

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 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 lots at 111 East Dunlap and 206 North Second Street that the Town owns and is selling. A bid from Sue Brewster for \$6,400.00 for both lots was opened along with a bid from Amy Barnett for both lots at \$7,500.00. Sue Brewster increased her bid for both lots to \$7,800.00 and Amy increased her bid for both lots to \$8,500.00. Sue did not come back with another increase, so the properties will be sold to Amy Barnett for \$8,500.00. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger to accept the offer of \$8,500.00 and seconded by James Sammons. Judy King, Clerk, will get the paperwork started for the sale of the properties and will then reach out to Amy with details.

Gabrielle Biciunas and Theresa Criss-Hartwig from Commonwealth Engineers introduced themselves and updated the board that they will be the contacts working with the Town. A new filtration plant was built in Wolcott, Indiana and they asked if TJ if he would be interested in a tour on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. TJ will be touring the plant and bringing Rick Purdy along also.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

- 10 Permits
- Several Calls
- 1 Inspection

**PARK BOARD**

No one was present

## TOWN MANAGER

TJ Firkins reported on the following:

Town wide cleanup is set for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 from 7:00 to 4:00 and he will have 4 dumpsters at the Public Works Building.

Applications for the pool has ended. He had 11 applications from previous help and 7 new applications.

Chemicals has been ordered for the pool.

Johnson Sewer will be in Town on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April to jet a few storm drains. Possibly he will need to put the camera through to see what is going on if they can't open the drains.

GPS has a new update that will pin point all lines. Water, sewer and storm.

Ditches were burnt.

TJ has requested a quote from Ferguson Water Works on a new pump for the lift station.

## POLICE CHIEF

Julian Elson reported on the following:

113 Calls

2 Accidents

There have been several incidents on Graham Street in the 200 block with regards to kids. Julian spoke to the parents and gave 5 days to pick up bikes, toys and other items. If not picked up within that time frame the police will be taking them to dispose of.

## FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

Construction meeting on the new fire house went well and the concrete should be poured soon. Matt stated he believes the contractors will meet the deadline date for completion.

4 Fire Calls

1 Meeting

24 Medical Calls

New man on the fire department is Ricky Montameyer.

#### AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

Storm Water Project should be starting soon at the airport.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Redevelopment Commission met and went over the drainage for the Thrive Project.

The deadline is Saturday for the Southside Park donations. They are short by \$5,600.00 as of right now for the \$50,000.00 grant match.

#### ATTORNEY

Becky Goodard reported on the following:

Mike Rowe signed a conflict waiver in regards to Ryan Law Office representing the County and also the Town. A copy will be obtained after the President for Newton County signs. A motion was made to approve the waiver by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

Becky presented a draft for the contract between Vertical Horizons and the Town of Kentland. A motion to approve the contract was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons.

Everything is moving forward on the sale of the Groves property for the Southside Park.

#### CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Meeting time for this meeting is set for 6:00 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held in the month is set for 5:00. Would it be possible to set them for the same time?

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the meeting times at 5:00 P.M. for each meeting.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Robert Jefferson asked for a water report. Judy King let him know to stop at the Town Hall and one will be provided for him.

Matt Wittenborn would like to disband the Animal Control. He just does not have enough time for this. Matt does not receive any help from anyone on this and he just does not have enough time to devote to this. Mike asked that he check with the County to see if they would help with the calls and they will table this until the next meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Holly Porter met with Debby Shufflebarger on the Nutrition Site which will be at the Kentland Depot. They expected to start this on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 but it has been pushed back to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. So until they take over the Depot, rentals are still possible during the day through June 2021.

Debby also spoke to Holly in regards to a swim bus through Community Services. They are working out the details, but they think it will be on Tuesday and Thursday's for the Brook and Goodland kids at a cost of \$1.00 per child.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the minutes from March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the claims.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the financials.

Anjie Bevis asked if it would be a problem for South Newton School could use the Pavilion at Batton Park to distribute breakfast and lunches during June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>. And if raining could they use the Rotary Room? The Board had no problem with this and if it would rain, they will inform Anjie to stop at the Town Hall to pick up a key for the Rotary Room.

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

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David Michael Rowe, President

Debby Shufflebarger, Member

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James Sammons, Member  
Treasurer

Attest:

Judy M. King, Clerk/