

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2024 5:30 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Judy King presented Additional Appropriations for the General (Police), Park and Aviation Funds. Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman made a motion to approve the additional appropriations and Mike Rowe seconded the motion.

Water Rate Ordinance will be presented at the October 8th, 2024 meeting.

An appointment for the vacancy for Town Board has been advertised. Notification was not in time for the 10 days for the board members. But Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and Mike Rowe both acknowledge receipt of the notice. A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to appoint Mike Davis as the replacement board member. Mike Rowe seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from August 14th, 2024.

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on August 15th, 2024.

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

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the August 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:
8 New Permits**

Matt Wittenborn has been following up with Randy Sekerez on the two properties at 222 and 224 North Third Street. Mr. Sekerez has found a contractor to make the repairs. Matt will continue to follow up with him.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:

4 Fire Calls

1 Business Meeting

23 Medical Calls

1 Training

1 PR Event

A boot drive is being planned for Covered Bridge and all proceeds will go to the Schrieber Family.

Autumn Trace is sponsoring an Event on September 28th. All the proceeds for this will go to the Fire Department.

Police Chief

Jamie Wirtz reported on the following:

81 Calls for the month

Town Manager

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Rod Green, contractor for the repairs on the 3rd Street lot has replaced the pipe and drains. The project is not complete, but Ricky will contact Rod to see if he has a completion date.

Northeast section of town has been completed for trimming back the trees. Will resume when they have time for the rest of the town.

Currently Rick Purdy and David McGill are working on updating Lead and Copper inventory for IDEM. They have about 350-400 homes done and will need to have this completed by October 16th, 2024.

Rick Purdy's new truck was picked up at Alsop's this week and with the trade in the purchase price was \$27,000.00.

Ricky Hughes has been in contact with Matt Whitaker in regards to wash out concerns along the ditch. He is working on a solution.

The Depot had a water leak but it's been repaired. However, the concrete was torn up and needs repaired.

The leak was found at the pool and it has been repaired. They are waiting a while for the gravel to settle and pack around the pipes before pouring cement. Ricky is hoping to do the pool and depot concrete the same day.

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

West Ramp project is complete.

Jim has been in contact with NIPSCO to add balls on the overhead wires out at the airport.

PARK BOARD

Casey Ward reported on the following:

Farmer's Market is set for Saturday with a few more vendors added.

Halloween Carnival is set for October 19th, 2024.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Mike was given information regarding our baseball fields and concessions that they were "One of the nicest, around".

Mike is working on a Comprehensive Plan for the Town and Casey Ward and Bailey Geswein have offered to help.

Mike would like to get the Child Care Plan in order so if grants would become available, it's ready to go.

ATTORNEY

Rebecca Goddard reported on the following:

Becky presented Certificate of Appointments for the Planning Commission, for Lowell Mitchell and Kirby Drey. A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve their appointments.

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy inquired about the time for Trick or Treat. It will be October 31st, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Judy inquired if the lifeguards were to be reimbursed for their certifications. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve up to \$225.00 reimbursement for certifications.

Judy asked if anyone has any questions regarding the 2025 budget. No one responded.

Tonya Royer inquired if possibly next year the town would have adult swimming. It would help out some of the elderly with their physical therapy. Tonya will be in contact with Casey Ward next year.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

The resident from 201 Water Street has been having issues with her drinking water. The board let her know they are still looking at ways to help with the problem. Possibly filters for the homes could be an answer. Hey are working on it.

John Sell, homeowner would like to know if something can be done about dog waste appearing in someone's yard and the owner does not pick it up. Could there be a fine for that? Judy King said that it was a topic at the last ordinance meeting and we will add something to the ordinance in referencing a fine.

Maggie Nelson asked if there was an ordinance for grass clippings that were mowed into the street. This ordinance is also being looked at and worked on. She also inquired if the ditch by her home could be mowed by the town. Ricky Hughes, said he would take a look at it. And, she would also like the bushes at Ford's old gas station trimmed. You can't see to pull out on the highway.

Kathy Krienke owns a home on Iroquois Drive and would like to know what the laws are for driving on it. It appears that people drive both ways. There is a correct way to drive but some choose not to do it correctly.

OLD BUSINESS

County Health Board Nominations. Mike Rowe and Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman have no names at this time.

A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to approve the networking services of Iron Cloud for the Town Hall, Public Works and Sewage Plant in 2024. They will look at the parks and others for 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Flashing and a new door have been installed at the Pavilion.

Mike will contact Surfnet to see if they can provide the town buildings with service, free of charge.

Judy King has someone call and ask a few questions about what is allowed in the town. Chickens and Bee Hives were her main concerns. She was told no chickens are allowed within the town limits and Becky will research the bee hives.

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

David Michael Rowe, Member

Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman

Michael A. Davis, Member

Attest: _____
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer

