

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 6, 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, May 6, 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:

Michael Oser, representing AT&T - asked council and the solicitor if there were any questions regarding the cell towers. There were no questions.

Phyllis Greenwald, Joseph Drive - told council that cars are parking in the park and when the police are called, they scatter. The police used to drive by this area quite often, but haven't lately. Almost daily, Mrs. Greenwald said that she is cleaning paper plates, condoms, beer bottles, etc.

Clark Stewart, 12 Meyers Court - told council that Work Session minutes need to be kept. There are no Minutes, Resolutions or Ordinances on the table. Mr. Keating replied that everything is now on-line. Mr. Stewart thinks that council should be more open with the residents especially regarding the dog park. The Quality of Life Ordinance is simply a reiteration of existing laws. Mr. Thompson told Mr. Stewart that no one votes at the Work Session, that it is simply a discussion.

ADMINISTRATORS VERBAL UPDATE:

Regarding Resolution 2019-10 this is our application for the second phase at Church Street in the amount of \$250,000.00 in grant money which will include lighting in the park. The grant due date is May 31, 2019.

Mr. Keating asked if there were any questions regarding the Quality of Life Ordinance as this was discussed for quite some time at the Work Session. There were no questions.

Although, this is not on the Agenda we have received a grant in the amount of \$452,000.00 to paving and A.D.A West Union Street from Wyoming Avenue to the railroad tracks. There will be no street scaping. This was approved by the Office of Community Development and HUD.

Ordinance 2019-5 is simply an update of the 2015 Ordinance requiring the registration and maintenance of real property by mortgagees with Prochamps.

Attached you will find swimming pool discharge guidelines from WVSA. Mr. Diction called me a few weeks ago regarding a newspaper article and a 40% discount regarding MS4. Kingston is not eligible...only County and PennDot are eligible. We submitted a large scale of BMP's for Korn Street Park and requested a technical review. If we are successful, we will receive up to a 30% discount for Korn Street Park. We also requested a technical review for Keiper Park as well. At this time, we have \$47,874.00 with WVSA in our capital account. We will need to develop small BMP's. We will hold off on this until capital budget time and how we can best use these funds.

Lastly, the Mayor and Mr. Keating has called an Executive Session immediately following this meeting regarding the transition of our police department.

AGENDA ITEM:

It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mrs. Cooper that **Resolution 2019-9** Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of a Citizen to the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher -Yes

Mr. Diction - Yes

Mrs. Rowlands - Yes

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

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mrs. Rowlands and seconded by Mr. Dicton that **Resolution 2019-10** Authorizing the Administration to Apply for \$250,000.00 of Funds through the Greenways, Rails and Recreation Program.

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

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

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

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mr. Schumacher and seconded by Mrs. Cooper that **Resolution 2019-11** Approving a License Agreement for Wireless Installations on Public Structures with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Jacobs - Yes Mrs. Cooper – Yes Mrs. Neville – No Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Neville that **Ordinance 2019-4** Amending Definitional and Substantive Sections of the Municipal Code to Provide for a “Quality of Life 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 - Yes Mrs. Cooper – Yes Mrs. Neville – Yes Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mrs. Rowlands and seconded by Mr. Jacobs that **Ordinance 2019-5** Amending the Ordinance entitled the “Municipality of Kingston Abandoned Real Property Ordinance of 2015” requiring the registration and Maintenance of Certain Real Property by Mortgagees.

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher -Yes

Mr. Diction – Yes

Mrs. Rowlands – Yes

Mr. Jacobs - Yes

Mrs. Cooper – Yes

Mrs. Neville – Yes

Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

REPORTS:

The Fire Department responded to 429 calls.

The Police Department responded to 634 calls and 33 were in Pringle.

DPW collected 209 tons of garbage and 116 tons of single stream recycling. 60 tons of asphalt was applied throughout Kingston. Trees were removed on Newitt and Ross Streets. A dog park is being built and mowing will begin soon.

Code Enforcement issued 29 violation letters, 8 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 told council that Target Table is still standing; however, there is a new owner who is removing things from the building. The Franconi lawsuit is still going on and will let everyone know what is going on as this matter progresses.

The appeal assessments in Kingston are not going away and our budget will be impacted, but it won't be that much but still affect Kingston.

Mr. Schumacher thanked Michael Krzywicki for his service and success and that Wilkes University is lucky to have him. Mr. Schumacher told council and Administration that the amount of dead trees need to be looked into. Mr. Keating answered that there have been a lot taken down with the assistance of UGI. Newitt and Ross Streets have received new trees and we are trying to come up with a long range plan. Mr. Schumacher congratulated Kingston as a Tree City.

Mr. Diction also thanked Michael Krzywicki for his service to Kingston.

Mrs. Rowlands also thanked Michael Krzywicki for his service to Kingston.

Mr. Jacobs also thanked Michael Krzywicki for his service to Kingston and he was an asset to this community.

Mrs. Cooper also thanked Michael Krzywicki for his service to Kingston.

Mrs. Neville also thanked Michael Krzywicki for his service to Kingston.

Mr. Thompson also thanked Michael Krzywicki for his service to Kingston. Please note that the Work Session will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 due to the election on Tuesday.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Neville to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. An Executive Session followed this meeting.

FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Robert Thompson, Jr. - President

ATTEST: _____

Julie Norton, Secretary - 5/6/19