

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 20, 2020

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Town Council of the Municipality of Kingston was held in Council Chambers, 500 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania, on Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Council were present.

Mr. Robert Thompson, Jr.-President	Mr. Rob Jacobs- excused
Mr. Anthony Dicton-Vice President-excused	Mrs. Nancy Cooper
Mrs. Roberta Rowlands	Mr. Jack Schumacher
	Mrs. Margaret Neville-excused

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

Mr. Thompson stated, for the record, Mr. Keating explained the agenda items during the work session that preceded this meeting.

**CITIZENS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE VERBAL UPDATE:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM:**

It was moved by Mr. Schumacher and seconded by Mrs. Rowlands that **Ordinance 2020-4**; Approving a Revision to Kingston Code Section 8-33

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher - Yes

Mrs. Rowlands – Yes

Mrs. Cooper - Yes

Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Schumacher that **Resolution 2020-21**; Approving Submission of an Application by the Administrator for a Traffic Signal at Third Avenue at 400 Third Avenue.

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher - Yes

Mrs. Rowlands – Yes

Mrs. Cooper - Yes

Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Rowlands that **Resolution 2020-22**; Approving Submission of an Application by the Administrator for a Traffic Signal at Third Avenue at 400 Third Avenue at Kingston Recreation Center

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher - Yes

Mrs. Rowlands – Yes

Mrs. Cooper - Yes

Mr. Thompson – Yes

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mr. Schumacher and seconded by Mrs. Rowlands that **Resolution 2020-23**; Approving Submission of an Application by the Administrator for a Traffic Signal at Third Avenue at Church Street Park.

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher - Yes

Mrs. Rowlands - Yes

Mrs. Cooper - Yes

Mr. Thompson - Yes

Motion passes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Keating would like to have the monthly meeting next month at Church Street Park and also have a Dedication to the soccer field and have the kids play a game of soccer. The problem is that a game cannot be played due to the new rules, so we will push the date to the Work Session on September's monthly meeting.

Mr. Keating told council that he is opposed to hens being raised in Kingston. Mr. Keating believes that most residents would be livid if hens were allowed. Mr. Keating would like to put this matter to rest as it is not the right thing for our town. The close proximity of this town would not work with hens. Council agreed with Mr. Keating. Mr. Schumacher raised the question of zoning and other farm-type animals that could be allowed in Kingston. Mr. Keating said that there would have to be a Public Hearing which Attorney Mattern concurred. Mr. Thompson read an article on Fox News that Brooklyn, NY has chickens and hens that are allowed. These animals are on rooftops and seems to be everywhere. There has been one death and 460 illnesses because of these animals so far this year.

Mayor Roberts commented that there was a study in 2019 regarding chickens/hens in cities and that 1200 people came ill with salmonella and just shy

of 100 people died. With what is happening in this country.....no, absolutely not to this request.

Mr. Mattern had no comment.

Mr. Schumacher asked council how they felt about the kids going back to school. I know it is going to effect children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren. How do we feel as council for the safety of our children in Kingston? Mr. Keating said that this is going to be a decision from the federal government and ultimately will end up being highly influenced by PSEA as to whether or not they feel it is safe to return to school. Our particular body here, meaning council, does not have a say in this matter. This is a very difficult and stressful situation to be in. The Governors are going to take their own position and whether or not PSEA will agree or not with the position of the Governor. As far as the logic of sending kids back wearing masks will be difficult. Having a child wear a mask for hours will be hard to implement. Mr. Schumacher thinks it's too bad that we do not have any input in our children's health. Mr. Keating believes that there are many layers that will have to be dealt with.

Mrs. Rowlands thanked Mr. Keating for the great job that he is doing for Kingston. It is appreciated.

Mrs. Cooper also thanked Mr. Keating for all he does for this town. Mrs. Cooper asked how the pool is doing. Mr. Keating said that overall, the pool is holding its own. We certainly will not see profits from years past. Attendance is significantly lower than previous years.

Mr. Thompson said that Union Street looks great.

There being no new business and no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL:

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Robert Thompson, Jr., President

ATTEST:

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Julie Norton, Secretary  
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