

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11TH, 2021 5:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

The meeting started by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Bid Opening for 108 W. Dunlap – Only one bid was received by Randall and Candi Bostian for \$2,500.00. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the bid of \$2,500.00. Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer will be in contact with the Bostian's for further payment and documents for transfer.

Paul Brown with the Farnsworth Group is asking for a parking variance for a new Dollar General which they are building at the intersection of U.S. 24 and U.S. 41. Judy King took Paul's information and we will have the Board of Zoning and Appeals contact them for a meeting.

Whitaker Engineering looked at some issues in regards to flooding on First and U.S. 24. A curb needs to be put back in and also the inlet that the Town has is not big enough. They also looked at the Owen Ditch and said further investigation will be needed.

Charlie Doan was present and submitted a petition that he started to stop the Southside Park at Fourth and Allen. Charlie feels that locations at Allen and Water or Goss and Water would be better locations for the park. Charlie would purchase the property sited for the park now and incorporate that parcel with his property that he owns next to the new park location. He also stated that "The Town needs to make it right" since the bushes were taken out on his property and were to have stayed. The Board will look into his inquiries and Mike Rowe told Charlie they would take it under advisement. The following names signed the petition:

Charlie Doan
Lu Johnston
Rita Sanchez
Rodney Dyer
Robert Whicker
Richard Ferris
Leroy Sutton
Verna Marcum
Darlene Schwalbert
Joseph Parsons
Ken Bower
Linda Galbraith

James Grigsby
Michael Price
Caroline Calvert
Marilyn Ralston
Suzanne Mardirosian
Lauren Mardirosian
Brad Hixon

Ray Chambers, Newton County Emergency Management Director, presented a resolution for Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA would like every town to adopt by resolution the County plan. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to adopt Resolution #2021-08-11 "Adoption Of The County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan".

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

2 Permits issued
1 New
1 Remodel

TOWN MANAGER

TJ Firkins reported on the following:

Pump has been ordered for the sewage plant that failed. He is looking into ordering another pump for a backup.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson reported on the following:

87 Calls for the month

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

3 Fire Calls
14 Medical Calls

Pagers are not picking up the tones since the Dispatch Center has been moved to Morocco.

Completion for the new Fire House is looking like September 6th, 2021.

Debby and Matt are working on a donor plaque.

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

Fuel Sales are up for the month due to spraying from the Aerial Applicators.
Operations are way ahead of last year.

Jim Butler reported on the following:

The Airport implemented increases in hangar rent and now they are looking into a late fee to be assessed.

Storm Water project in underway and they are predicting that they will be holding up to 1.4 million gallons of water to release later and slowly to help reduce the intake of water for the Town.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Mike has been in contact with Jason Yoder on the Thrive Project.

Darrell Fredrickson and Matt Wittenborn have been added to the Task Force.

ATTORNEY

No one was present

CLERK

Judy King had nothing to report

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

The bids for the second round of paving were returned and the Board awarded the contract to Central Paving at a cost of \$157,125.00. Town and Country's bid was \$156,025.00 but there have been issues of grinding roads and then not returning for weeks to finish. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to award Central Paving the Community Crossing Grant.

A resolution was presented for Authorizing the Assignment of Certain Tax Sale Certificates From The Newton County Board Of Commissioners. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to adopt Resolution #2021-08-11-2.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held July 14th, 2021.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the minutes from Special Meeting held August 3rd, 2021.

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

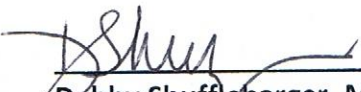
A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the financials.

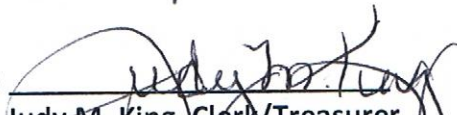
Mike Rowe said the total participants for the pool in 2021 was 7,380.

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


David Michael Rowe, President


James Sammons, Member


Debby Shufflebarger, Member

Attest: 
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer