

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 8TH, 2023 5:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

Attending: 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

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from October 11th, 2023.

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from October 25th, 2023.

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the claims.

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the financial statement.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

18 new permits for the month

\$1,353.00 taken in for the month

All completed jobs have been inspected

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Kentland was awarded funding for the Community Crossing Grant for Spring of 2024.

November 6th, 2023 the hours changed back to 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the utility workers.

November 9th, 2023 should be the last work day for the ditch crew.

November 17th, 2023 will be the last day for brush pick up for the year.

Tank Industry was on site at the water tower and inspected the footings. It appears that just the top part of the concrete is damaged and there is no danger. That information will be sent to their engineer and we should know something within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Fountain has been removed from the pond and bathrooms have been winterized at Cast Park.

They have started replacing lights in the downtown area. The lower ones are done and they are starting on the uppers.

Ricky spoke with Illiana Lock about the northeast door at the Depot. Estimated cost for labor and parts will be around \$800.00 to \$1,000.00. That also includes rekeying all the doors to match. Mike Rowe asked Ricky to move forward on this.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Jamie Wirtz reported on the following:

146 calls for service

106 calls handled by Kentland Police

Jamie is still working on various ordinance projects throughout the town.

Jamie will be gone November 14th to 16th, for ICAC Training in Seymour, Indiana.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

6 Fire Calls

1 Business Meeting

1 Training

20 Medical Calls

Repeater frequency has been approved it is getting closer to installation

Rehab on tanker is getting closer

Matt will be attending a Reunification Tabletop Exercise at South Newton on November 15th.

Officer elections were last week and everything stayed the same

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

Everything is going very well at the Airport

They are working on a Master Plan for the Airport and was approached by Mike Davis in regards to possibly a development on the north side of the airport. This may never take place, but it needs to be included in the Master Plan.

PARK BOARD

Casey Ward reported on the following:

Movie went well at the Community Center, although it had a low attendance. Possibly looking at doing it again this winter when nothing else is going on.

The Park Board finished the 5 year Master Plan and it will be submitted.

Looking at becoming a Tree City for Kentland.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis was not able to attend:

Chandlor did give an update on the pavilion at Batton Park. It is pretty much completed for the exceptions of NIPSCO bringing in the electric and fixtures installed for the restrooms.

ATTORNEY

Rebecca Goddard reported on the following:

Commonwealth Engineers provided contracts that have been reviewed. A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the contract submitted by Commonwealth Engineers.

AT&T Lease agreement, Becky thinks we were waiting on an Engineering report from them. AT&T has reached out to Becky and told her that they would pay for any and all repairs needed to the water tower to get this contract and lease moving.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

The phone system should be changed out starting tomorrow

Lowell Mitchell presented a bid for lawn care for 2024 at the Town Hall and the ball fields. It will be at the same cost as last year and this will be the last year that he will be doing it. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve Lowell Mitchell to continue his services for 2024.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

Mike asked Ricky if he had contacted Culligan on a shorter rental term. Ricky will contact them.

Mike inquired about Accu-Dig coming back to fix some storm drains. Ricky will call them.

Mike inquired about the sign at the Community Center. Ricky is still working on that.

Mike asked Jamie if he had given Judy King the pole number for a light to be installed at the Southside Park. Jamie will get that to Judy.

Mike received a quote on the additional fencing for the swimming pool area at \$3,719.00. Mike would like Ricky and the guys to remove the posts from the existing fence.

Mike received a quote from American Seal Coating for the basketball court. The price is \$11,800.00 to patch and resurface.

NEW BUSINESS

Rod Green sent in a revised quote for the 3rd street parking lot. The cost is \$85,900.00. A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to move forward with this project.

AJOURNMENT

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

Debby Shufflebarger, President

David Michael Rowe, Member

Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman, Member

Attest: _____
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer