

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12TH, 2021 5:00 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 opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

No permits issued but taking several calls

Matt is working with the owners of Steiney's BBQ for their Certificate of Occupancy.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

3 Fire Calls

17 Medical Calls

1 Business Meeting

1 Training

Drywall is going up on 05/13/2021 at the new fire house.

NIPSCO sent a quote for bringing electric and gas to the new fire house. Initially the price was over \$57,000.00 but have the cost down to \$7,343.17. Debby and Matt approved a change order at last month's meeting for the fire house for NIPSCO at \$7,900.00. Not sure if this \$7,300.00 is in addition to that so they would like to table the discussion until the next fire meeting on the 25th of May.

TOWN MANAGER

TJ Firkins was not present but Mike Rowe gave his report:

Milling is complete for the roads.

Ken Smith sent the contract for the second round of paving that needs completed.

Chemical Feed Pump went out at the Sewage Plant and is in need of repair.

Pool will start to be filled on Monday the 17th of May.

II Stage Ditch permitting is going well.

Travis Dawson has been hired for part time employment for driving the trash truck.

Cora Latta, Logan Fausett and Ricky Montemayer were hired part time to mow.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson reported on the following:

108 Calls for the month of April

Julian has marked some downtown parking spaces that are not legal. When the Town gets done with the paving this would need to be taken care of with new striping. Julian would like the Board to think about decreasing the speed limit to 15MPH in the downtown area for safety purposes.

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

Fuel sales are down for the year

Fuel system is up and working

Purchasing fuel within the next week or so

Jim Butler would like the board to approve three pay requests that will be reimbursed 100% through the FAA. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe for \$2,000.00 to Woolpert. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger for \$6,500.00 to NGC. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons for \$9,000.00 for a COVID reimbursement. Jim also mentioned that the projects that will start around August may take out some of the crops that Schlotman's have in

the fields. If the crops are destroyed NGC will pay the Town back for the destruction. And once the projects begin at the Airport the acreage will decrease around 7 acres from what we normally advertise for.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis was not present but Mike Rowe reported the following:

Mike Davis would request funding of \$2,000.00 for a housing study that would be very detailed. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve \$2,000.00 be spent for the housing study.

Mike Davis met with several on the pathway project.

Donations are continuing to come in for the Park Projects.

ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan had nothing to report

CLERK

Judy King had nothing to report

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mark Horvatich a resident of Kentland walks all over the Town and has had some issues with dogs not being on a leash or fenced. He has had to spray these dogs with mace to keep from getting bit. Julian will meet with him at 4:00 on Friday the 14th to find out the addresses so he can talk to the owners of the dogs.

OLD BUSINESS

Basketball court resurfacing came in at \$10,090.97. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to move forward on the project.

A quote for fencing around the ballfield from FFC Fencing was \$22,600.00. A motion was made from Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to move forward on the fencing.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the minutes from April 14th, 2021

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from April 28th, 2021.

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

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

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

David Michael Rowe, President

Debby Shufflebarger, Member

James Sammons, Member
Treasurer

Attest:

Judy M. King, Clerk/