

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10TH, 2024 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

Bids for farm ground that the town owns were received. Please see below:

Max Murphy bid on the 18.07 acres at the airport for \$200.00 per acre. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the bid for the 2024 year at \$200.00 per acre for a total of \$3,614.00.

Jim Smith bid on the 14 acres at the Industrial Park at \$175.00 per acre. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the bid for the 2024 year at \$175.00 per acre for a total of \$2,450.00.

Steve Schlotman and Bob Schlotman bid on the 7.04 acres at the airport for \$175.00 per acre. A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the bid for the 2024 year at \$175.00 per acre for a total of \$1,232.00.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the minutes from December 27th, 2023 meeting.

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

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

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

3 new permits totaling \$400.00

Matt has been in contact with Tom Pipes (Autumn Trace) and Tom thinks the final inspection should be around 2nd week in February.

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Tree has been removed at Cast Park that was in the way of the Filtration Plant to be built. Stump will be removed during construction.

Trash truck had two tire repaired needing new front steer tires.

Ricky is looking into a new trash truck through Best Equipment.

AT&T stated in their contract that they would be willing to make repairs to the water tower so they could move forward. Ricky asked if we need to get repairs done or are they going to do them. Becky will reach out to AT&T to find out.

Rick had the town's yearly water audit with the Alliance and it was suggested that the town look into replacing the water meters. We are losing out on revenue from the old meters. Judy said the figures that were given to her are 2022's loss was \$43,867.04 and 2023's loss was \$54,448.08. This loss will continue to increase year by year.

A new furnace was ordered and is being installed at the sewer plant in the screen room.

Ricky had the guys repair the table and chairs at the Depot.

Opening paving bids will be January 24th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

The Fair Board is in need of a new dumpster. They are willing to purchase one of ours. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the sale to the Fair Board at cost of \$1,418.00.

Ricky found a used street sweeper for \$35,000.00 that is completely refurbished. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the purchase pending a full inspection of the street sweeper.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Jamie Wirtz reported on the following:

105 calls for the month

78 answered by Kentland Police Department

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

2 Fire calls that were both mutual aid

1 Business meeting

1 Training

1 PR Event

Fireman's Ball has been cancelled for this year. Planning a hog roast for this year.

Fish fry fund raiser will be held March 9th.

Repeater is getting closer to being installed.

County has ordered new pagers for all the fire departments.

Old tanker is getting closer to completion.

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

A Little Christmas Cheer for 2024 that was held at the airport was very successful.

Flooring in the pilots lounge is needing replaced.

Hangar 2 has a bathroom that the Town Employees are going to remove and this will be able to rent out after some work has been done.

Everything going well.

PARK BOARD

Casey Ward reported on the following:

Application has been sent off for making the Town of Kentland a "Tree City".

Reappointment to the Park Board will be Jim Kiifner with a 4 year term starting January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2027.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Mike has met with Jason Yoder about the sign for the downtown area. The sign will be located on U.S. 41 and Dunlap. Where the old Nu-Joy sign once was.

Mike has met with Sarah Zager on a location and design for child care. They have looked at the old fire house and possibly a location at Batton Park.

ATTORNEY

Becky Goddard reported nothing

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Old Outstanding check Resolutions were presented. A motion was approved by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe for Resolution #2024-01-10 and also Resolution #2024-01-10-01.

Judy presented the Mileage Ordinance #2024-01-10-2. A motion to approve Ordinance #2024-01-10-2 was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe.

Also presented was Resolution #2024-01-10-3 for times and days of meetings being held for the town. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve Declaratory Resolution #2024-01-10-3.

Judy also presented clean-up for 2023. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the clean-up transactions.

Judy will not be present for the Board Meeting on February 14th, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Rowe said he spoke with Jacob Shufflebarger, Township Trustee, for help with epoxying the showers and concession floors at the Community Center.

Mike Rowe would like the concrete completed at the swimming pool before opening.

Mike Rowe received a quote from American Sealcoating for repairs of the cracks and resurfacing the basketball court. The quote is \$11,800.00. A motion was made by Mike Rowe to move forward on this project and it was seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman.

Mike Rowe would like to open the gym on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 and Sundays from 10:00 to 2:00 for the use of pickle ball. This would only be through Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Commonwealth Engineers would like approval from the Town Board to proceed to bidding and approves proposed bid dates. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman.

ADJOURN

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



Debby Shufflebarger, President

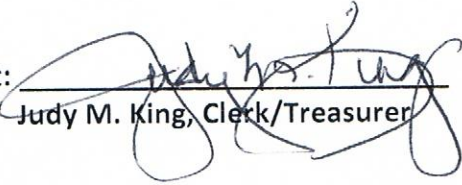


David Michael Rowe, Member



Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman, Member

Attest:



Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer