

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 6:00 P.M.  
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

2 Permits issued

Several calls

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Demo on Southside of town in regards to the flood

Inspection on another house on the Southside with flood damage and termites

**PARK BOARD**

No one was present

**TOWN MANAGER**

TJ Firkins reported on the following:

Passed the IDEM inspection earlier in the month.

Commonwealth Engineers should have the Water Study ready by the end of the month.

The Town of Kentland hosted classes on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for water certification at the Community Center.

One dumpster was left for late clean up, but will be gone on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August.

Storm drain is repaired at the property of 105 West Carroll Street.  
Cement was poured in the drain.

Locator training was held on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August.

Taking application for part time sanitation laborer.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian was not present

#### FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

5 Fire calls

Looking into costs for new radios that would be able to communicate with all the County not just man to man.

Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August The Kentland Fire Department will be hosting training for around 50 men on grain bin survivor. It will be held at the Community Center.

Trailer for the Fire Department has been ordered and was purchased by a grant and Rotary.

Bid openings for construction on the new fire house will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

Scheduling the Hearts on Fire dance for February but may be cancelled depending on COVID-19.

#### AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

Spraying for the Aerial Applicators is almost complete.

Good activity at the airport for the month.

Storm Water Project will be taking bids in the next week.

Have someone out of county that is interest in sitting on the airport board. Are there restrictions on whether they need to be a resident of the county? Jim Butler will find out what the restrictions are.

#### ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan was not present

## CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

An Amended Salary Ordinance #2020-07-15 was presented for the Hazard Pay that the Board approved. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve Amended Salary Ordinance #2020-07-15.

Presented for approval was a Resolution for The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for the new fire house. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the Resolution.

A quote for new software from Utility Supply on the water and sewer program was presented. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to approve the purchase of new software through Utility Supply.

Mike Rowe made a motion to approve a \$.50 per hour raise for all full time employees for the 2021 budget. Debby Shufflebarger seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger to increase the Building Commissioner's salary for the 2021 budget by \$100.00 per month. James Sammons seconded the motion.

## PRIVELEDGE OF THE FLOOR

Mike Davis informed the Board that the Opportunity Zone is ahead of schedule. They partnered with 4 other towns and the other towns have done nothing so they opted out of partnering with them.

New web site is up and running.

Task Force has met 4 time since July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Several have shown interest in the Child Care Provider for the Wellness Center.

Mike has met with 3 healthcare providers for the Wellness Center.

Putting together an agenda for spouse and family during visits for perspective businesses coming into town.

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

The Board is pursuing the downtown grant. It will be an 80/20 match. They have picked the design of DLZ Engineering. Should be sometime in November for the grant.

Upon motion by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe the minutes from July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were approved.

Upon motion by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger the minutes from Special Meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were approved.

Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe the minutes from Executive Meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 were approved.

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

Upon motion by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons the financial statement was approved.

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

Debby Shufflebarger, Member

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Attest:

**James Sammons, Member  
Treasurer**

**Judy M. King, Clerk/**