

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9TH, 2019 5:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

James Sammons brought the meeting to order and the first topic on the agenda was to elect a new board president for the Town Council. A motion was made by Michael Rowe to elect James Sammons the President for 2019 and it was seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

The bids for repaving were opened for the Community Crossing Grant.

Milestone	\$296,950.00
Central Paving	\$289,320.00
Reith Riley	\$322,390.00
Town & Country	\$343,069.25
Fox Paving	\$339,000.00

A motion was made by James Sammons to table and discuss after looking over the bids. This was seconded by Michael Rowe.

The bids for cleaning positions throughout the Town were opened.

Pam Dieter	Community Center
Jackie Winger	Depot & Cast Park Restrooms
Bobbi Flahive	Town Hall, Fire House, Sewage Plant, Public Works & Airport

A motion was made by Michael Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to except the bids.

Board Appointments were needing filled for the following:

A motion was made to appoint Debby Shufflebarger to the Soil & Water Board by Michael Rowe and seconded by James Sammons.

A motion was made to appoint James Sammons to the KIRPC Board by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe.

A motion was made to appoint David Michael Rowe to the Newton County Economic Development Board by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons.

A motion was made to appoint Roger Voglund to the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission Board by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe.

Trina Hoaks (D), Henry Senefelder (R), Jason Swartz (R), Jim Large (D), TJ Firkins (Town Representative) and Debby Shufflebarger (Town Representative) have been appointed to the Planning Commission by Michael Rowe and seconded by James Sammons with one more spot remaining to be filled by a Town of Kentland Employee.

Additional names have been given for Park Board Appointments. Chris Wilson, Jim Kiifner, Jenny Durlacher, Ricky Hughes & Damon Ward. The Kentland Town Board will be looking into how many can serve on the board.

David Price was questioning the cleanup of his yard from the Storm Water Project. Dustin had been in contact with R&W to come back with good black dirt and they said they would put this down and have never shown up. Patrick Ryan, stated that even though the project is over, R&W has a commitment to repair as it was. Patrick will look into this.

Diana Elijah from the Newton & Jasper County Historical Society had been contacted by Core of Engineers about the Owen and Allen Street Bridges within the Town of Kentland. She would like the Boards blessing to write a letter and put in the Newton County Enterprise for the residents of the Town to convey their opinions on these bridges. It appears that they are thinking about doing away with one of them, and this is an historical bridge. The Board gave her the authority to write an article for the paper.

Jacob Shufflebarger, Jefferson Township Trustee, presented a new contract for the "Fire Protection Agreement". This will be paid in one installment of \$20,000.00 instead of two from the original contract and in June of each year. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe to except the new contract.

Tim Meyer, Newton County Economic Development, needs to provide information by the end of the month for a dedication ceremony on the historical marker located at Cast Park. Tim thought a possible date could be Alumni Weekend. The Board will let him know.

Bart Woodward has property at 211 East Graham which is unoccupied. He would like the Town Board to exempt him from paying a water charge on this property. Judy King, Clerk, informed Mr. Woodward that The Town of Kentland has an ordinance on these matters that states even if properties have no usage, a minimum fee will be charged for water and sewage. If Mr. Woodward would like to have the meter pulled from his property than the water charge would go away, but when he needs to have it put back it will be very costly. A definite "NO" to exempt him was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

3 Permits handed out

PARK BOARD

Dustin Standish had nothing to report

TOWN MANAGER

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TOWN MARSHAL

Julian Elson reported on the following:

Have taken possession of the new squad car and is in Lafayette getting equipment installed. Traded in the 2013 Tahoe.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

4 Fire Calls

19 Medical Calls

Working on the Fireman's Ball in February.

May have to look into a grant for new equipment. Pagers, Air Packs, Radio's and Tanker are all in need of updating.

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

New fuel terminal is in place

Fuel sales are up 12% from last year

New Appointments are needed for the board

ATTORNEY

Patrick Ryan reported on the following:

Terry Hafstrom has signed his contract for consulting and is ready to work.

Vertical Horizon contract needs to be updated but otherwise is good to go. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe to except the contract on the contingency's to update from Pat Ryan.

Pat had the contract between The Town of Kentland and Newton County for the loan of \$650,000.00. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to except the contract.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy presented Amended Salary Ordinance #2019-01-09. A motion to except the Amended Salary Ordinance #2019-01-09 was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

Judy presented the 2019 Holiday Schedule. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to except the 2019 Holiday Schedule.

Judy presented write offs for the Board. The property at 310 East Carroll would like an adjustment for sewage due to a water leak in the amount of \$581.05. This is the second adjustment that they are asking for within 3 months. A motion to deny the adjustment was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger. A write off on the property at 206 East Maple Street for \$51.49 was presented. Property had a renter which moved out and property sold. A motion was made to write off by James Sammons and seconded by Michael Rowe. Same situation at 107 East Allen Street. Was rented and moved out, and property sold. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe to write off \$163.31. Two pieces of property owned by CPX which have been sold have write offs in the amounts of \$88.53 and \$109.28. We have liened on these two properties and have received most of the money, but this was not a big enough amount to lien on yet and properties sold. A motion was made by Michael Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to write the two properties off that were owned by CPX.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger the minutes from End of Year, December 21st, 2018 were approved.

Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe the minutes from Special Meeting, January 2nd, 2019 were approved.

Upon motion by Michael Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger the claims were approved.

Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe the financial report was approved.

February's meeting will be held on Wednesday the 13th at 6:00 P.M. The Kentland Town Board would like to try for 3 months meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Will re-look at this after 3 months.

Being no further business, upon motion by Michael Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger, meeting was adjourned.