

**REGULAR MEETING
KENTLAND TOWN HALL
APRIL 10TH, 2018 5:00 P.M.**

Attending: Lowell Mitchell, President, David Smart and James Sammons, Member, Patrick Ryan, Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer

Don Shelmon, Attorney for Kentland Liquor Store presented to the board that a building is being purchased to move the location for the liquor store and they are asking the Town for a tax abatement. The new location will be four times the size they are in now and will increase from 3 employees to 6. The Kentland Town Board will take the tax abatement under advisement and let them know at the May 9th, 2018 meeting.

Cooperative Solar representative Rex Young was present and asked the Board for a Special Exception Zoning Variance. This will be considered a Public Meeting for his request. Rex presented a copy of the Proof of Publication that was in the Newton County Enterprise on March 21, 2018. The company will be leasing the farm ground for 40 years for a solar farm. This will be on 40 acres and secured by a 6 foot fence. There will be no run off and no pollution. If for unknown reasons they would not continue for the 40 year lease, Cooperative Solar will be responsible for all clean up. They will be selling this to NIPSCO. Construction may not begin in 2018. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by David Smart to grant Cooperative Solar a Special Exception Zoning Variance.

Jim Schoen owner of Hoosier Associates presented the annual update for all the insurance policies for the Town. Jim has met with Dustin Standish and everything is updated.

Vince Sommers, Commonwealth Engineers would like the Town to take a proactive approach on projects that are needing to be done. Vince stated there are many grants right now that are available to get some of these projects done. A WISH list needs to be put together and he suggested that we work with K-IRPC to find out what is available. Possibly could be some grants available that are a 90% grant money and 10% match for the town.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported the following:

2 Permits issued

1 New Build

1 Existing

Property at 108 West Dunlap is showing signs of improvement. The yard is clean and siding has been applied to the home.

PARK BOARD

Nothing to report

TOWN MANAGER

Terry Hafstrom reported the following for Dustin Standish:

Paving of the street should start In May.

Alleys are being grated and pot holes are getting filled in.

Swimming Pool will be painted and cleaned for the season.

WATER & SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Terry Hafstrom had nothing to report

TOWN MARSHAL

Julian Elson reported the following:

111 calls for the month

The Kentland Police are investigating many debit and credit cards that were hacked. It seems that a skimmer was used at one of the local businesses and they have located the skimmer and are investigating. Citizens need to be aware and check there accounts frequently.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported the following:

17 Medical calls

8 Fire calls

New vehicle that was purchased by Jefferson Township should be ready soon. It has been in Lafayette getting prepped for use by the Fire Department.

The Fire Department will be putting on a presentation again this year at South Newton School called Every 15 Minutes.

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported the following:

Fuel sales are picking up and a good month

5 hangars are vacant

TOWN ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported the following:

Pat presented Ordinance #04-10-18 for the board to look over and vote on at the May 9th, 2018 meeting. This ordinance is for Cross-Connection Control. This has been tabled and will be discussed at the May meeting.

CLERK

Judy King reported the following:

Resolution #2018-04-10 was presented for the Boards signature on dissolving the Building Commissioner Fund. A motion was made by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons to dissolve the Building Commissioner Fund and move to General Fund.

The Tax Abatement for Jordan Manufacturing was presented again for the Boards approval. After tabling for several months a motion was made by James Sammons

and seconded by David Smart to grant a Tax Abatement to Jordon Manufacturing for 5 years and at a 50% abatement. Town Attorney suggested the board set a precedence for abatements at 15 – 20 jobs.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion by James Sammons and seconded by David Smart the minutes from March 13th, 2018 were approved.

Upon motion by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons the claims were approved.

Upon motion by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons the financial report was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Being no further business, upon motion by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons, meeting was adjourned.

Member

Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer