

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8TH, 2024 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

Debby Shufflebarger read aloud a proclamation for “General Aviation Appreciation Month”, which is in May.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from April 10th, 2024.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from Special Meeting held April 16th, 2024.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from Special Meeting held April 25th 2024.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the receipts from April 2024.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the claims.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the financial statement.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

5 mew permits issued

TOWN MANAGER

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Boy Scout room is cleaned out at the Community Center and it is available for the Park Board to store their items.

Tank Industry advertised for bids on the repairs to the water tower and which are due by June 3rd, 2024.

Town Clean Up used 1 ½ dumpsters. Not a very good turnout.

Central Paving will be in town in June for paving of roads. Ricky asked the board for roads that need repaired for second round in late fall.

Ricky will check with Ken Smith to see if the 3rd street parking lot can be paid from the grant.

Terry Hafstrom said he would be willing to be on site when the filtration plant project starts at his former rate of pay of \$1,500.00 per month. The board will take this under advisement and let him know.

Debby asked Ricky if he could reach out to the County to see if pot holes could be filled on 1500.

Also, the walking bridge on Graham Street has boards missing and is in need of repair.

The grass ordinance is being revised to make sure clippings are not blown onto the street or a fine will be handed out by the police.

Water softener should be installed at the Community Center next month.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

6 Fire calls

21 Medical calls

1 Business meeting

2 Trainings

2 PR events

A new member has been added to the fire department, Brandon Schreiber.

The pancake breakfast went very well.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Jamie Wirtz reported on the following:

91 Service calls

Jamie will have workers at the Town Hall and the parks to pull weeds and cleanup Saturday and Sunday.

Debby asked Jamie to please make sure the restroom doors are locked in the evening at Cast Park.

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

West ramp work at the airport should start up again on the 20th of May.

The courtesy car at the airport is pretty much done for. The rodents have chewed the wires and Alsop's looked at it at a cost of over \$1,000.00 but it needs much more work. Jim Butler has reached out to the Commissioners to see if they would have another car that could be used by the airport.

PARK BOARD

Casey Ward reported on the following:

Park clean up and Arbor Day went well on April 27th.

Games are available at the Library for rental and will need to be checked out.

17 vendors for the Farmer's Market on May 11th, 2024.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Ribbon cutting ceremony went well. Jacob Sipes (Indiana Housing & Community Development) attended the festivity and was blown away at how impressive our town parks look.

Task Force will be looking into the child care needs again for the area.

The put in cups at Wonder Park are almost complete. It looks fantastic.

ATTORNEY

Rebecca Goddard reported on the following:

She is revising the golf cart ordinance which should go into effect June 1st. 2024.

Becky is working on the grass ordinance, also.

CLERK

Judy King had nothing to report

Gabrielle Taber from Commonwealth Engineers gave a monthly update. Bids are due by 1:00 p.m. on May 15th, 2024 and recommendations will be given to the board at the regular meeting on June 12th, 2024.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mara Davis asked Gabrielle Taber about a letter that she received regarding the filtration plant. Gabrielle thought the letter was informational and nothing else was needed.

OLD BUSINESS

**Basketball court is complete and looks great.
Pool project should be completed next week.**

NEW BUSINESS

Rotary Park meeting is being scheduled.

The Newton County Fair Queen Board inquired about putting a sign reading “Home of Alexxys Standish” on the signs at the edges of town. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the sign at the cost of the Newton County Fair Queen Board.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to adjourn the meeting.

Debby Shufflebarger, President

David Michael Rowe, Member

Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman, Member

Attest: _____
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer