

**REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9TH. 2024 5:30 P.M.
KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

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

The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michael A. Davis, newest Council Member was sworn in by Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer. Michael will be fulfilling Debby Shufflebarger position on the council.

Debby Shufflebarger stepped down on the board in July and a new President needs to be elected to the Council. A motion was made by Michael Davis and seconded by Mike Rowe to appoint Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman to fulfill the opening as President to the Kentland Town Council.

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from the Executive Meeting which was held September 10th, 2024.

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Michael Davis to approve the minutes from September 11th, 2024 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Michael Davis to approve the minutes from September 25th, 2024.

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

A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Michael Davis 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 was not present but sent the following report:

4 new permits issued for a total of \$720.00.

Two inspections, one for foundation and the other for electrical.

FIRE CHIEF

Matt Wittenborn was not present but sent the following report:

6 fire calls and 1 was mutual aid

25 medical calls
1 business meeting
1 training
1 PR Event

POLICE CHIEF:

Jamie Wirtz reported on the following:
47 calls for the month

TOWN MANAGER:

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Lead and copper inspections are complete and will send it off to IDEM. It is due by October 16th.

Currently working on a water leak on 6th Street. They had difficulty finding the line to shut it off. This line tied into Dunlap Street and only distributed water to one home. They will install a new service line and meter pit just like the other homes in town.

Pumps for the Sewer Plant are on site and waiting for Hopkins to install. Ortman's have been on site to clean and disinfect well 1 and install a new pump. Should be complete next week.

New water pit needs to be installed at Eastmeare Subdivision. That should be complete next week.

Garbage truck is now close to 6 years and Ricky was wondering if anyone had given more thought on getting a new one. Mike Rowe asked Ricky to get a price on one like we have now.

Rod Green has almost completed the project on 3rd Street. The sidewalk needs to be installed and waiting to see when it will be finished.

AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

Would like to see if school kids could repaint the sign at the Airport. He will contact Lori Murphy for that.

Record month for activity.

Gas sales were very good.

Jim would like to replace the flooring in the hallway and restrooms at the Airport. It looks like it would be about \$10,000.00 to replace the flooring.

Jim would like to have NIPSCO put 3 balls on the lines at the Airport. This will cost \$1,500.00. A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Michael Davis to move forward with NIPSCO.

PARK

Casey Ward reported on the following:

The last Farmer's Market will be held this weekend.

Halloween Carnival will be held October 19th.

New net and reel have been purchased for the tennis courts.
Casey has finished the job description for manager at the pool.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Davis reported on the following:

Mike will be able to continue on as chairman of the Task Force committee, but will not be able to head up Economic Development. They will need to find someone to fill his shoes.

The building for the Rotary has not been resolved. Still in the air as to who will fund it and it will have to be owned by the Town of Kentland when completed.

ATTORNEY

Becky Goddard had nothing to report

CLERK

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy presented the budget for 2025. A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Michael Davis to approve the 2025 budget.

Judy reminded them all that the salary ordinance needs to be completed. Mike Rowe suggested that they do that at the ordinance meeting on October 23rd, 2024.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

IronCloud has started working for the Town. Jason Garing has been in and has done a few things on the computers.

Judy King brought up that she had just found out that Bryan Havens still does not have a desk phone that works in his office. Jamie Wirtz, said his does not work either. Judy will get a hold of Nitco and see if they can't get them hooked up.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Rowe asked if he could be reimbursed for paper goods and food items for the Cops Cycling program. A motion was made by Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman and seconded by Michael Davis to approve a reimbursement of up to \$250.00.

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

Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman, President

David Michael Rowe, Member

Michael A. Davis, Member

Attest: _____
Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer