

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 12:00 P.M.  
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

**Attending: Debby Shufflebarger, President, David Michael Rowe and Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman, Council Members, Jim Butler, Airport Board, Ricky Hughes, Town Manager, Matt Wittenborn, Building Commissioner, Sam Dewing & David McGill, Town Employees, Matt Whitaker, Whitaker Engineering, Butch Cain and Kyle Conrad, Newton County Commissioners, Beau Watkins, Newton County Surveyor, Rebecca Goddard & Pat Ryan, Attorneys and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer.**

**The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introduction of all members present**

**Current drainage concerns was brought up by Mike Rowe and the flooding that Kentland took on 2 years ago. Over 200 households were effected and applied for assistance with EMA. Water comes into the town from several directions, but most of the ditch water is from Benton County. The Town of Kentland is working to correct the problem and have hired Whitaker Engineering to help with the situation. Cleaning of the ditches has taken place, the 2 Stage Ditch is 60% complete and holding tanks (over 1.4 million gallons) have been completed at the Airport for storage of water and slow release to the Kent Ditch. Issues have been found north of Princeton Parkway. Matt Whitaker thought a 2 Stage Ditch would be beneficial in that area, but there would be 3 parcels that would need to be purchased from 3 different individuals in that stretch to the old motel. In the meantime, the County Surveyor will make sure this stretch is cleaned up and debris removed. Mike Rowe will arrange a drone flight to see how much blockage and debris is in the ditch areas.**

**Other business that was completed is Ordinance #2023-03-09. "An Ordinance To Amend 52.06 Of The Kentland Town Code". Tap fee has been approved to \$1,000.00 for water. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve Ordinance #2023-03-09.**

**A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve Ordinance #2023-03-09-1. "An Ordinance To Amend 53.26 Of The Kentland Town Code". Tap fee for sewer is now \$1,000.00 for residential and \$2,000.00 for commercial.**

**Ricky Hughes has found a 2007 International Street Sweeper for \$14,990.00. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the purchase of the street sweeper.**

**Being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to adjourn the meeting.**

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**Debby Shufflebarger, President**

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**David Michael Rowe, Member**

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**Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman, Member**

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