

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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, February 1, 2021, 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 Diction Mrs. Nancy Cooper Mrs. Margaret Neville

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

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

None

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION:

There were no questions asked. Mr. Keating will put this topic on the Special Meeting Agenda scheduled for February 16, 2021.

ADMINISTRATORS VERBAL UPDATE:

All items on the Agenda were reviewed and discussed by Mr. Keating to council members. Paving will begin shortly for Kingston's capital projects for 2021. Should council have any questions or concerns, please call Mr. Keating. Mr. Keating commended Chief Guido for his comprehensive breakdown for all service calls by the Kingston Fire Department.

AGENDA ITEM:

It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mrs. Neville that **Resolution 2021-3;** Approving an Agreement with Property Registration Champions, 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 - Yes Mrs. Cooper – Yes Mrs. Neville - Yes Mr. Thompson –
Yes

Motion passes.

It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. Dicton that **Resolution 2021-4;**
Confirming the Appointment of Keith Keiper as the Quality of Life Appeals Officer

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. Neville that **Resolution 2021-5;**
Confirming the Appointment and Reappointment of Citizens to Various
Authorities, Boards and Commissions.

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 Mrs. Rowlands that **Resolution
2021-6;** Approving the 2021 Luzerne County Municipal Waste Management Plan

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 only report is from the Fire Department. There were 391 total calls for service for January 2021. A copy of an Annual Report that Chief Guido prepared for council. It is very detailed and sheds a lot of light on what our fire and emergency services personnel is dealt with on a daily basis. This is broken down by town, vehicle and incident. Mr. Keating commended Chief Guido for doing this report. Chief Guido did a good job.

The Police Chief has been out due to an operation. DPW is out dealing with the snow. The Office staff did not come in today because of the snow. Reports will be provided at the Work Session and will be read into the minutes during the Special Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Keating reminded council that there is no glass in recycling effective this date. Stickers have been purchased to put on the recycling bins. There may be delays with recycling and garbage, but it will get done. The container was delivered to the Maintenance Building and it is ready to receive glass items only.

Mayor Roberts commended DPW on snow removal.

Attorney Mattern did have much to add. The Resolutions this evening is important to keep things on track. The open burning Ordinance needs some tweeking and will be worked on this week. Attorney Mattern is pleased about the number of residents who are willing to sit on Boards and Commissions. For example, Dave Schwager is President of the Bar Association and is able to take time out of his days.

Mr. Schumacher asked Mr. Keating why paper plates are not taken in recycling. Mr. Keating answered that a dirty paper plate is a contaminate and it is garbage. Pizza boxes are questionable and another bridge to cross when we get there, but nothing definite on that subject. Mrs. Cooper asked if someone has glass in their

recycling container will they not take it at all? Mr. Keating said that DPW will not leave a container this month (February) because of glass, but will be 100% enforced in the month of March.

Mr. Jacobs commended DPW continuously working to remove snow. Mr. Jacobs is happy that Keith Keiper is returning to serve Kingston as Appeals Officer. He is an asset to this community. Hats off to Chief Guido with his report. Will Forty Fort council receive this report? Mr. Keating said that the Chief has provided Forty Fort with this report. The only other thing is that we have to mute our phone because we can hear a lot of back ground talk.

Mrs. Rowlands thanked Chief Guido for his amazing report. All of our departments do a great job.

Mrs. Cooper commended DPW. It certainly was a challenge with this snow. Thanks to Chief Guido and his report.

Mrs. Neville had no comment, but thank you to DPW.

Mr. Diction thanked DPW for a good job with the snow.

Mr. Thompson wanted everyone to keep Chief Kotchik in their thoughts. He had neck surgery and will be out of the office until the beginning of March.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Robert Thompson, Jr. - President

ATTEST:

Julie Norton, Secretary
February 1, 2021