

**REGULAR MEETING (2)**  
**MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 5:00 P.M.**  
**KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

**Attending: David Michael Rowe, President, Debby Shufflebarger, Council Member, Pat Ryan, Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer**

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Pat Ryan presented a draft for the new handbook. He would like everyone to read through it and make changes as needed.

Debby Shufflebarger had received a call from Holly Porter about the use of the Depot and Debby wanted to know if Pat had the contract ready for her. Debby thought that Holly might start using the Depot in May.

Debby also asked Pat about 3 properties within the Town that that will be coming up on Commissioners sale. Pat told Debby to get with the Auditor and make sure she knows what properties they are and Pat also said that if the properties are given to the Town all liens will be waived from the properties. Judy King, Clerk, asked if the Town had liens on all of the properties, and Debby said yes.

Pat, also discussed the property at 4<sup>th</sup> and Allen. A Resolution was passed on the property at the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting and Pat will get with Judy King, Clerk for a check to give to the owner for the sale of the property.

Pat apologized, but he had to leave the meeting.

Diane Gonczy had 5 bags that she would like us to hand out for the new customers within the Town. There is information in the bags for services that are offered within the County. Judy King will let Diane know when more bags are needed.

Jesse Fausset came as a concerned citizen on the Franklin property on Iroquois Drive and Fourth Street. The front porch is full and spilling over into the yard and vehicles are sitting all over the yard. Wayne Franklin just keeps bringing in more and more junk. It really looks bad from the road. Jesse said he does not understand why nothing is being done to correct this. Also, I thought you had a court order in place for Wayne to have to keep it clean. Mike Rowe confirmed

that the Town does have a court order in place, but Mr. Franklin has obtained legal counsel of his own. Debby Shufflebarger said they would let Pat Ryan know of the concerns.

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, has gone through the bid packets for the paving, and let everyone know that the paperwork was all good from all the bidders. The lowest bidder was Town and Country, who has been purchased by Reith-Riley, for \$155,798.00. There were some concerns on the quality of work from years past when they did paving for the Town.

Ken spoke with them last week and set up a meeting for the 29<sup>th</sup> of March so TJ and Ken can set some expectations for the Town. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve Town and Country for our 2020 paving project that will take place in 2021.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Mike reported the dead line has passed on the Batton Park Project and the goal was met with over \$223,000.00 in donations. Mike said they are working towards meeting the goal for the Southside Park of \$100,000.00. The donations for this park will be going through the Newton County Historical Society. Mike said they need to get park equipment ordered soon.

## CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson had nothing to report

## CLERK

Judy King inquired about a contract between Vertical Horizon and the Town. She had a contract signed by the Town from November 2019 but no signature from Vertical Horizon. Judy will check with Pat's office to see if they have the signed contract.

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

## OLD BUSINESS

Debby Shufflebarger inquired about the bids for the two lots that were advertised in the paper. Debby needed to know when bids were due and if the bidder could up their bid. Judy let the Board know that the bids will be opened at

the April 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting but they must be turned into the Town Hall by 4:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup>. And yes, if someone puts a bid in they can increase it during the meeting when the bids are open. Mike asked how much we were asking on the property. Judy said it was advertised for \$3,000.00 per lot.

Debby will be meeting with Casey Hall on possibly a swim bus for the Brook and Goodland kids to ride to the Kentland Swimming Pool this summer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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