

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2020 6:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Charles Ebert from Vector Packaging was present for the renewal of Vector's Tax Abatement. They are on year 5 for a 10 year abatement. They have hired 3 of 12 employees that stated on hiring in year 1. James Sammons made a motion to take the abatement under advisement and it was seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

Mike Davis, Economic Development, said that they were out recruiting investors to move into the town.

Casey Ward is working on the components to move the playground equipment across the street for the area to be used by the Senior Citizen Center.

Mike asked that the board think about transfer of property for the development of Batton Park.

TOWN MANAGER

TJ Firkins was not present but Mike Rowe gave the following:

Cast Park is cleaned up

Commonwealth Engineers are working on the study for the water project on the south end of town.

All alleys have been graded.

Pool has been closed down and winterized.

Trees have been trimmed on the south side.

GPS system for the water, sewer and storm lines is being utilized. They are entering data in the computer.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson was not present but left his report for the following:

151 Calls

36 Traffic

2 Accidents

2 Trainings

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

1,000 gallons less fuel has been sold from last year to this year.

Jim Butler reported that Terry Hafstrom would like to be put on the Airport Board. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to put Terry on the Airport Board.

Jim also reported that Ken Ross, with NGC, is working to get the airport reimbursed \$20,000.00 for the CARE Grant. Ken is working with Judy King, Clerk, to get the funds back to the airport.

Jim reported that the Storm Water Project at the Airport will have documents ready for signature and Pat Ryan, Attorney, would need to look over and verify that everything was good before signing.

ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported on the following:

Pat would like to execute an addendum with the contract for DLZ who is working on the revitalization grant for the downtown area. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the contract for DLZ, as long as the addendum is with the contract and signed.

Pat will be working on the 314 East Iroquois property. A court order was issued on the property and owner to keep the grounds cleaned up. The owner is not complying with the order so Pat will be working on corrective matters.

Pat asked that Matt Wittenborn get in touch with the owner of 211 East Graham Street and give him two weeks to have the mess picked up in the lot.

Pat asked that an Executive Session be set for September 16th, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. at the Town Hall for discussion on the transfer of property at Batton Park.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

4 Permits issued

Several calls on fencing. Matt feels that we are losing out on income in regards to fencing and would like to get an ordinance for this with a fee income attached.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

26 Medical Calls

5 Fire Calls

Bin Training was held at the Community Center.

Matt would like to purchase 5 thermal imaging cameras for the fire department and though it should run about \$7,000.00. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to purchase the cameras.

No announcement will be made on the hiring of the company for the fire house project. Still waiting on Shawn Cain, KIRPC, to get back with us before any announcement is made.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy presented a bid from Rod Green on tear downs for 108 West Dunlap Street and 306 East Owen Street. Each tear down is estimated at \$6,500.00 contingent on dumping fees at the landfill. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to tear down the property at 103 West Dunlap. The Owen Street property is not owned by the town and action cannot be taken at this time.

Judy asked if anyone had questions in regards to the budget. No one had questions.

PRIVELEDGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

Debby Shufflebarger said that Reid Beever will be bringing stone in for the empty lot on Graham Street by the 1st of October.

Debby has also been in contact with the Kentland Bank to see if the bond rate on the pool can be lowered.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held August 12th, 2020.

Upon motion by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe the minutes from the Special Meeting held August 20th, 2020 were approved.

Upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons 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 Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons, the meeting was adjourned.

David Michael Rowe, President

Debby Shufflebarger, Member

Attest:

**James Sammons, Member
Treasurer**

Judy M. King, Clerk/