

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

Attending: Debby Shufflebarger, President, David Michael Rowe, Member, Patrick Ryan, Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

**Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:
2 Permits issued**

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Demo is almost complete at 306 E. Owen Street

Ricky is requesting to purchase 2 new scales for the Sewage Plant at \$559.00 each. He will also be ordering 3 Drum Modular Platform with Drain at \$153.25 each. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the purchases.

Ricky also received a quote on a 72" mower from Quality Motors with a trade in of a 61" for \$6,600.00. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to make the purchase.

South Newton Students were out at Cast Park helping to pull weeds and clean up.

November 4th, 2022 will be the last day for brush pickup this year.

Ricky found a street sweeper for \$21,000.00 to purchase. The Board asked if he had looked into renting one and he had not. They asked that he do so and let them know at the November meeting what the cost would be.

Not sure if paving will happen yet this year or may wait until next year.

David missed passing his wastewater test by 2 questions. He will be going to Indianapolis to contest the questions that he missed.

CHIEF OF POLICE

137 Calls for September

6 Reports

1 Crash

5 Domestic Disturbances

3 Ordinance Violations

Bryan is almost finished with the wavier process through the Academy. He should be done within a few weeks.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

3 Fire Calls

1 Business Meeting

1 Training Meeting

2 PR Events

Open House went very well for the New Fire House

Matt is still waiting to hear back from Equiteam on the issues that are still not resolved at the new fire house.

Matt will have Vast post something for the Boot Drive this weekend.

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

Sealing project is done at the Airport. Inspection was done and will look at it again in 11 months while under warranty.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis was not present but sent the following:

Task Force met on October 5th, 2022 and the topic was Child Care.

December 18th, 2022 will be the date for the "Winter/Christmas" Event. It will be at the Community Center from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Mike Davis is asking for an exception to the Fire Works Ordinance for that day. A motion was passed by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to allow the fire works for the program. Mike also was requesting funds of \$10,000.00 from the Town for this event. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to give the event \$10,000.00. Judy King reported that they have \$18,000.00 left from last year to spend on the event and also there is \$3,125.77 in the Sesquintennial Fund that could be moved for the use of these events. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to move the Sesquintennial Funds to Restricted Funds.

ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported on the following:

Pat inquired about the 3 way sign that is to be erected at U.S. 41 and Dunlap. Debby said the information had been sent on.

CLERK

Judy King had nothing to report

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

Debby mentioned that Brienne Hooker from the Jasper/Newton Foundation reached out to her about sustainable funds that were left for the New Fire House in the amount of \$5,001.00. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to put

these funds in the Fire Budget for building use. Judy will reach out to Brienne for release of those funds along with \$6,248.15 that was donated for the flood victims.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from September 14th, 2022.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Debby brought up the Council Members participating in the health insurance program that the Town offers to the employees. It looks like the health insurance coverage that we have had the last two years will be increasing 40% for 2023. Debby would like to see what the cost would be with our current plan with an increased deductible and also what other plans might be offered. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the Council Members to be added to the Town's insurance at the same rates as the full time employees.

Debby would like to have all Department Heads put in requests for salary raises for their employees and themselves. The Board will talk about this at the November meeting.

Vast will be contacted for the ribbon cutting ceremony at Dollar General.

Being no further business, upon motion by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger, the meeting was adjourned.

Debby Shufflebarger, President

James Sammons, Member

David Michael Rowe, Member

Attest: _____
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer