

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 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 Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Council were present.

Mr. Robert Thompson, Jr.-President Mr. Rob Jacobs-Vice-President

Mr. Anthony Diction Mrs. Nancy Cooper Mrs. Roberta Rowlands

Mr. Jack Schumacher 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:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE VERBAL UPDATE:

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

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Mr. Keating said that Kingston is required to hold a public meeting regarding the stormwater management. Correspondence was received from Georgia Tsoles, a Wyoming Valley West student, who asked three questions. Mr. Keating will answer the questions below.

1. **How can stormwater runoff contribute to flooding?** It is very important that we keep our municipal catch basins/storm basins clean and free from debris so that stormwater has a place to go and adequately flow so there is no backup on the streets.

2. **How can stormwater runoff be a problem?** All of our preventative measures that are in our BMP's such as rain gardens and preventing residents from draining swimming pools into our stormwater collection, washing cars or changing car oil so that those contaminants do not run into the storm drain is part of the Municipals practice. Any of those things can create a problem with runoff if these and other contaminants reach our storm drains.

3. **Why are there areas in Kingston, like by Wyoming Seminary on Northampton Street that easily flood whenever there is a significant rainfall?** This question does not pertain so much with our community as it relates to our neighboring community. When the shopping center was built in Edwardsville, there was a substantial amount of asphalt and the grade of that parking lot is above the sidewalk and, in turn, the stormwater has nowhere to go, so it flows out into Northampton street. There should have been some type of retention system required, but that was before stormwater rules were in place.

Mr. Thompson asked council if there were any questions or wanted to add any thoughts regarding stormwater. There were none.

AGENDA ITEM:

It was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Rowlands that **Resolution 2021-7**; Approving an Agreement with Municipal Recovery, Inc.

Motion carried and so ordered.

The vote of Council was recorded as follows:

Mr. Schumacher - Yes

Mrs. Rowlands - Yes

Mr. Jacobs - Yes

Mr. Dicton - Yes

Mrs. Cooper - Yes

Mrs. Neville - Yes

Mr. Thompson - Yes

Motion passes.

REPORTS:

The reports that Mr. Keating is reading is from February 1, 2021. There was a significant snow storm on the 1st which prohibited departments to forward their report.

The Fire Department responded to 391 calls.

The Police Department responded to 509 calls and 30 were in Pringle.

DPW collected 238.8 tons of garbage and 107.3 tons of single stream recycling. DPW also collected 100 cubic yards of Christmas trees. They are also temporarily patching pot holes. The shower and rest room facility in the police department is just about finished.

Code Enforcement issued 14 violation letters, conducted 24 and handed 19 Quality of Life tickets.

The Rec Center's total number of memberships is 587.

If there are any questions about the finance report, please call.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Keating thanked Georgia Tsiolis for her stormwater questions.

Mayor Roberts had no comment.

Attorney Mattern had no comment.

Mr. Schumacher had no comment.

Mrs. Rowlands had no comment.

Mr. Jacobs had no comment.

Mr. Dicton had no comment.

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 7:40 p.m.

FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Robert Thompson, Jr., President

ATTEST:

Julie Norton, Secretary
February 16, 2020