

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2021 5:00 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 began by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Matt Whitaker from Whitaker Engineering gave everyone a copy of the Proposal for Permitting on the Kent Ditch. The cost will be \$42,945.00. A motion to approve after Counsel's review was by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

Edwin Buswell, KIRP-C Director, provided information in regard to a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 with a local match of \$5,000.00. This would go to help with the cost for the Planning Grant for the Town. It will need to be submitted by the 12th of November and letters from local businesses would be helpful for this and they need to be provided no later than the 10th of November. If the Town should receive the funds, they should know by the 7th of December. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to move forward on the grant application. A Public Hearing will be set for the 10th of November at 4:00 P.M.

Jeff Rowe from Bakertilly provided a Preliminary Rate Study. A rate study is needed to move forward on a water project that the Town is looking into and would cost \$7.8 million. Funding would not be provided until a rate study is complete. Gabrielle Biciunas from Commonwealth Engineers said that the preliminary is updated and ready for approval and the application is complete. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to move forward with a USDA Grant.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn was not available but sent the following:

- 1 Permit issued for the month
- 1 Inspection for electrical

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Ricky and Debby met with someone in regard to the tile and it will need to be removed and replaced. No cost was given at this time, but Ricky will get a quote. Matt Whitaker mentioned that they could give a quote on the project as well. Judy King mentioned that they need to speak with Pat Ryan on the tile situation before purchasing.

Pump at the Sewer Plant has been ordered and have a quote for installation at \$2,450.00 from Central Industrial Contractors. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to move forward with Central Industrial Contractors.

September 14th, 2021 the second round of paving will begin. Central Paving received the bid.

Pine trees have been removed at the T-Ball field.

Whitaker Engineering looked at the drainage issue on Seymour and First and a larger drain is needed. Also, looked at the drainage issue at Third Street (NAPA). There is no good outlet for the water to move into. Whitaker Engineering will be reaching out to INDOT to ask permission for the town to tie into the states drainage.

Still having issues at Cast Park and someone destroying the rest rooms. Jackie Winger has reported seven issues with vandalism to the rest rooms this summer. Ricky looked into locks on timers through Security Pros at a cost of \$3350 for installation and a fee of \$15.00 per month. The board felt that was too high of an expense right now.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson reported on the following:

120 Calls

1 Accident

4 Arrests

Becky Goddard and Julian are working on nuisances properties in the town.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn was not available but sent in the following information:

2 Fire Calls

32 Medical Calls

1 Business Meeting

1 Training

New Fire House progress is moving slowly.

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

July was a good month for fuel sales. Project at the Airport (Storm Water) is moving along.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Task Force will organize for the grant with KIRP-C.

Mike, John Cassidy and Kristina Sanders will meet with Jasper/Newton Foundation for nonprofit of funds.

Tim Meyer, Newton County Economic Development Director, informed everyone that maps will be available within the next few weeks of over 200 businesses in the County. You will be able to check out virtual tours with a lot of exposure for businesses.

ATTORNEY

Becky Goddard reported on the following:

The process has been started for the property at 109 West Goss Street. The property at 112 West Allen Street will not be sought out right now. The property was just recently sold and they will give the new owner 60 days to show some improvement.

108 West Dunlap has been sold and the paperwork has been completed for sale and the new owner just needs to pay the remainder due and sign paper work.

Becky is working on the lease for the Community Services at the Depot starting in October 2021.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy asked if anyone had any questions regarding the 2022 budget. No one had any questions.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Doug Lohr would like to thank the Town for putting in a stop sign at the Second and Dunlap intersection. It is now a 4 way stop. But also asked if they provide some type of markings on the road. He has watched several people go through the intersection and it is also a bus stop for the school.

Mark Horvatic who lives on Dunlap Street brought up the iron in the water. But now that I am here, it sounds like you are trying to improve the situation. He also brought up the burnt out house on Owen Street. The animals are running in and out and it's a danger to others. Debby Shufflebarger informed Mr. Horvatic, that the Town is getting the property from the County but it just takes time. Once the Town receives the property, it will be torn down.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 11th, 2021.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the minutes from the Executive Meeting held August 19th, 2021.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from the second Regular Meeting held August 25th, 2021

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


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

Debby Shufflebarger made a motion to approve the Vast Creative contract for 3 years at \$108,000.00 per year with the condition that they received the Planning Grant from KIRP-C and Town Square would pay off half of their loan in 2022 and the other half in 2023. If not Town Square would pay off their loan half in 2021 and the other half in 2022. James Sammons seconded the motion. Mike Rowe noted that he felt that was too much money to spend on the contract and feels it should be a lower fee. Mike stated "It has nothing to do

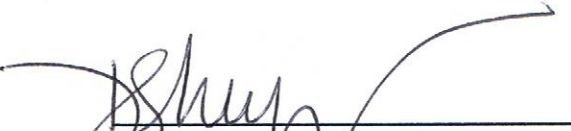
with the quality of work that Vast provides for us, but we have so many projects that can use those funds".

NEW BUSINESS

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

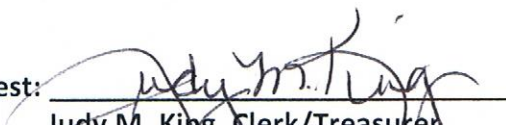


David Michael Rowe, President



Debby Shufflebarger, Member

James Sammons, Member

Attest: 

Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer