

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10TH, 2021 6:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Bids were opened for the Community Crossing Grant for 2020 but paving will happen in 2021.

Central Paving	\$175,228.90
Town & Country	\$155,798.00
Milestone	\$241,480.00
Fox Paving	\$159,637.90

The Town Board will take the bids under advisement and Ken Smith, with Municipal Civil Corp, will look over the bids and make sure all paperwork is turned in. Ken Smith also let the Board know that the second round for the Community Crossing Grant will send out notifications on March 12th, 2021.

Jim Schoen from Hoosier Associates went over the coverages that the Town of Kentland has with the insurance.

TOWN MANAGER

TJ Firkins reported on the following:

IDEM'S report on the Sewage Plant stated that the clarifier's needed to be usable. There are two not in use and TJ received a quote from Hopkins Electric and the cost for controls and control panels totaled \$27,789.80 and that is without installation costs. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to move forward on the repairs.

AccuDig was at the East Meare Subdivision repairing the sewer lines for John Cassidy and TJ had Terry Hafstrom supervise the work. It is installed correctly now and just needs cleaned up.

TJ is meeting with Newton County Highway on the Lincoln Street bridge repairs.

TJ had a meeting with Commonwealth Engineers on the filtration plant and Commonwealth asked that TJ go over and check out at the one installed at Wolcott.

Brush pickup will start again on the 19th of March.

TJ inquired if a cleanup day was in place for 2020. The Board set a date of May 1st, 2021 with dumpsters to be located at the Public Works Building. Hours will be set from 7:00 to 4:00.

New signs were ordered to go around the pond.

TJ will get with Matt Wittenborn in regards to burning the ditches.

New sanitation driver is Callie Youngblood and new laborer for the sanitation is Bobby Hull. They are both doing very well.

New decals have been ordered for the equipment.

TJ would like approval to purchase new tires for all 3 mowers and have them installed. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to purchase new tires.

PARK BOARD

No one was present

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn sent a report on the following:

2 Permits issued

2 Inspections completed

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson reported on the following:

58 Calls

Received the weapons that were purchased in July of 2020

Julian spoke with Steve's Overhead Doors in regards to the automatic gate that Mara and Mike Davis were kind as to say they would pay for. The gate and fencing are in but concrete needs to be poured and electrical needs installed. TJ let Julian know that the Town employees would take care of it.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn sent a report on the following:

- 4 Fire calls**
- 14 Medical calls**
- 1 Business meeting**
- 1 Training**

Matt spoke with the Rotary on the new rescue trailer. The trailer is almost done and will be in service soon. Move Over Outfitters is customizing the trailer at a cost of \$2,500.00. The Rotary would like to help pay some of the cost on the customizing but until known for sure how much, Matt would like approval to pay the invoice. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to pay the invoice.

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

A valve on the fuel tank needed replaced and is now repaired.

Dr. Simons signed off on the easement documentation at the Airport, so the Storm Water Project should begin soon.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

The Batton Park fund is now at \$158,700 raised on the \$200,000.00 goal.

They are on the second round of Patronicity Match of \$50,000.00

Mike met with individuals that were interested in the Child Care and Wellness Center for the Thrive Project.

The name of Batton Park will not change.

ATTORNEY

Becky Goddard reported on the following:

Becky and Pat are looking into properties on Tax Sale or Commissioners Sale for the town.

Becky presented a resolution on the property located at 209 South Fourth Street in regards to acquiring said property for a park. A motion was made by James Sammons to approve the Resolution #03-10-21 and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger. The purchase price will be \$4,200.00.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy joined the Retail Merchants at a meeting in regards to the Easter Egg Hunt. It will take place on the 3rd of April 2021 at 10:30 on the Court House Lawn, with approval from Commissioners. Judy would like approval from the Town Board to purchase the candy treats that are thrown out for the children. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to purchase candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Judy received a phone call in regards to purchasing the two lots on Dunlap and Second Street. Judy will send the advertisement to the newspaper on the properties and the Board set the asking price at \$3,000.00 per lot.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

TJ brought up the dirt that is being removed from the site of the new fire house and if the Town would be selling it. Mike asked TJ to look into a cost and too sell to the local contractors in order to reduce the inventory.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the minutes from "Special Meeting" held February 10th, 2021.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from February 10th, 2021.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve Special Meeting Minutes from February 24th, 2021.

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

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

Pool applications will be put on the Towns Website and run from March 15th, 2021 to April 2nd, 2021. Mike is trying to find someone local to be willing to get lifeguard certified and to certify the other guards for the summer. Pool rates will be \$3.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents. Pool passes are \$100.00 for individual resident and non-resident is \$125.00. Family passes are \$325.00 for resident and non-resident is \$375.00. Pool rental is \$150.00.

Debby made a motion for the individuals who would like to fill their pools, may do so, with the Town filling and metering it from a hydrant. Mike Rowe seconded.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe, to adjourn.

David Michael Rowe, President

Debby Shufflebarger, Member

Attest:

**James Sammons, Member
Treasurer**

Judy M. King, Clerk/