

**REGULAR MEETING (2)**  
**JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 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**

**Matt Whitaker from Whitaker Engineering was on hand to give an update on the repairs for the swimming pool. He has been in contact with several companies and is waiting to hear back from them with proposals on a solution to the tile around the pool. The survey is complete on the Third Street parking lot and the manhole will be in the center of the road and not in the parking lot. Matt is trying to bundle the projects for the parking lot and 1<sup>st</sup> and Seymour Streets to keep costs down. Matt is still waiting to hear back from Turning Point on the Senior Living Center Project for the survey. Matt presented a drawing for the project and he feels that the pavilion will be able to stay and not have to be torn down.**

**Mary Solada, Attorney for Nextera Energy, read the following:**

- 1. After a public hearing before the Kentland Planning Commission, it shall make an advisory recommendation of the final development plan application to the Kentland Town Council, which shall make a final decision by vote thereon based on the criteria set out in Sections 5 and 6 of the rural Development District Ordinance.**
- 2. If the final development plan is not submitted to the Kentland Planning Commission office by June 20, 2025, upon request of the Kentland Town Council, Reynolds Solar shall submit an application to rezone the subject property back to the AG district.**

**Mary and Chris Neff, Senior Project Manager for Nextera Energy were present at the Newton County Council and Newton County Commissioner meetings and received the Council and Commissioner's approval. Mary told the Board that The Town of Kentland has the final decision on this. Chris Neff asked if anyone had any questions. Possibly just take a drive to Jasper County where they already have a site and check that one out. Chris said it is well maintained and no complaints in Jasper County. The Town of Kentland will not receive any tax revenue on this project but a proposed economic development payment was given of \$4,000,000.00 to be paid to the County and \$4,000,000.00 to the Town over 5 years. If the County does not agree to the 50/50 split, then the Town of Kentland will not approve this. Jefferson Township would receive \$17,500.00 to use for our Fire Department. Debby stated going forward, there would be a mutual understanding that the Town of Kentland would refrain from asking the County for any financial assistance while receiving payments from Nextera. Mary Solada said that this amount is still negotiable. Jim Sammons, President of the**

Kentland Planning Commission made a recommendation to move forward. A zoning motion was approved by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER:**

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

The Grigsby properties are showing some improvement.

Debby gave Matt a Fence Ordinance to review

**TOWN MANAGER**

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Mike Rowe will be receiving a quote for tear down on 306 E. Owen from Dirt Diggers. Chief Matt Wittenborn asked if the Fire Department could utilize the premises for training purposes. The Board was in agreement for Matt's use.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Julian Elson reported on the following:

Julian would like to see the grass ordinance changed to 6" instead of 8" and also change the time limit to 5 days instead of 7 days to comply. He feels this is letting the grass get to tall by the time the Town mows the property. Debby gave Julian a grass ordinance for review.

**FIRE CHIEF**

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

They are looking for a new tanker truck with no luck. It will have to be ordered and received in 2023. Jefferson Township thinks they will have \$350,000.00 available to put towards the truck in 2023. Matt will put something together for publication on bids.

Chandler Brinkman is working on the landscaping at the new Fire House.

**AVIATION**

No one available

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No one available

**ATTORNEY**

Becky Goddard reported on the following:

Becky gave the updated Fireworks Ordinance #2022-06-22 for signature and approval. Debby Shufflebarger read the Ordinance in its entirety. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to approve Ordinance #2022-06-22.

Becky presented a Resolution to transfer property 104, 106 & 108 North Third Street to the Kentland Redevelopment Commission. Resolution #2022-06-22-1 was approved by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe.

**CLERK**

Judy King had nothing to report

Debby asked if Judy could order a name plate for Becky Goddard

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Steve Eberly just wanted the Board to know if they had any questions or concerns on the Solar Farm, he would be glad to help.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Debby said that John Cassidy and Mike Davis are looking into the restoration at the Community Center Bridge.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to adjourn the meeting.

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Debby Shufflebarger, President

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James Sammons, Member

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David Michael Rowe, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer