

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 3, 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, June 3, 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 - absent

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

CITIZENS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Jan Judge, 46 N. Dawes Avenue, told council that the property behind her at 37 S. Dawes Avenue, is an abandoned property and a tree in the back yard fell down onto her garage and she would like Kingston to take the tree down. This tree is very large. Mr. Keating said that he will send DPW for a routine check, but we would be trespassing if we removed the tree. There are several feral cats and this property is abandoned. If Kingston went onto this property, we would be trespassing. If we can help you, we will. Mrs. Judge said that the tree can be viewed from her property. Mr. Mattern feels that Kingston would be taking a risk if we went onto the property.

Clark Stewart, 12 Meyers Court, told council that he liked the way they corralled all the police at the last meeting. Mr. Stewart's wife felt that they were there for her and myself and Mr. Keating said that we ask the police to attend if they are available. Mr. Stewart told council that Section 710.1(c) of the Right To Know Law states that an objection can be raised at any time at a Town Council meeting. Mr. Stewart has put together a time line regarding Target Table and it has not been

dealt with in a timely fashion since 2012. Mr. Keating stated, as he had in the past, that Kingston cannot take any action until we have ownership, which we are in the process of obtaining. Mr. Stewart would like to raise awareness and does not understand why this wasn't taken care of seven years ago.

Joe Novackowski, 24 Eno Street, talked to council about the issuance of tickets when it is a street sweeping day. The prior Parking Enforcement Officer would come down Eno Street five to 10 minutes prior to street sweeping. Mayor Roberts said that the new Parking Enforcement Officer is too far ahead of the sweeper and he believes that is why he received a ticket. The ticket was paid for, but asked the police clerk to talk to the Parking Enforcement Officer and was told that if he wanted to contest a ticket, he would have to go to the Magistrate. Mr. Keating said that the police clerk should have had you speak to the Parking Enforcement Officer. Mr. Keating said that the clerk should have put you in touch with the Parking Enforcement Officer. Mr. Novackowski said that all he wanted to do was speak to the Parking Enforcement Officer and ask why he is so far ahead, but he couldn't even do that. At any rate, Mr. Novackowski paid his ticket, but wanted council to know that he could not have a conversation with the Parking Enforcement Officer. Mr. Keating asked Mr. Novackowski why is this a problem now because this has been in place for years. The Mayor stated that the Officer is way ahead of the street sweeper and it used to be different.

ADMINISTRATORS VERBAL UPDATE:

Mr. Keating told council that his Greenway Grant was filed in the amount of \$250,000.00 for new playground equipment at Church Street Park and to recondition the football field.

We were notified by DCED recently that we will have our contract to start the LSA project the rec center which is in the amount of \$300,000.00.

The grant for West Union Street has made the cut into HUD's action plan and hoping that we are notified mid summer so that we can have this project done in the Fall. pave West Union Street from Wyoming Avenue to the Railroad Tracks.

Regarding our finance report, our revenue exceeds our expenses by \$215,000.00 by the end of May 2019. The YTD Actual is \$816,174.12. Kingston is on target regarding the budget. We are 41.37% down in the year and our budget is 41.59%.

If the weather would clear, we would like to finish the soccer field and feels the field will not be ready for the Fall.

If there are any questions regarding the finance report, please see Mr. Keating.

The Kingston Pool officially opens this weekend and camps are the following week.

Weather permitting, the third week of June to repave the track at Church Street will begin shortly. Also, Tioga from Pierce to James, Warren from Pierce to James and Reynolds from Warren to Tioga will be paved this year if the weather cooperates.

Myself and the Mayor continue to work on the transition in the police department and will give you an update during the next Work Session.

AGENDA ITEM:

It was moved by Mr. Schumacher and seconded by Mrs. Cooper that **Resolution 2019-12**; Approving an Amended 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 Mrs. Cooper - Yes Mr. Thompson - Yes

Motion passes.

REPORTS:

The Fire Department responded to 449 calls.

The Police Department responded to 818 calls and 33 were in Pringle.

DPW collected 215 tons of garbage and 107 tons of single stream recycling. DPW is patching the potholes throughout town.

The Rec Center's total number of memberships is 415 and the total number of members is 487.

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 Tom Greco is the new owner of Target Table. Mr. Mattern was sad to learn of Fred Alcaro's passing. He did a lot of pro bono work for Kingston. The Franconi matter is still in the Courts. Their Brief is due soon and our Brief is due June 30.

Mr. Schumacher had no comment.

Mr. Diction had no comment.

Mrs. Rowlands had no comment.

Mr. Jacobs said that the pool looks great and the parks have a nice face lift.

Mrs. Cooper commended DPW for all they do and also Paul's hard work.

Mr. Thompson said that the parking enforcement officer will ticket when necessary. Park on the proper side of the street and there should not be a problem.

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.

FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Robert Thompson, Jr. - President

ATTEST: _____
Julie Norton, Secretary - 6/3/19