

REGULAR MEETING (2)
APRIL 26TH, 2023 5:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL

Attending: Debby Shufflebarger, President, David Michael Rowe and Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman, Council Members, Rebecca Goddard, Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Alec Villarreal from Vast Creative gave an update on what they have been doing for the Town. Becca Harrington from Hair Haven will be in the May issue of the Newsletter. Taking pictures of the Ditch Project, New Tee Ball Field, Parks, Thrive Project and will someone will be at opening day for Baseball. Vast has not received anything yet from K-IRPC for the link that needs added for the water survey on the town.

A complaint was received on the property at 206 South 4th Street. Jim Grigsby is the property owner. Cars and debris are gathering at this site. Mr. Grigsby has the following properties:

- 1) 206 West Seymour
- 2) 202 North Fairground Road
- 3) 206 South Fourth
- 4) 206 East Owen
- 5) 113 East Goss

Jamie Wirtz, Town Marshal, will tag the properties and give them 10 days to comply with cleanup and if nothing is done after the 10 days, Jamie will turn this over to Attorney Goddard who will take action. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to move forward on these properties.

Judy King was asked to bring up a possibility of a renegotiation of rent on the Depot by Newton County Community Services for the Nutrition Site. It was set up at \$1,100.00 per month plus utilities. Mike Rowe offered discussion to lower to \$950.00 but The Board feels that \$1,100.00 is a reasonable rate and will not be lowering that.

Madison Dowden will be certifying life guards again this year. He will be running this under the Town of Kentland and charging \$250.00 per certification. The Town of Kentland pays for their life guards, so Madison will charge the Town a flat fee of \$500.00.

Ricky Hughes has asked for an additional position for the town. Debby asked that he get with Judy and see what this will all be in cost. Wages for the position, insurance, retirement or any other costs. Ricky agreed to do so.

Jamie Wirtz presented the board with a list of 27 properties that included trash in yard, unregistered vehicles, building conditions, failure to maintain property and tires. Jamie will be tagging the properties and giving them 7 days to comply.

Matt Wittenborn, Building Commissioner, has received notification from Brightspeed in regards to permitting fees within the town. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to waive all permitting fees for Brightspeed.

Matt also asked when working on the new ordinances if we updated the deck permitting fee. Looking back it was never updated. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to increase the deck permit from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

Jamie Wirtz was asked if he had received a price back on stickers for the new "Golf Cart Ordinance". He will be ordering stickers and most towns within the state of Indiana are charging a \$25.00 fee for registration. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to charge a \$25.00 fee for registering a golf cart and this will be a yearly renewal effective July 1st, 2023.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to adjourn the meeting.

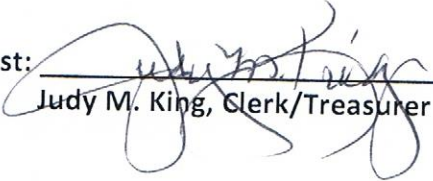


Debby Shufflebarger, President

Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman, Member

David Michael Rowe, Member

Attest:



Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer