

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12TH, 2022 5:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

Attending: Debby Shufflebarger, President, James Sammons, Council Member, Rebecca Goddard, Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Bart Woodward, property owner at 211 East Graham Street was present and trying to clear up his past due invoices. Mr. Woodward does not feel that he owes a water bill for his property since the meter was never at his building. Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer reached out to former employee Terry Hafstrom and Rick Purdy to ask if the meter had ever been pulled and they both stated no it was never taken off the building. Mr. Woodward stated he was told that the meter had been pulled. The building collapsed in July of 2021. He currently owes \$1973.50 and has never made a payment since owning the property. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to adjust Mr. Woodward's bill by \$256.05 leaving him a balance of \$1,717.23 that is owed. Judy King let Mr. Woodward know that if the balance is not paid within a week, a lien will be put on his account.

Gabrielle Biciunas, Commonwealth Engineers was present to give an update on financing. A Letter of Condition has been sent to USDA with approval of a loan at 1.25%. An application was also submitted to IFA-SRF in March of 2022. Other possibilities could be to OCRA using a match from the USDA Loan.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

17 volunteers are working on the South Side Park this week. A big thank you to the Commissioners of Newton County for the use of their guys. The close out process for the grants on the parks is June 30th, 2022.

June 1st, 2022 is the next Task Force Meeting.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn was not present but sent his report:

- 1 Permit for a deck**
- 2 Inspections**

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

The pool is being filled for the summer and repairs have been made.

Opening day will be May 26th.

Maddie Dowden will conduct the Life Guard Training.

14 or 15 applications for the pool

The pool will need repairs for next year in regards to the tile. The Board asked Ricky to get 3 quotes for the stainless steel around the pool.

Removal of the pavilion and brick building should take place within the next month.

Town Clean Up Day was Saturday and only one dumpster was used.

Street Sweeper had an electrical fire and has been sent in to the insurance company.

Ricky received a quote for air conditioning at the Public Works Building. It has not worked for several years. T&S Heating \$4,525.00. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to move forward on the air conditioning.

Ricky received a quote for air conditioning at the pool concessions. T&S Heating \$2,600.00. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to replace the air conditioning in the concessions.

Ricky has received one bid for trees at Batton Park. Wiseman Tree Service quoted \$5,500.00. Debby asked Ricky to continue to search for other bids. Debby felt that was too much to spend.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson was not present but sent his report:
122 Calls for the month of April

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn was not present but sent his report:
1 Fire Call
22 Medical Calls
1 Training
1 Business Meeting

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:
#2 heater is not working and received a quote of \$5,589.00 to replace. No cost on installation. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to replace the heater.

ATTORNEY

Becky Goddard reported on the following:
She should be receiving the tax deeds for the properties that will be turned over to the town.

Clerk

Judy King reported on the following:
Amended Salary Ordinance #2022-05-12 was presented and approved by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger.

Shawn Cain from KIRP-C was present to see if a decision had been made on the Comprehensive Plan. Debby asked if a decision could be made on the 25th of May and then they would let KIRP-C know whether they are going forward or not. Shawn said the 25th of May would be fine.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approved the financial statement,

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from April 13th, 2022.

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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