

**REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 6:00 P.M.  
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

**Attending: James Sammons, President, David Michael Rowe and Debby Shufflebarger, Members and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer**

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

**Ted Hutchins discussed the ditch running along his property at 112 West Allen Street. Mr. Hutchins stated that the Town dug a ditch on his property and when it rains it floods his property and it needs mowed and the weeds need to be cut. Timothy Firkins, Town Manager, had reached out to Pat Ryan, Town Attorney to look into this. Mr. Hutchins also said that the street sign had been taken down and he would like it put back up.**

**Dave Jordan from Jordan Manufacturing attended to ask for his tax abatement again this year. Mr. Jordan had informed the Board that the business is doing well and now employee's around 116. He also let the Board know that Kentland is a "Business Friendly Town". The Board will look over the abatement before approving.**

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

**Matt Wittenborn was unable to attend but Judy King reported for him on the following:**

- 3 Permits issued**
- 4 Inspections**

**PARK BOARD**

**Kentland Lions Club donated to the Park Board \$1,600.00. The Kentland Lions Club is disbanding but would like to thank The Town for letting them use the Kentland Depot to hold their meetings.**

**TOWN MANAGER**

**Timothy Firkins was unable to attend but left a list on the following:**

**New bids were given for the garbage truck:**

<b>Fredrickson Supply</b>	<b>\$213,060.00</b>
<b>Best Equipment</b>	<b>\$140,245.00</b>
<b>JX Peterbilt</b>	<b>\$199,895.00</b>

**A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe to accept the bid from Best Equipment and purchase the truck.**

**Bids were received for cutting down 5 trees at Batton Park, 2 at the Community Center and 26 at Cast Park.**

Wiseman Tree Service	\$8,900.00
Anthony Valandingham	\$8,500.00
LaReau Tree Care	\$11,000.00

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to accept the bid from Anthony Valandingham.

The chimney at the Pavilion at Batton Park has been removed. The Town assisted in the removal.

A few complaints in regards to properties around Town have been brought to TJ's attention. The Franklin property is starting to look bad again and TJ spoke with the resident and TJ was told they would get it cleaned up.

The Town will start flushing hydrants once a month. The second week of July will be next and TJ will inform the paper and also put on Facebook.

The Town has started grading the alleys.

TJ has been in contact with John Cassidy in regards to the sewer that has been installed on his lots at East Meare Subdivision. The lines will be filled with water before it is turned over to The Town.

TJ spoke with Vince Sommers from Commonwealth Engineers, in regards to the water study for The Town. There was talk prior to TJ taking over as Manager and also about a filtration plant. There is a property on the south side that would be perfect for a filtration plant. Jim Butler from The Town of Goodland said they had installed a stripper in the lines to remove sulfur. Jim said the cost to The Town of Goodland was around \$500,000.00. He will send the contact information to the Board and Clerk for them to receive information on this.

#### **FIRE CHIEF**

Matt Wittenborn was unable to attend but Julian Elson reported on the following:

4 Fire Calls

27 Medical Calls

#### **TOWN MARSHAL**

Julian Elson reported on the following:

Tall grass properties with no homes on them, could we send a registered letter to inform them of the nuisance?

Julian would like the locks switched out at the Cast Park restrooms. He would like to have a key also.

#### **AVIATION**

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

**Chuck will be purchasing fuel in the next couple of weeks.**

**Termite damage was discovered at the Airport. Reliable Exterminators have been there and treated the building. Chuck will have them check the other buildings.**

**There is an opening on the Airport Board. Jacob Shufflebarger would like to sit on that board and will resign from Board of Zoning and Appeals. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to put Jacob Shufflebarger on the Airport Board.**

#### **TOWN ATTORNEY**

**Pat Ryan was not able to attend the meeting**

#### **CLERK**

**Judy King reported on the following:**

**Kentland Retail Merchants would like the okay to plant a tree on The Town Hall property. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Julian Elson would like to be approved to sit on the Planning Commission Board. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded Mike Rowe.**

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

**Terry Dieter asked when the trees at Cast Park will be coming down. The Board responded that it was discussed earlier in the meeting and that they had accepted a bid for removal of the trees. Mr. Dieter stated that if the Town has all that money to have someone else come in and take them down, then they can find someone else to water the trees at the park from now on. And Mr. Dieter also stated that maybe the Town should sell some of their equipment since it sat for 4 months at the park and is not going to be used for any of these projects. The Board tried to explain that they were just trying to clean up some of these projects that are not being taken care of and The Town does not have the manpower to feasibly take the trees down right now. TJ is still training Chris Latta at the Sewer Plant so we are short on manpower for projects to get done around Town.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons the minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were approved.**

**Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe the minutes from Public Meeting held May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were approved.**

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

Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe the Financial Report was approved.

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

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James Sammons, President

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David Michael Rowe, Member

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Debby Shufflebarger, Member

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