

REGUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 13TH, 2021 5:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL

Attending: David Michael Rowe, President, Debby Shufflebarger, Council Member, Rebecca Goddard, Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer

The meeting began by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Halloween Date and Time was set for October 31st, between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe.

Alec Villarreal from Vast attended and gave a print out of the Newton County Virtual Tours and gave a demonstration for looking at it on your phone. Alec also said that they are working on updating the prospectus for the town. Debby asked Alec if Vast could create a post card/mailer to notify residents who are currently not receiving the e-newsletter on the Nutrition Site, which begins on November 1st, 2021. She also asked if Andrea would put it on the sign at the Community Center.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

3 Permits issued

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Ricky asked if rentals will still be available in the evenings with the Nutrition Site starting. Debby responded to yes, rentals can still happen in the evenings, but Jackie Winger will have to check out the Depot to make sure it is clean for the next day. Jackie Winger is not responsible to clean for the Nutrition Site and they will have their own cleaning supplies. Ricky received two quotes from Anthony Valandingham and Wiseman Tree Service for taking down a tree in the ditch and stumps removed at the baseball field area. Valandingham was at \$2,100 for tree removal and grinding stumps at \$400 each. Wiseman was at \$2,000 for tree removal and \$320 per stump. The Board told Ricky that he could decide which company he would like to use and they will discuss the tree removal at the Conservancy Meeting following this one.

Ricky asked when they wanted the pavilion and concession building removed. Mike responded that they were not in a hurry for them to be removed.

Ricky contacted the company that the cooler was purchased from for the Baseball Concessions and it is not under warranty. It was not brought to their attention in a timely manner so the cost to replace the door and track will be \$359.00 with an additional cost for shipping of \$235.00. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to order the new door.

Tires are needed for the garbage truck. Debby Shufflebarger let Ricky know to go ahead and order.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson reported on the following:

105 Calls for the month

2 Trainings

Julian has located a residence with 34 chickens and 1 rooster. He has given the home owner 14 days to remove and clean up from the chickens.

Julian has found a good template for a Golf Cart Ordinance and would like everyone to look it over and possibly change our ordinance to this one.

Bryan Havens, Chief Deputy, has started his 40 hours pre-basic training.

Julian gave the board a copy of a job description for the deputy marshal.

Julian feels that yield signs need to be implemented in the Eastmeare Subdivision. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to amend an ordinance for that and Becky Goddard will take care of that amendment.

ATTORNEY

Becky Goddard reported on the following:

The properties that were on the tax sale are in motion to be moved into the Town of Kentland's name. A Memorandum of Title will be needed and then the Court will need to be petitioned. Becky will continue to update everyone on where the process is.

Becky presented an addendum for the Vast Contract.

Debby Shufflebarger asked Becky if she could speak with Kirby Drey (Kentland Bank) in regards to lowering the interest rate and payment for the pool. Pat Ryan was looking into this and we have not heard back from him on this.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

5 Fire calls

18 Medical calls

1 Assist

Chris Wilson has resigned from the Fire Department.

The Fire Department will be holding a Boot Drive this weekend.

The Hearts of Fire dance will be held in February 2022.

Matt reported that the tanker had the brakes go out. The Fire Department is in desperate need of a new one. Cost will be around \$200,000.00 to get a tanker.

Kentland Rotary received additional funds to finish out the trailer for the fire department.

Elections will be held in November.

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

Drainage and Asphalt projects are coming along.

Numbers for gas sales has been good.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

They will need to re-measure ground for the trees at the Southside Park November 12th, 2021 the grant will need submitted from KIRP-C for the Master Plan.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy presented Ordinance #2021-10-13 for the 2022 budget. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to accept the 2022 budget.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tim Myers from Newton County Economic Development had extra maps of the County.

OLD BUSINESS

Hopkins will be working on the lights at Cast Park.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mike Rowe to appoint Chandler Brinkman to the Board of Zoning and Appeals. Debby Shufflebarger seconded the motion.

Park Board President, Crystal Heinke resigned.

Halloween decorating contest will be on the 30th of October and announced on the 31st of October.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minute's from September 8th, 2021 Special Meeting.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting held September 8th, 2021.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting held September 22nd, 2021.

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

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

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

David Michael Rowe, President
Member

Debby Shufflebarger,

James Sammons, Member

Attest:

Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer