

REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2022 5:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Mary Solada, Attorney for Nextera, passed out an agreement between the Town of Kentland and Reynolds Solar, LLC. In the agreement it states that a \$300,000.00 payment will be given to the Town for Economic Development. This payment will be separate from and in addition to any regular installments of real, personal or state assessed utility property taxes. Also noted in the agreement, a contribution for the Town pool project for 2023 and Town roads. The board will look at the agreement and will take this under advisement.

Chris Neff, from Nextera, gave a handout from Bakertilly, reporting on if the solar plant was approved, the tax rates would start to decrease by 2027. An average home worth \$150,000.00 would show a savings in property taxes of \$185.00 by 2037.

Matt Whitaker from Whitaker Engineering was looking over the situation at the swimming pool. There are several cracks in the pool that will also need repaired along with the replacement of tile. Matt said that the engineering cost on the pool would be between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00. Matt also checked out the crack in the concrete at the water tower. He will try an incorporate that with the Third Street and First Street projects and get quotes.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Julian Elson reported on the following:

Julian asked the board for tires to be replaced on Deputy Haven's car. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve tires at a cost of \$1,128.00.

68 Calls for the month

Julian has been working on updating ordinances

Julian also stated that a home on Ray Street that he gave them a warning in regards to a garage, has now been torn down.

Julian also reported that a home at 105 East Goss had been torn down.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

4 Permits Issued

1 Pool

1 Patio

1 Remodel

1 Sign

Several inspections have been done

Inspected the south end of East Lincoln Apartments

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Yoder Drainage reached out about the property at 306 East Owen Street. Nipsco still has not arrived to retire gas and electric. Nipsco still has not taken the line down at Batton Park. Judy King will reach out to Nipsco in the next day or two.

Two pumps went out at one of the lift stations. They have been sent off for repairs.

Four air conditioning units at the Community Center are needing repaired. Tony Voglund is looking at the repairs.

No Motorized Vehicle signs have been placed on the walking path.

David McGill will be taking his test on Monday for his sewer license.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

3 Fire Calls

1 Business meeting

1 Training meeting

2 Online training modules completed by each member

18 Medical calls

Equiteam has started on some repairs, but still having issues with them completing things that need to be done.

The department voted on Brook being the first response for mutual aid and Goodland will be second. The decision is based on abilities and training.

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

Fuel sales are up for the month

Jim signed off on paperwork that was sent on to Pat Ryan's office for review, for a \$150,000.00 grant that will be used in 2023.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Mike met with Adam Elson on child care services.

Senior Living Center is moving forward.

Casey Ward is working on finalizing the Southside Park.

ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported on the following:

The lease between the Town and ATT is being reviewed. Pat asked that this be put on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Pat presented Resolution # 06-08-2022, Authorizing Real Property Transfer to The Kentland Redevelopment Commission. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the Resolution # 06-08-2022.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

The 2023 budget was advertised and Judy asked the public and board if anyone had any questions. No one had questions.

Judy would like to take \$50,000.00 from the Fire Department budget and move it to the Unrestricted Fund for payment to the County. When the agreement is signed, she will write a \$50,000.00 check to the County. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons for Judy to move the \$50,000.00 from Fire to Unrestricted.

Judy would like to use the \$5,000.00 from building repair to make some improvements at the Town Hall. Tuck pointing needs done, screen repairs, gutter and repairs to the garage out back. Debby suggested to Ricky that they move the light displays that are in the garage and tear it down.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Steve Eberly spoke on the benefits that could happen with the solar farm going in to the area.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from August 10th, 2022.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Being no further business, upon motion by Mike Rowe 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