr. Thompson thanked the residents for coming and Kingston will keep an eye on the dog park.

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 - 4/1/19