

**REGULAR MEETING (END OF YEAR) 2**  
**DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 4:15 P.M.**  
**KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

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

**A Public Meeting was held with Shawn Cain from KIRPC and Rachael Runge from Commonwealth Engineers. The reason for the public meeting is the change in location for the new water filtration plant that will be built. It changed from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The Water Improvement Program will also include rehabilitation to the wells.**

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

**A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from Special Meeting, held December 19<sup>th</sup>. 2023.**

**A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the claims.**

**A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the financial statement.**

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

**Matt Wittenborn had nothing to report**

**TOWN MANAGER**

**Ricky Hughes reported on the following:**

**Opening bids for paving will be at the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting at 4:00 p.m.**

**Ricky is working on getting trash quotes from other providers.**

**Ricky received notification that he has his sewer license but does not have paperwork in hand. Ricky feels that the board should keep Terry Hafstrom on for the month of January 2024 at his rate of \$1,500.00 per month. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to continue Terry at \$1,500 through January 2024.**

**Debby asked Ricky to look at the sidewalk at the Town Hall. There is a section that has risen and needs repaired.**

Rod Green will start the parking lot (storm water) project in late March or April of 2024.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Jamie Wirtz had nothing to report

**FIRE CHIEF**

Matt Wittenborn had nothing to report

**AVIATION**

No one was present

**PARK BOARD**

No one was present

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No one was present

**ATTORNEY**

No one was present

**CLERK**

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy received the paperwork for nomination to the KIRPC Board for 2024. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve Debby Shufflebarger to that board.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to nominate Mike Rowe to the Newton County Economic Development Board.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the nomination of Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District Board.

Judy has also requested a copy of the contract between the Town of Kentland and Newton County Community Services. It is still an issue with the cleaning at the end of the week when Community Services has finished. Also, Judy received notification that there were 6 broken chairs and 1 broken table and the trash can is missing at the Depot.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Debby Shufflebarger received an email from Marcia Blansett from INDOT in regards to signing the contract for Community Crossing Grant. Judy will get in touch with her regarding the matter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Debby Shufflebarger will reach out to Jon Cripe in Remington to see if he can't give Morgan Cothran more training. There are certain things that Morgan feels she needs more training in.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to nominate Debby Shufflebarger to the presidency for the Town of Kentland in 2024.

Mike Rowe had Tim Meyers reach out to let him know that he has a park bench and trash can for each town.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman 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