

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Council were present.

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

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

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

CITIZENS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE VERBAL UPDATE:

Mr. Keating said that he will be working on the Municipality's Long-Range Plan and if there are any suggestions from council, please call.

AGENDA ITEM:

It was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Jacobs that **Resolution 2020-24**; Awarding Contract #1 for New Street Lighting Improvements Along Third Avenue

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher - 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. Neville that **Resolution 2020-25**; Awarding Contract #3 for Pedestrian Safety Crosswalks Along Third Avenue

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher

Mrs. Rowlands - Yes

Mr. Jacobs - Yes

Mrs. Cooper - Yes

Mrs. Neville - Yes

Mr. Thompson - Yes

Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Roberts had no comment

Mr. Mattern is a little concerned that the two Charter Amendments are definitely on the ballot. Somehow, this should be promoted so that the residents are educated and information at the polling areas and on the mail-in ballot. There were several suggestions and Mr. Keating said that something will be done. Mrs. Neville would like to see something posted at the polling areas.

Mr. Schumacher had no comment.

Mrs. Rowlands had no comment.

Mr. Jacobs asked if we had polling places secured. Mr. Keating said he and the Bureau of Elections are working on polling places. Mr. Jacobs feels that it would be horrible if residents were not given information timely. The Mayor and Mr. Keating spoke to the Independent Fire Company and they declined. The library is now being used as a quarantine room for books, so no voting will take place at the library. JCC will not allow voting unless masks are worn and temperatures taken, so that will not work. The places that we have are the Rec Center, Municipal Building, Fire Department and we are going to offer the library. Mr. Keating will have DPW remove the books from the quarantine room and do what is necessary to that room so it can be used to vote. We can't bank on the WVV Middle School. The Mayor tried contacting the VFW twice this date and they are all locked up. Mr. Keating pointed out that this is not Kingston's problem, it is the Bureau of Elections. It is almost imperative that the library be used as a polling place because it is familiar to so many residents. Church of Christ Uniting declined because they are having a food drive on November 3rd. Council was concerned when residents are going to find out where they will be voting.

Mrs. Cooper had no comment.

Mrs. Neville had no comment.

Mr. Thompson had no comment.

There being no new business and no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Robert Thompson, Jr., President

ATTEST:

Julie Norton, Secretary
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