

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 6:00 P.M.  
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

**The meeting opened by saying the pledge of Allegiance**

**Kentland Town Board President – A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to nominate David Michael Rowe the 2020 Presidency.**

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

**A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Michael Rowe to nominate Debby Shufflebarger to the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District Board.**

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

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

**Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:**

**3 permits**

**Fence dispute – Matt gave the party that put the fence up 2 weeks to move the fence on to their own property. The fence was on the neighbor's property.**

**FIRE CHIEF**

**Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:**

**22 Medical Calls**

**7 Fire Calls**

**PARK BOARD**

**Nothing to report**

**TOWN MANAGER**

**TJ Firkins reported on the following:**

**The Lincoln Street property that had complaints on was being cleaned up. TJ saw a dumpster from Allied Waste on the site.**

**Sewer line collapsed in the alley behind the homeowners at 503 East Graham Street. Repairs were done.**

**Many items are needing replaced in the parks. Playground equipment is broken and he will look into replacing.**

Kory Shufflebarger starts water classes on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for 6 weeks. He will be attending in Fowler on Saturdays.

Winter maintenance needs to be done.

The Franklin property is still in need of clean up. January 16<sup>th</sup> the employees for the Town will be at the property and cleaning it up and will bill Mr. Franklin for the cleanup. The Town has a court order against the property.

Pool hiring is coming up and needs to be advertised.

Kentland Township Trustee will be paying for epoxying the flooring in the shower areas and also patching the ladies rest room at the Community Center.

#### **AIRPORT**

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

New car for the airport is in service now, but there are a few things that need maintenance.

Fuel income was up from last year.

#### **TOWN ATTORNEY**

Pat Ryan reported on the following:

The contract is completed for Vertical Horizon.

Pat presented the contract between The Town of Kentland and Terry Hafstrom for consulting. This contract is on a month to month basis. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to accept the contract.

Community Correction Board will need someone to be appointed to that board from The Town of Kentland. Someone will be touching base with The Town.

#### **CLERK**

Judy King had nothing to report

#### **TOWN MARSHAL**

Julian Elson reported on the following:

82 Calls for the month of December

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mike Davis reported that he has several meetings with Vast Creative Company in regards to the Opportunity Zone.

There will be a Leadership Team Meeting at the end of January.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons the minutes from The End of Year Meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 James Sammons the financial report was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:00 P.M.

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

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David Michael Rowe, President

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Debby Shufflebarger, Member

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James Sammons, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer