

**REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 5:00 P.M.  
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

**Attending: Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and David Michael Rowe, Members, Rebecca Goddard, Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer**

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

**Mike Rowe read a letter from Debby Shufflebarger resigning from the Kentland Town Board effective July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Mike will contact Vast to put a post out there thanking her for her service to the Town and letting the community know she is no longer involved in the day to day operation.**

**A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

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

**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:**

**6 New permits**

**Matt reached out to Randy Sekerez, property owner at 222 and 224 North Third Street about his buildings and needing repairs. Mr. Sekerez is not very willing to work with Matt on the properties. If Mr. Sekerez does not comply and show up for a meeting this week, Matt will turn this over to Becky Goddard, Town Attorney.**

**FIRE CHIEF**

**Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:**

**3 Fire calls**

**21 Medical calls**

**1 Business meeting**

**1 Training**

**1 PR Event**

**Matt has been trying to reach Equiteam for repairs at the Fire House. He found out that they are out of business. Matt and Becky will be speaking to find out if**

anything can be done to go back on Equiteam for repairs. Matt will also be meeting with Mulhaupt's about the doors at the fire house. They also should be under warranty.

#### **TOWN MANAGER**

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

The bid we received for structural repairs on the water tower was sent to AT&T on 07/22/2024, but Ricky has not heard anything back from them. He followed up again on 08/12/2024 and is waiting to hear back.

The white line on Fourth Street has been fixed.

Cameras have been installed at the Pavilion at Batton Park.

Pool is closed and the company was here this week to find the leak. The leak was detected and once they get this repaired, they will winterize the pool.

They will start trimming some lower branches around the town.

Fixing and grading alleys are on the list of items to be completed.

Roads have been submitted to Ken Smith which includes Water Street from Allen to Railroad and Allen Street from First to Fourth Streets. This will also include fixing the storm drain. The town's portion will be \$50,143.00.

Ricky received a cost from Ortman Drilling to remove well #2. It is nonoperational and per IDEM it needs to be removed. The cost is \$9,800.00. A motion by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the cost from Ortman and have the well abandoned.

#### **POLICE CHIEF**

Jamie Wirtz reported on the following:

113 Calls

Jamie has tagged many properties within the town for grass, weed and cleanup of properties. Jamie said they are all in compliance but he will be working on abandoned vehicles soon.

#### **AVIATION**

Jim Butler was not available but sent the following information:

It was an outstanding month for fuel.

Annual inspection from INDOT and the airport passed.

Complete inspection on the west ramp project which went well also.

#### **PARK BOARD**

Casey Ward was not available but sent the following information:

DNR grant has been submitted for the updates at Cast Park.

Another successful Farmer's Market.

Tree Board is looking for a Tree Steward.

Parks will be partnering with Newton County Park Board with a fishing derby in September.

Halloween Carnival planning still underway.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mike Davis reported on the following:

DNR has a site visit this past week at Cast Park for the grant application that was submitted by the Park Board.

Economic Development has a good meeting and focused on the long term plan.

Use of the old fire house is being looked in to.

Needs of local businesses will be asked of them?

## **ATTORNEY**

Becky Goddard reported on the following:

Recordings of all the town's meetings goes into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Becky thinks the best option will be live streaming on You Tube. It will stay up on the Web for 90 days and then taken down.

## **CLERK**

Judy King reported on the following:

Additional appropriations are needed for several funds. One of the funds is Aviation, which needs a local match of \$30,966.53. Mike asked if we could discuss this at tomorrow night's budget meeting.

Diane Gonzy – Newton County Recycling was present to give an update of a few things. When recycling, do not put papers or whatever in a plastic bag. The plastic bag clogs the machine and they are being charged a fee for this. Please put in recycle bins loose. Also, household waste at the Newton County Highway is this weekend.

Kayla Crews-Newton County Health Department was present and asked the board for 3 names to be given to her, so that they can be on the board. They will meet 5 times a year. The board would like to see if they can come up with some names and give them to her at the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting.

Scott Brunton and Michael Ivy from Iron Cloud Technologies presented a quote for their services within the Town of Kentland. The quote was \$39,115.01 for 7 buildings. The board would like to review the information.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Cyndi Page goes to the Depot daily and asked if possibly new lines could be painted on the parking lot. It's very hard to see them. Cyndi was told that this could be a possible project for next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Judy King brought up the email that everyone received on the water rate increase. Mike Rowe would like to move that to the next ordinance meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Chandler will reach out to Allison Small to see if she would clean the bathroom at the Pavilion in Cast Park. Her contract will have to be amended for the cost.

Mike Rowe would like to change the times for the meetings from 5:00 to 5:30 and ordinance meetings from 4:00 to 5:30. A motion was made by Chandler Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to change the meeting times.

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

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David Michael Rowe, Member

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Chandler Weiss-Brinkman, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer