

MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON TOWN COUNCIL
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2019

MINUTES

The re-organizational/regular meeting of the Town Council of the Municipality of Kingston was held in Council Chambers, 500 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania, on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Paul J. Roberts, Jr. called this meeting to Order.

Mayor Roberts called for nominations for President of Council.

Mr. Rob Jacobs and Mrs. Nancy Cooper nominated Mr. Robert Thompson, Jr. to serve as President of Council. All other council members accepted this nomination.

No additional nominations were presented.

There being six (6) affirmative votes and no negative votes, nominations for President of Council were closed.

Mayor Roberts called for a vote for Robert Thompson, Jr. to serve as President of Council. The vote for Robert Thompson, Jr. to serve as President of Council was unanimous.

Mayor Roberts next called for nominations for Vice President of Council.

Mrs. Nancy Cooper and Mrs. Roberta Rowlands nominated Mr. Rob Jacobs to serve as Vice-President of Council.

No additional nominations were presented.

There being six (6) affirmative votes and no negative votes, nominations for Vice President of Council were closed.

Mayor Roberts called for a vote for Rob Jacobs to serve as Vice President of Council. The vote for Rob Jacobs to serve as Vice President of Council was unanimous.

Mayor Roberts turned the meeting over to Mr. Robert Thompson, Jr., who requested the roll call. Mr. Thompson said that it would be his pleasure to be President of Kingston Council.

The following members of Council were present.

Mr. Jack Shumacher Mrs. Nancy Cooper Mr. Rob Jacobs – Vice-President

Mrs. Roberta Rowlands Mr. Robert Thompson, Jr. – President

Mrs. Margaret Neville Mr. Anthony Dicton

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

Mayor Roberts stated that before the swearing in of A'leia Stull he asked Mr. Paul Klecha to step forward as he just retired. Mayor Roberts thanked Mr. Klecha for his commitment to Kingston for 29 years and wished him the best of luck.

SWEARING IN OF A'LEIA STULL:

At 7:14 p.m., Mayor Roberts swore in A'leia Stull to the Kingston Fire Department. Mayor Roberts stated that she is very qualified and welcomed her to the department.

Chief Guido said that A'leia was the best candidate by far and also welcomed her to the Fire Department.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

Regarding Ordinance 2019-1, we have a representative from Comcast should anyone have questions. There were no questions. Mr. Keating stated that this would generate revenue.

Mr. Keating has received several complaints about the line painting on Market Street and has been in touch with PennDot regarding this matter. The Mayor told Paul that he knows Market Street very well and he could help with PennDot if needed.

UGI/ASPHLUND along with DPW's assistance will remove the tree at 70 and 72 Division Street.

Mr. Keating said that the total for revenue is at 100.76% and expenses are at 101.02%. The Budget is started early enough to make any changes that are needed before December. There was a large adjustment on the worker's compensation tax. Kingston used 4350 to index appropriations and to date that number is 4354 which is a good place to be.

AGENDA ITEM:

It was moved by Mrs. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Jacobs that **Resolution 2019-1** which confirms the Mayor's re-appointment of Citizens to various Authorities, Boards, and Commissions.

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. Schumacher and seconded by Mrs. Neville that **Resolution 2018-9**; Amending Section 170-22 of the Municipal Code relating to Pierce Street at Warren Avenue

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:

Mr. Keating said that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Klecha for 22 years. He is dedicated, dependable and respectful. Mr. Keating wished Mr. Klecha well and A'leia deserves this job. Robert Suchoski will be our new Code Enforcement Officer and will begin on January 8, 2019.

The Kingston Police Department responded to 47 from Pringle and 614 calls from Kingston.

The Kingston Fire Department responded to 4362 total calls for 2018. There were 3524 EMS calls, 512 fire calls. This department responded to 390 calls in December.

Parks and Recreation have 438 total memberships.

Code Enforcement issued 27 violation letters, 1 non-traffic citation and inspected 9 properties.

Department of Public Works collected 176.38 tons of garbage and 116.12 tons single stream recycling. The Department of Public Works collected 2416.16 tons of garbage, 1385.32 tons of single stream recycling and repaired 37 basins in 2018.

At the end of 2018, our general fund balance is \$1,032,741.23. If anyone has any questions, please call me.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Roberts had no comment.

Mr. Mattern stated that we are waiting to hear from the Judge the outcome of our Hearing in the Franconi matter. Mr. Mattern has handed out an article regarding the stormwater fees and how enforcement came about.

Mr. Schumacher thanked Mr. Thompson and Mr. Jacobs for their leadership in 2018 and is looking forward to 2019.

Mr. Diction welcomed A'leia to the best local fire station. Mr. Diction also welcomed the WWV students.

Mrs. Rowlands congratulated Mr. Klecha on his retirement, welcomed A'leia and thanked the WWV students.

Mr. Jacobs also congratulated Mr. Klecha on his retirement, welcomed A'leia and thanked the WWV students.

Mrs. Cooper congratulated Mr. Klecha on his retirement, welcomed A'leia and thanked the WWV students. Mrs. Cooper also congratulated Mr. Thompson and Mr. Jacobs as President and Vice-President and thanked Mr. Keating for all of the work he does for this Municipality.

Mrs. Neville welcomed A'leia and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Thompson congratulated Mr. Klecha on his retirement, welcomed A'leia and thanked the WWV students.

There being no new business and no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Robert Thompson, Jr. President

ATTEST:

Julie Norton, Secretary

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