

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 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

Farm bids were opened for 3 sections of ground:

Airport ground	Schlotman Brothers	\$175.00 per acre
Airport ground	Max Murphy	\$200.00 per acre
Industrial Park	Jim Smith	\$175.00 per acre

Jim Sammons made a motion to accept all bids and this was seconded by Mike Rowe.

Cleaning bids were opened for town buildings:

Depot	Crystal Heinneke	\$300.00 per month
Town Bldgs	Crystal Heinneke	\$500.00 per month
Town Bldgs	Robet Carr	\$11.00 per hour
Community Center	Pam Dieter	\$590.00 per month
Community Center	Allison Small	\$500.00 per month
Town Bldgs.	Bailey Geswein	\$600.00 per month
Depot	Jackie Winger	\$600.00 per month

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to give the Community Center cleaning position to Allison Small for \$500.00

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to give the Depot cleaning position to Jackie Winger for \$600.00.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to give the Town Buildings cleaning position to Bailey Geswein for \$600.00 per month.

Chris Neff, NextEra was in attendance and Mary Solada, attorney, was on the phone. They would like to have a signed agreement and vote for moving forward on the Solar Project. The agreement states that \$1,000,000.00 will be given to the Town of Kentland in 3 installments and all costs incurred up to this point will be reimbursed in full. These funds have no restrictions on how or what they can be used for. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the agreement.

Butch Wang, Heartland Plumbing, wanted answers as to why the Town of Kentland is letting unlicensed workers complete jobs in this town. Butch said that all plumbers should be

licensed. Pat Ryan, attorney stated that the requirements are for the County and not the Town's.

Gabrielle Biciunas, Commonwealth Engineers gave an update that SRF will co fund with USDA on the Water Project. Debby asked what the cost for the filtration plant was in the projections that the town was given. Gabrielle thought the cost was around 12 million dollars. Debby, Ricky and Rick went to Remington to look at their plant and filtration system that was put in in 2017 at a cost of \$4 million. Debby wants to know if our plans could be scaled back on this.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

- 4 Permits
- 1 Generator
- 1 Porch Addition
- 1 Commercial Remodel
- 1 Deck

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Two new tires are needed on the garbage truck and will cost around \$740.00.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the cost.

Sam needs new tires on his truck and the cost will be \$1,275.00. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the cost.

Southside Park is almost complete

Two samplers are needed at the Sewage Plant at a cost of \$10,474.00 each.

Over years they corrode and freeze up. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the purchase.

Ricky spoke with Ken Smith and they think April of 2023 should be the start of paving.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

- 14 Fire Calls
- 20 Medical Calls
- 1 Business Meeting
- 1 Training

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

Paperwork should be coming soon on the updates at the Airport. Expected costs are around 1.2 million dollars.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis was not present but sent the following:

The sale of Batton Park to Autumn Trace Senior Living Facility has been completed.

Preconstruction meeting was held today, December 14th, 2022 for the Senior Living Facility and Kent Ditch project.

“A Little Christmas Cheer” is in full swing for December 18th, 2022.

The Task Force will be meeting with Right Step December 23rd, 2022 to talk about child care facilities.

ATTORNEY

Pat Ryan reported on the following:

Becky is working on the addendum for the water tower.

Terry Hafstrom’s contract expires on 12/31/2022. When the Board decides what they are wanting Terry to do for next year, let him know.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy presented the Holiday Schedule for 2023. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the Holiday Schedule.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Sammons will be stepping down from the Redevelopment Commission Board in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Square will be paying off the Murphy’s loan in full of \$44,044.92. Minutes from September 8th, 2021 states that if the Planning Grant was not received, the loan would be paid off.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from November 9th, 2022.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from November 30th, 2022.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the claims.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the financial statement.

Being no further business, upon motion by James Sammons 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