

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9TH, 2022 5:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Jerry Modjeski was in attendance to ask if the Town could purchase a leaf vacuum to help out the residents in Kentland. Possibly renting one in the Fall or getting donations to help out with the purchase.

Rachael Rundy from Commonwealth Engineers was also in attendance to review what was needed for the Water Utility Improvements project. Debby Shufflebarger told her that she can't speak for the other board members, but she is disappointed in the information that has not been provided to the Town for funding. Debby said, as a Board we have asked for grant funding since this started and have not received any information on this. There will be a phone call next week with Jeff Rowe, Bakertilly, to see what funding possibilities are available.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

There are 2 projects going on and Matt has informed the homeowners that permits are needed to continue.

1 Demo permit

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Whitaker Engineering has contacted Tank Industry Consultants for repairs on the foundation of the west water tower. Costs could be up to \$21,000.00 for repairs. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to move forward on this project.

Ricky has looked into renting a street sweeper. Cost per day is \$2,500.00 and by the week \$8,000.00. He did find a used one in Bradley, Illinois for around \$21,000.00.

Whitaker Engineering has asked that when they start the 2 stage ditch project the dirt could be piled at the old Tee Ball Field. The board is fine with that location.

Owen Street Ditch will be burnt on Friday 11/11/2022. The Fire Department has several volunteers to help with the project.

The Christmas displays will start going up around town on December 1st.

David McGill will be in Indianapolis on Monday to meet with IDEM on his test scores.

POLICE CHIEF

Julian Elson reported on the following:

118 Calls for the month

Bryan Havens is officially an officer for the Town of Kentland. He passed all his basics.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

3 Fire Calls

1 Water Rescue

2 PR Events

1 Business Meeting

1 Training Meeting

The Fire Department is currently selling Butter Braids as a fund raiser and they are also selling tickets for the "Hearts on Fire" event in February 2023.

A repeater is needed for the Fire Department. Since they moved the 911 center to Morocco, too many calls are not being answered, due to notifications not going through on the pagers. Possibly around \$10,000.00 will have to be spent on this.

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

Runway project is complete.

On November 21st, 2022 Jim will meet with Newton County Economic Development for funding on some projects that are needed at the Airport.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Task Force met and is having Vast prepare a questionnaire for child care services.

2 Stage Ditch project is moving forward.

Laura Robbins, Casey Ward and Kristina Sanders are putting something together to show how the park equipment works and its features.

ATTORNEY

Becky Goddard reported on the following:

The lease for the AT&T project is sitting back with them for their updates.

The contract for Whitaker Engineering needs a few revisions made to it. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the contract after the revisions are made.

Debby mentioned to Becky that the house and garage have been removed from 306 E. Owen and the Town would like to sell the property.

CLERK

Judy King had nothing to report

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

Fence ordinance is just about ready and they will review at the second meeting for the month.

The second meeting for November is the 23rd, which is the day before Thanksgiving. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to move the meeting to November 30th, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from September 28th, 2022.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to approve the minutes from October 12th, 2022.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to approve the minutes from October 26th, 2022.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe 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, upon motion by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons, the meeting was adjourned.

Debby Shufflebarger, President

James Sammons, Member

David Michael Rowe, Member

Attest: _____
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer