

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 5, 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, August 5, 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 (via telephone)

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

Mr. Thompson stated that before the meeting started Senator Lisa Baker and State Representative Aaron Kaufer presented Michael Kryzwicki with Citations for serving Kingston as a police officer for the Municipality for a total of 28 years.

CITIZENS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Bill Manley, 119 First Avenue - talked to council about cable tv and that Service Electric is very expensive. Mr. Keating responded by saying that Comcast is installing their cable wires throughout Kingston so they will be competing with Service Electric shortly.

Clark Stewart, 12 Meyers Court - complained that his corner of town is a wasteland and would hope that Kingston would clean that area out.

Cathy Orrson, 363 Joseph Drive - said that there is a large tree hanging over her property which she feels is the Borough's property and requested its removal. Mr. Keating said that he would look into the matter.

ADMINISTRATORS VERBAL UPDATE:

There is an Invitation for Bid for the demolition of Target Table. Resolution 2019-20 is required for the field inspector, asbestos inspection and during demolition.

We have open bids for the rec center. There is no legislation to award at this time. Painting, roof and hot water heater totals \$211,000.00 which is high and we still need to pay the engineers. There is not much left from a \$300,000.00 grant.

On Tuesday, September 3, 2019 the Vietnam Wall That Heals will be coming through town via Market Street from Wilkes-Barre. The wall is scheduled to arrive in Plymouth at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 Kingston will have our Petroleum Drop Off.

The correspondence from WVSA is reporting Stormwater Management mapping, street sweeping and Administrative updates.

Attached you will find correspondence to Senator Baker and State Representative Kaufer for a Multimodal Transportation Program totaling \$1,447,637.00.

We were awarded \$450,000.00 to pave W. Union Street between Wyoming Avenue and the Luzerne line as well as installing new handicapped ramps.

To date we have \$1,000,000.00 in grant money this year.

There will be a Special Meeting on July 19th. Our Agreement with Pringle and the Kingston Police Department will expire on December 31, 2019. This is a four-year agreement.

The 2020 budget letter has been given to all Department Heads. Should anyone have any projects that they are interested in pursuing, please talk to Paul Keating.

The soccer field at Church Street park is almost completed with a new irrigation system.

Pa American Water Company just finished paving West Vaughn Street, curb to curb and just a short while passed and UGI is cutting the road.

AGENDA ITEM:

It was moved by Mr. Schumacher and seconded by Mrs. Cooper that **Resolution 2019-19** Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of a Citizen to the Zoning Hearing Board

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. Jacobs and seconded by Mrs. Rowlands that **Ordinance 2019-6** Amending Section 170-25 of the Municipal Code to Prohibit Parking in an area on the Southeast Side of Park Place and the Northwest Side of Park Place

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. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Jacobs that **Resolution 2019-20** approving a borrowing from Fidelity Deposit & Discount Bank

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.

REPORTS:

The Fire Department responded to 508 calls.

The Police Department responded to 590 calls and 34 were in Pringle.

There are 527 memberships at the Rec Center.

DPW collected 224 tons of garbage and 128 tons of single stream recycling. Kingston is paying \$57.00 per ton to dispose of our recycling per month. 1150 tons of asphalt has been applied to Kingston streets.

Code Enforcement issued 26 violation letters, 12 non-traffic citations and performed 19 residential inspections.

Finance reports are attached for your perusal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Keating welcomed Mr. Connolly to the Zoning Board. Joe Mashinski will be the solicitor.

Mayor Roberts commented that the recycling could be increasing monthly. Mr. Keating said that there has been a significant increase.

Attorney Mattern stated that the Franconi brief has been filed and we will have to wait to see if there is a reply. Mr. Mattern has been busy working on Open Records responses and Resolutions for Kingston.

Mr. Schumacher is concerned about the tree at the corner of Wyoming Avenue and Pierce Street. Mr. Keating said that correspondence was sent to the owner requesting removal as it is a danger to residents. Mr. Schumacher feels that this is a danger and Kingston should do something. Mr. Keating said that the tree is on private property, but will look into the matter. Mr. Keating asked Mr. Mattern to research this matter to see if Kingston could do anything to remedy this issue.

Mr. Diction had no comment.

Mrs. Rowlands thanked Chief Krzywicki for his service in Kingston.

Mr. Jacobs is very impressed with the staff and the pool. Good job!

Mrs. Cooper thanked Mr. Connolly, Mr. Mashinski and Chief Krzywicki.

Mrs. Neville welcomed Mr. Connolly and well done with the grants, Mr. Keating.

Mr. Thompson apologized to council and residents that he forgot to put Senator Baker and State Representative Kaufer on the Agenda. \$1,000,000.00 in grant money is just incredible. Great job Mr. Keating. Mr. Keating said that the Union Street paving project will go out for bid in the Spring.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Robert Thompson, Jr. - President

ATTEST:

Julie Norton, Secretary
August 5, 2019