

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13TH, 2024 5:00 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the minutes from February 20th, 2024.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the minutes from February 28th, 2024.

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the receipts for February 2024.

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 permit issued

1 New construction

1 Shed

1 Fence

Totaling \$402.00

Autumn Trace has pushed back their final inspection. They are waiting on an electrical panel to be delivered.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

10 Fire Calls

25 Medical Calls

2 Business Meetings

1 Training

1 Fundraiser – Served 375 for the Fish Fry

Next fundraiser will be May 4th at the Kentland Fire House – Pancake

Breakfast

2 new members added. Josh Messersmith and Matt Malum

building permits.

5 guys took rope training and testing

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Security lights have been changed out at the Community Center.

New stop signs have been ordered. They will place two at the intersection of 4th and Allen. That will become a 4 way stop. They will go around town and replace the faded ones and put to the right height.

Is the board wanting to move forward on the new garbage truck? Ricky said that the trade in for our old one would be \$93,500.00. Debby inquired about a warranty and Ricky will find out. Mileage on ours is 38,816.

Ricky asked Mike if he had been in touch with anyone about the basketball court being fixed and resurfaced. He would like this done by May 4th for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Garage Experts have started work at the Community Center for the floors.

Water meter and sewer have been installed at Batton Park for the pavilion.

Chris Cripe reached out to Ricky and inquired if they would allow him to use the Community Center on Saturdays for teaching basketball fundamentals.

Brush pickup will start back up on March 28th, 2024.

Town wide cleanup day will be April 27th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ricky will make contact with Republic Services for dumpsters.

The clarifier needs two skimmer assemblies and 4 support arms. Total cost is \$4,054.00. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the parts for the clarifier.

The refrigerator at the depot will be looked at by Kingdon's out of Watseka. Parts will be \$417.00.

Debby inquired about our PA System at the Community Center. Jacob Shufflebarger volunteered to look at some and get a cost.

Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman had Freedom Electric look at changing the lights at the Community Center to LED. The cost will be \$4,124.00. A motion was made by Mike Rowe to approve the change and it was seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman. Debby Shufflebarger abstained from voting.

POLICE CHIEF

Jamie Wirtz reported on the following:

61 Calls

Jamie stopped and spoke to Wayne Franklin again about his property. Wayne has made some progress on the cleanup.

AVIATION

Jim Butler was not able to attend

PARK BOARD

Casey Ward not able to attend but sent the following:

Farmer's Market is scheduled for April 13th, 2024. From 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (CST).
Arbor Day Celebration along with cleanup day will be Saturday, April 27th.
Casey has been working with Chandlor on updating procedures for the pool.
The Park Board is still working on the 5 Year Master Plan. Summer planning is underway.
Casey is working with Mike Davis and the Taskforce in regards to the ribbon cutting ceremony on May 4th.
The next Park Board Meeting will be held March 26th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike David reported on the following:

Mike has met with Jasper/Newton in regards to day care. They are thinking 45 to 50 kids will need this. Sarah Zeigler was looking into the old fire house for repurposing into a day care facility or a new building. Her suggestion would be a new building. Now they are looking at two parts to the day care; who is going to run it and how are you going to build it?

Mike attended the Stellar Workshop with Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and Jim Butler.

Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be held on May 4th at Batton Park.

Mike received some feedback on the sign at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Dunlap. He was not happy with the size. It is back on the drawing board for a bigger sign.

ATTORNEY

Rebecca Goddard was not available

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy inquired about the cost for pool rental and passes. It will stay the same as last year. Rental will be \$150.00 and passes are \$3.00 for resident and \$5.00 for non-resident per day.

Jacob Shufflebarger presented the board with a new contract for the Fire Protection Agreement.

Matt Whitaker from Whitaker Engineering gave an update on the pool rehab. The pool appears to have cracking in the gutter. This needs to be addressed. Possibly an epoxy can be applied. Also, the perimeter of the pool needs to be built up 1" all the way around.

Matt is working on the next model for the ditch.

Matt inquired about the compacting and asphalt for the 3rd Street parking lot. He is afraid that if the surface is not compacted and surface is not thick enough, trucks on this could crush the piping.

Gabrielle Taber from Commonwealth Engineers gave an update on the filtration project. The town decided on 8' chain link fencing. No barb wire to be added.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mara Davis inquired about the Golf Cart Ordinance. Debby Shufflebarger informed everyone that the ordinance will go into effect for this year. Tags will be ordered and all golf carts will need to be registered and show proof of insurance with the town.

Bob Gonzy introduced himself and let everyone know that he is running for County Council.

OLD BUSINESS

The pool applications for manager were received and Debby Shufflebarger interviewed them all. There were 7 candidates and the manager position was given to Mackenzie Watson. Starting pay for Mackenzie will be \$13.00 per hour and the assistant manager will make \$12.00 per hour. Interviews for concessions and guards will be next. A contract will be implemented this year for the guards. If they leave or do not fulfill their obligation for certification, the individual will pay the town back for their certification fee.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger 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