

REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12TH, 2022 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 opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Rowe made a motion and it was seconded by James Sammons to elect Debby Shufflebarger to President for the 2022 year.

Whitaker Engineering reported on the tile at the pool. After further investigation there is a crack in the pool that will need fixed along with the tile that needs to be replaced around the pool. Pricing continues to increase on products and when they get a cost back, they will let the Town know. An update on the 3rd Street parking lot is that there is a 30" depth from top to bottom on a storm drain. Whitaker would like authorization to move forward on a survey. Debby informed Whitaker that the authorization for a survey was approved in the December meeting.

Estimates were turned in for Doc's Lawn Care for the ball fields. The softball field was \$494.30, baseball field was \$483.10 and Town Hall \$135.60. This is with two applications on weed control. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the bid and seconded by James Sammons.

Alec Villarreal from Vast gave an update that they are working on a Master Plan and just finished with the News Letter.

Building Commissioner

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

This month has been slow

Bart Woodward has contacted him in regards to what he would like to do with his property on Graham Street. Mr. Woodward would like to be put on the agenda for February.

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

The boil order for the Batton Addition has been lifted

Hoping that Dwenger Excavating will be here and clean the ditches within the next two weeks.

Ryan Holloway has shown interest for Animal Control for the Town of Kentland. This job pays \$50.00 per call and no more than \$1,500.00 per year. Julian Elson gave a job description to the Board to review but they did not have time to look it over yet. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve Ryan in that position, contingent on reviewing the job description.

Historical Society approached Ricky and asked if they could have lights put on their building. Also, the Downtown Lounge would like to have them put on their building also.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson reported on the following:

165 Incidents for December

10 reports were taken

3 accident reports

8 warrants

49 traffic stops

Yearly training has been completed

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

1 Business meeting

1 Training

Hopkins will be installing the generator for the new fire house probably in June.

AVIATION

Chuck Classen reported on the following:

Conduit and wiring is completed

Looking into the Helipad that the fire department was requesting

The NIPSCO for one hangar needs to be transferred back into the Town's name. All the other NIPSCO bills for the hangars are paid by the Town.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Mike inquired if the Town would like to help, financially, for the 2022 Christmas program. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve \$10,000.00 to be spent on this.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy gave a correction for Holiday Schedule. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to approve.

A miscellaneous appropriation transaction list to clear and cleanup 2021 entries was approved by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

Resolution #2022-01-12 for Old Outstanding Checks for 2018 was approved by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

Jasper/Newton Foundation has \$6,000.00 for the flood victims that has not been handed out. Need to look at how this needs to be disbursed.

NEW BUSINESS

WB Mowing submitted a bid of \$150.00 per month to help with the landscaping on U.S. 24 for the 2022 year. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from December 22nd, 2021.

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

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

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

Debby Shufflebarger, President

James Sammons, Member

David Michael Rowe, Member

Attest:

Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer