

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020 6:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

Attending: David Michael Rowe, President, Debby Shufflebarger and James Sammons, Council Members, Patrick Ryan, Town Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Opening of Farm Ground Bids:

Joseph Garing bid on 22.0 acres at \$175.00 per acre

Schlotman's bid on 16.57 acres at \$175.00 per acre

Jim Smith bid on 14 acres at \$175.00 per acre

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to except the bids as presented.

Holly Porter of Newton County Community Services was touching base on the contract for the new Nutritional Site to be held at The Kentland Depot, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pat Ryan is working on the contract between the Town and NCCS.

Tom Sondgerath complained about the abandoned property at 306 West Seymour. Building Commissioner Matt Wittenborn will be informed to look into this parcel and report back to Town Attorney, Pat Ryan.

Al Strong from Commonwealth Engineers introduced himself to the Council and let them know that if they should have any needs to please contact him. Commonwealth has done a Feasibility Study for The Town.

BUILDING COMMISSION

Matt Wittenborn was not in attendance but Mike Rowe reported:

4 Permits

1 Solar

1 New Construction

1 Remodel

1 Certificate of Occupancy

PARK BOARD

No one in attendance for reporting

It was told by Mike Rowe that the Senior Coffee Club is well attended on Wednesday mornings.

TOWN MANAGER

TJ Firkins reported on the following:

Kentland Depot is in the process of being refurbished.
Water & Sewer Taps have been installed at Angie Strasburger's new build.
Flooring has been completed at the Community Center and thanks to Jefferson Township and Baseball Association for their contribution towards the cost.
Markings for the railroad crossings are the Towns responsibility. When paving comes in this summer and markings they will have this taken care of.

TOWN MARSHALL

Julian Elson reported on the following:
152 Calls

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn was not present but Mike Rowe reported:
2 Fire Calls
19 Medical Calls
Proceeding with plans for the new fire house

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:
January fuel sales are down due to weather
Mike Davis brought a group out to the airport for a tour and showed them what Kentland had to offer.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported on the following:
Mike Davis had his first meeting about the Opportunity Zone. Mike has also been meeting with Vast Creative. Mike attended a Prosperities' Summit in regards to Senior Living. They would need 4 to 6 acres for a 28 unit.
Pat is looking into the property at 306 East Owen for condemning.
Pat is also looking into a Solar Energy Ordinance for the Town.
Pat is working on the contract between Vertical Horizons and The Town of Kentland for internet compensation.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:
Judy presented year end claims for 12/31/2019. A motion by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve year end claims.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to put Debby Shufflebarger on the Newton County Community Corrections Board.

NEW BUSINESS

The Rotary is sponsoring a breakfast on March 7th, 2020 starting at 7:00 a.m. and all proceeds will go for equipment for The Kentland Fire Department.

March 1st, 2020 is deadline for baseball signups.

The Town has received a grant for The Kentland Depot on improvements.

Upon motion by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger the minutes from Special Meeting held January 8th, 2020 were approved.

Upon motion by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons the minutes from Regular Meeting held January 8th, 2020 were approved.

Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe the minutes from Special Meeting held January 21st, 2020 were approved.

Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons the claims were approved.

Upon motion by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons the financial report was approved.

James Sammons inquired if things are moving on hiring for the swimming pool and TJ reported he is working on it.

Being no further business, upon motion by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger, the meeting was adjourned.

David Michael Rowe, President

Debby Shufflebarger, Member

James Sammons, Member

Attest: _____
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer