

**REGULAR MEETING
KENTLAND TOWN HALL
AUGUST 14TH, 2018 5:00 P.M.**

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

Bids for the 2013 Chevy truck were from:

Emerson-Sondgerath	\$15,800.00
Fowler Pest Control	\$15,000.00
Michelle Mardirosian	\$14,000.00
Trent's Lawn Care	\$13,561.00
Diedam Painting	\$13,500.00
Bob Schlotman	\$13060.00
Kevin Birt	\$12,457.00

A motion was made by James Sammons to accept Emerson-Sondgerath for \$15,800.00 and David Smart seconded the motion.

The Indiana Historical Bureau received 34 applications for the Historical Marker Program and Kentland was chosen as one of the sites. The application was submitted for Governor Warren T. McCray. The cost will be \$2,950.00. Newton County Economic Development will pay \$1,500.00 of that cost. The Bureau will notify us when the marker is ready and it will be installed at Cast Park.

David Price addressed the Council in regards to his yard that was torn up last year for the Storm Water Project. His yard is full of rocks and weeds. Dustin will notify R&W to see if they will take care of the problem.

Jacob Shufflebarger, Jefferson Township Trustee, asked the Kentland Town Council to support his decision on CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operations) when he addresses the County's Planning Commission. Jacob is not against CAFO's but there are other areas within the county that could support this without being so close to residential areas. James Sammons and David Smart agreed with Jacob that there would be better areas other than Jefferson Township.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

3 permits issued

Yoder Barns are moveable and not permanent structures, but do we need to start issuing permits and asking that they are anchored down? Pat Ryan, Town Attorney and Matt will get together on this.

PARK BOARD

Dustin Standish reported on the following:

Landscaping at the Kentland Depot is being worked on. Bushes have been cut back along with pulling weeds and river rock will be put down and rubber mulch will be laid around the playground equipment. They are still about 20 ash trees that need to come down. Will start taking the rest down in the Fall.

Pool closed on 08/12/18.

Traffic counters have been placed around town by Municipal Civil Corp Engineers for the next paving project.

TOWN MANAGER

Dustin Standish reported on the following:

Working on landscaping around town to clean things up

Sewer Project is just about finished

TOWN MARSHAL

Julian Elson reported on the following:

Officer Williams went for training that was paid for by the Newton County Prosecutor's Office in Indianapolis.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

9 fire calls

15 medical calls

1 public relations

Fire department has a full roster of 22.

ISO gave 30 days for cleanup on some items. We should have a much better rating this year than in years past.

Premier Billing Services will bill out for fire and accident calls. They do the billing and no charge to the town or fire department. Town Attorney, Pat Ryan asked that 5.7 in the agreement be amended to say Newton County instead of Hamilton County and it is good to go. A motion was made by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons to have Premier Billing Services, bill for these services.

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

Good fuel month

Will be ordering fuel soon

Agreement for QT Pod needs signed by Lowell Mitchell, Town Board President.

Pat Ryan has looked the agreement over and is good with it.

Disaster Planning Conference will be held in Indianapolis on 09/11 and 09/12.

The room expense will be paid out of the budget for Aviation.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported on the following:

Working on the cleanup issue at 206 West Seymour.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Asking for a write off on the water and sewage at 410 East Kent Street.

Property has been sold to Tim Deno in Goodland. A motion was made by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons to write off \$1,444.77 for 410 East Kent Street.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes for Executive Meeting held July 10th, 2018 were approved by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons.

Minutes for Public Meeting held July 10th, 2018 were approved by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons.

Minutes for Regular Meeting held July 10th, 2018 were approved by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by David Smart to approve the claims.

A motion was made by David Smart and seconded by James Sammons to approve the financial report.

John Cassidy inquired about the sign that was approved to be built at U.S. 41 and Dunlap Street. Dustin Standish informed Mr. Cassidy that he received the plans back from I.Q. Construction and gave them to another individual for a quote on the sign.

John Cassidy asked about the sewage that will be going in at the East Meare Subdivision and who will be overseeing the project from the Town. Dustin Standish told him Rick Purdy or himself will be there to oversee the project.

NEW BUSINESS

John Cassidy is concerned about the properties at 107 East Carroll Street and 105 East Carroll Street. The 107 property is not secure. The 105 property is a "slum property" that needs repairs and looks horrible. Mr. Cassidy inquired as to who the property owner was for the apartments at the 105 property. Kyle Conrad from Brook owns the apartments. Dustin Standish, Town Manager will check out the 107 property and secure it.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Debby Shufflebarger inquired about the property that the town owns on Graham Street. It's full of weeds and debris and is anything going to happen with this. She has inquiries about renting the property next door but would like something to happen to clean up and possibly make a parking lot out of the empty lot. Dustin Standish agreed that it would look much better becoming a parking lot and would help take some of the parking off of Graham Street. Dustin will look into a cost on black topping and removal of the concrete.

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