

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14TH, 2020 6:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Lauren Varga from Commonwealth Engineers was present and wanted to touch on the Water Study for the south end of town. Her company is working on it and just about ready to finalize. Should be ready early December.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

No permits issued for the month

Several Inspections have been done

Bart Woodward property owner of 211 East Graham was present and apologized for the bricks not being cleaned up in a timely manner. Due to COVID he cannot find anyone to help with the cleanup. He also inquired about his utility bill. Pat Ryan will look into this matter in regards to whether a meter was taken out of his building prior to the building collapsing.

PARK BOARD

No one was present

TOWN MANAGER

TJ Firkins reported on the following:

Neptune has been hooked up and Andrea is using the program. We are still waiting for the north tower but otherwise everything is good with the program.

Rod Green has removed the house on 108 West Dunlap Street and graded and filled.

Meters are in at the parks and a meter will be going in at the Town Hall soon.

A window was broken at the Community Center and waiting for Denny Ritchie to replace. The window will cost around \$450.00 and then labor will need to be added.

They are trimming trees around town.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson reported on the following:

66 calls for the month

75 traffic stops

1 arrest

Julian inquired about an electronic gate to be added at the Public Works Building for safety purposes. Were they stop to open the gate fills with water and ice and someone is going to slip and fall? Julian would agree to give up money in his budget to have this changed out and also Matt Wittenborn, Fire Chief, indicated his budget would help also. Mara Davis spoke up and said that she would be willing to pay for the installation of an electronic gate. Everyone thanked Mara and Sugar Daddy Mike Davis for their generosity.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

9 Fire calls for the month

30 medical calls

New trailer was picked up this week that was purchased by the Rotary. Shelving and logo still need to be added.

Looking into new radios next year through a grant from the Fire Association.

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

Customers are referring others to stop in Kentland for fuel purchases.

Jim Butler said the strobe lights on the runway have not been working but they have had some found and donated. They will be installed soon.

ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan had nothing to report

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy presented the 2021 budget for adoption. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to adopt the 2021 budget #10142020.

PRIVELEDGE OF THE FLOOR

Greg Myers from The Newton County Enterprise spoke to the Board about violating the Open Door Law policy. Several meetings have been held and the Town Board has not been notifying anyone of these meetings. This is a warning from Greg Myers and the next time the Kentland Board will be turned in to the State.

Mike Davis reported that he will be meeting on the 21st of October at 7:00 P.M. with Vast on the Task Force.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to hire EquiTeam for the construction of the new Fire House. The project will cost around \$1,497,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to accept the minutes from September 9th, 2020.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to accept the minutes from Executive Meeting held September 16th, 2020.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to accept the minutes from Special Meeting held September 29th, 2020.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to approve the claims.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the financial report.

OLD BUSINESS

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

James Sammons, Member
Treasurer

Attest:

Judy M. King, Clerk/