

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13TH 2019 6:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

Farm bids were opened for the 3 parcels that the Town of Kentland owns. There was a bid from Mike and Joe Garing for the 20.0 acres at \$180.00 per acre, Bob and Steve Schlotman for the 16.57 acres at \$170.00 per acre and Jim Smith for the 16.0 acres at \$170.00 per acre. All bids were accepted by Michael Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

Lowell Mitchell was present to ask if he could continue fertilizing the yard at the Town Hall for the cost of the fertilizer and no labor. About \$116.00 would be the cost for the fertilizer for 3 applications. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe for Lowell to continue fertilizing the Town Hall yard.

Jim Schoen from Hoosier Associates went over the costs of The Towns insurance. Jim has been working with Dustin Standish, Town Manager and Julian Elson, Police Chief to update the assets that the Town has. It appears right now the cost for the Town will decrease by about \$1,800.00 per year, due to the updates that were given to Jim.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

- 2 Permits issued**
- Several Calls**

PARK BOARD

Dustin Standish reported on the following:

Dustin is trying to get quotes on the concrete walk bridge at the community center from JCI and Milestone. He has not heard back from them. Dustin is also looking into the re decking on two of the wood walk bridges.

Dustin received quotes for concrete around the baseball field at the Community Center. Quotes were received from Infinity Grain System for \$24,360.00, Pugh Construction for \$38,500.00 and Wright Concrete Inc. for \$32,800.00. A motion was made by Michael Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger if they move forward, to go with Infinity Grain System.

Dustin received a quote for the chimney at Batton Park at the pavilion. He reached out to several but only heard back from Brett Davis. To repair the chimney, it would be \$1,300.00 for tear down and \$6,000.00 to rebuild. The Board would like to table this discussion until the April 10th, 2019 meeting.

Pool Hiring. Nicole Warren would like to come back as Pool Manager but would like to do so if she could be a Co-Manager with Emily Peregrine. Elizabeth Garing was a supervisor last year and will find out if she is willing to come back again this year to do the same. Advertising should be going out soon for pool employees. The Board asked Dustin to receive 3 bids for a new garbage truck. The truck we have is 6 years old and we have replaced the transmission and are putting to many repairs into for its age.

TOWN MANAGER

Dustin Standish reported on the following:

The Board asked Dustin to receive 3 bids for a new garbage truck. The truck we have is 6 years old and we have replaced the transmission and it is nickel and diming us.

Dennie's Repair will fix the Welcome to Kentland sign that is east of Town. It has come down during a wind storm and it should be repaired within the next two weeks.

Two pieces of property that the Town owns on Dunlap Street and Second Street have had several inquiries to be sold. Pat Ryan will work with Judy King to advertise and auction the properties off.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

2 Fire Calls

15 Medical Calls

3 Fireman attended ice rescue training

3 Fireman are attending EMR classes

Location for the new fire house has been determined. The location will be north of the Baptist Church on East Bailie Street. The Town owns this property and the new fire house will use 2 acres of the land out in the Industrial Park. With that location being picked, the fire department may make the May grant application.

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

Fuel sales are down

Prices are going up

Jet fuel pump and lights on the runway are in need of repair. Should be fixed within a few days.

ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported on the following:

The property at 108 West Dunlap will be given to the Town at no cost to the owner, but the Town will need to pay all outstanding liens that are on the property.

Pat is working on an ordinance for funds received from Premier Billing. This company is charging for services when fireman are called out or damage to equipment, due to calls they attended.

TOWN MARSHAL

Julian Elson reported on the following:

95 Calls

Ricky Hughes is attending EMR Classes

A cell phone was ordered for Ricky Hughes through the Town

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy presented Amended Salary Ordinance #2019-03-13 for approval. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve Ordinance #2019-03-13.

Judy presented write offs for broken pipes and frozen/broken pipes. The adjustments are a total of \$6,133.28. Judy also asked that not only sewage be adjusted but water also. Judy mentioned an up to date ordinance needs to be done for water and sewage to be adjusted for situations like this. Pat Ryan, Town Attorney, mentioned that he was working on a new ordinance to state both. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Michael Rowe to except the write offs.

Judy presented the Ice River Tax Abatement. The Board in 2018 had issues with the Tax Abatement and wrote a letter stating that they would be denying this until they updated and came to a board meeting. Nothing has changed. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Michael Rowe to deny the Tax Abatement for Ice River Springs and a CF-1 was signed and taken to the Court House for denial. Pat Ryan stated that he would try and get a hold of Ice River Springs to let them know.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

Debby Shufflebarger asked Dustin Standish where they are on taking down the trees in Cast Park. Dustin said it's a waiting game. The ground needs to be hard before they take heavy equipment in to the park.

Debby Shufflebarger said she was approached by the Retail Merchants about the Nu-Joy Sign that was located at U.S. 41 and Dunlap. They had approached the Town Board for helping erect a new sign at the same location back in 2016 and the Board said they would invest \$15,000.00 for the new sign. Debby will get a hold of someone to see where we are on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by James Sammons and seconded by Michael Rowe the minutes from February 13th, 2019 were approved.

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

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

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