

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10TH, 2019 6:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Vince Sommers from Commonwealth Engineers presented information for the new board members on the Water Quality Report. The information he provided was also presented to the Town in 2018. Vince asked that they look over and ask questions. Vince also stated that in the information there are "Immediate Needs" solutions which could be at a cost to the Town at \$1.8 million and "Future Needs" at a cost of \$3.1 million. The Council would like to take time to go through all the information and get back with Mr. Sommers.

TOWN MANAGER

T.J. Firkins reported the following:

Tree removal has started at the Community Center and at Batton Park. They have not made it to Cast Park yet. The company thought it would probably take about a month to complete.

Paving has been completed for this year. T.J. spoke with Kent Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, about the grant for next year. T.J. will work on a list for the streets that need to be addressed for next year.

Hopkins Electric ran the conduit for the clock that will be placed in the center of Main Street. Mike Pugh will be pouring cement tomorrow for the base.

The Town has purchased a meter for a hydrant at the Airport for large quantity of water purchases. It normally has been an honor system, which has not worked in the past. This will definitely tell The Town how much water will be taken.

The new trash truck will be delivered on Friday.

A few pieces of playground equipment have been removed from Cast Park. The slide was rusted and in bad shape and wood around a sand box has been replaced. Also, much has been laid.

The Lift Station at 1st Street and 1500 South was hit by Lightning on Wednesday morning. T.J. had Hopkins Electric working on it and they have it up and running right now, but The Town does not have a backup for emergency situations. Also a possibility of a

lightning strike is the water tower on Wilson Street. They will have to investigate further, but T.J. thought that is what happened to it also.

November 2018 the lift station lost power to the generator and The Town had MacCallister Machinery Company work on it. MacCallister had their own electricians come to re-wire after work was done. T.J. let the Council know that we have had a lot of problems with this and Hopkins Electric have been numerous times and said that the backup generator was not coming on due to being re-wired backwards. We are holding payment to MacCallister for over \$12,000.00 until T.J. can call and have the bill adjusted.

T.J. spoke with one of the managers at the pool and she thinks there is a possibility that the pool can stay open until Labor Day.

T.J. and the other workers went to Earl Park to check out a tractor/mower. They felt that mower was too big for what they needed but would like the Council to approve a 2018 John Deere 4044R Compact Utility Tractor. The cost would be \$45,565.84. A motion was made by Michael Rowe to approve the purchase and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported the following:

- 4 permits issued
- Several inspections

PARK BOARD

No one available

Mike Rowe said he spoke with the Park Board Members who would be Chris Wilson, Crystal Henneike, Jim Kiifner and Damon Ward. Mike was also approached that Greg Hamilton would like to be on the Park Board. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to appoint Greg Hamilton to The Park Board.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported the following:

- 10 Fire Calls
- 2 PR Events
- 24 Medical Calls

There will be a new tanker at the Fire House on Thursday evening if anyone would like to check it out.

TOWN MARSHAL

Julian Elson was not available

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported the following:

Fuel sales are a little better this year after comparing figures from last year. Fuel prices have increased again.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported the following:

Pat has the lease for Vertical Horizon and would like the Council to look over before sending it out for signatures. In the initial contract they asked for a 5 year contract and an additional 5 years. Pat changed that to a 3 year contract with an additional 3 years. Vertical Horizon also asked that the fee that they would be paying the Town decrease due to putting internet service at the Sewage Plant. The Council needs to look over and discuss and let Pat know if they see any other changes.

Pat has been in contact with the Attorney for the property owners at 108 West Dunlap Street. Just going through the formalities before the property is given to The Town.

Pat and Debby will be working together to put a legal description together for the sale of two lots that the Town owns at 206 North Second Street and 111 East Dunlap Street.

CLERK

Judy King reported the following:

Blue Pup was requesting an adjustment on their sewage for the month of June. They had used water to fill some tanks but nothing had gone to the sewer. A motion was made by Michael Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to adjust the sewage portion of the bill by \$50.00.

Judy presented Amended Salary Ordinance #2019-04-05 for Council's approval. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Michael Rowe to approve Amended Salary Ordinance #2019-04-05.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Cassidy brought up the Opportunity Zone for The Town of Kentland and also Kentland Economic Development Committee. Pat Ryan suggested that instead of having KEDC that a board be put together for the Opportunity Zone. You could have a board of 3 to 6 people depending on who would like to be on it. This board would still report back to The Town.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire House Donations are at \$29,390.00. John and Kathy Cassidy presented a \$1.00 to \$1.00 match up to \$10,000.00 for donations towards the new Fire House.

Mike Rowe let everyone know that the Cops Cycle will be coming into Town around 4:00 P.M. on Saturday. They will be staying at the Community Center Saturday evening.

Upon motion by James Sammons and seconded by Michael Rowe the minutes from June 12th, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Debby let the public know that Tuesday the 16th, of July will be Kentland Night at The Newton County Fair. Anyone who would like to promote their business is welcome to have a table at no cost to them.

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

James Sammons, President

David Michael Rowe, Member

Debby Shufflebarger, Member

Attest: _____
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer