

**REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 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 was opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance**

**There were no bids for the dozer blade.**

**Bids for the following farm ground were opened:**

<b>22 acres at Airport</b>	<b>Joe Garing</b>	<b>\$200.00 per acre</b>
	<b>Max Murphy</b>	<b>\$285.00 per acre</b>

**A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to accept the bid from Max Murphy for \$285.00 per acre.**

**Garings did ask if they could continue to use the lane on that acreage to obtain water when needed. They were granted permission to use the lane.**

<b>16.57 acres at Airport</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Steve Schlotman</b>	<b>\$180.00 per acre</b>
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**A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to accept the bid from Schlotman's for \$180.00 per acre.**

<b>14.0 acres at Industrial Park</b>	<b>James Smith</b>	<b>\$180.00 per acre</b>
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**A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to accept the bid from Jim Smith for \$180.00 per acre.**

**Bids for the following cleaning positions were opened:**

<b>Cast Park Depot</b>	<b>Jackie Winger</b>	<b>\$560.00 per month</b>
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A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to continue with Jackie Winger for the cleaning of the Depot.

Town Hall, Fire Dept.,      Bobbi Flahive                      \$450.00 per month  
Sewage, Public Works,  
Aviation

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to continue with Bobbi Flahive for the cleaning of Town Facilities.

Ryan Community Center Pam Dieter                      \$590.00 per month  
Bill Hollingsworth      \$500.00 per month

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to continue with Pam Dieter for the cleaning of the Community Center.

Lauren Varga from Commonwealth Engineer's was present and asking for a Special Meeting before the Regular Board Meeting of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to discuss what project would work best for the Town in regards to water issues on the south side. The Board set January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Doc's Lawn and Garden service presented a bid for Town Hall and Ball Fields for the 2021 year. Mike Rowe would like to reach out to the Baseball Association first.

#### **BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

2 Permits issued

Property owner at 211 East Graham Street promised that the property would be cleaned up no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If nothing is done Matt will contact the owner and will start proceedings on him.

#### **PARK BOARD**

No one was present

#### **TOWN MANAGER**

TJ Firkins reported on the following:

Whitaker Engineering has been here and looking at the ditch along 4<sup>th</sup> Street and will provide photos, a draft, field work and a budget.

Reid Beever is working on fixing the walk bridge that was damaged during the flood.

Denny Ritchie is working on fixing the broken window at the Community Center.

2 water main breaks have been fixed.

Putting up Christmas decorations.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson reported on the following:

80 calls for the month

Training on line

Working on a vehicle theft

#### AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

Activity has been down about 10% for the year

Should be receiving \$8,500.00 from the state which will be paid out to NGC when it arrives.

#### ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported on the following:

Pat is working on a fence ordinance in order for the Town to obtain a fee for this.

Pat would like a fund set up for the Redevelopment Commission, in which Judy King responded it has already been done. The new fund will be 418 and used for professional and engineering costs for the \$75,000.00 that was transferred from Newton County Development.

A contract for Whitaker Engineering should be forth coming and needs Mike Rowe's signature and sent back. Engineering cost will be \$34,380.00 for the Vast Project at the Park.

KIRP-C Contract had an error and would like a new contract stating the additional \$2,000.00 for increase.

#### **FIRE CHIEF**

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

All meetings are being held virtual for right now

Medical calls have increased

Matt would like permission to order masks which will be around \$1,175.00

Ground has been broken for the new fire house

#### **CLERK**

Judy King reported on the following:

Would like to set up a Year End Meeting. The meeting will be held December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

#### **PRIVELEDGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Downtown grant has been submitted

The sewage problem at East Meare Subdivision was brought up again about the grinders needed for the homeowners. The maintenance of the grinders will be the homeowner's responsibility.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the financial statement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Rowe presented an invoice from Clark Baird Smith LLP for advice on payroll issues.

Refrigerator for the Baseball Association has quit working and will be ordering a new one for around \$1,798.00.

TJ Firkins presented the Board with a contractual service from Chandler Brinkman to weed the parks and highways. Council Member, Debby Shufflebarger would like to see if Chandler could weed the highways and cut this cost and then the Town Guys take it from there. Debby would like to see the highways and parks back to the way they were 3 years ago and our Town employees take care of it.

Mike Rowe said let's go ahead and approve Doc's Lawn and Garden but omit the Pee Wee Field at this time. So a motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to approved Doc's Lawn and Garden to continue spraying the baseball fields and the Town Hall.

Being not further business, upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons, 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/**