

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland,  
Town of Kirkland Municipal Building, 3699 State Route 12-B, Clinton, Oneida  
County, New York on February 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**

**MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

Attorney Anthony Hallak

Deputy Supervisor Colarusso called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #16**

Upon motion by Councilwoman Yando, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of February 8, 2021 as printed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

**RESOLUTION #17**

Upon motion by Councilman Maxam, seconded by Supervisor Meelan, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the Complete Street Resolution. (A copy of the resolution has been made a part of these minutes.)

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

WHEREAS, *Complete Streets* are defined as roadways that are safe, convenient and comfortable for all ages and abilities using any mode of transportation (motor vehicle, public transportation, wheelchair, stroller, foot, bicycle, etc.); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kirkland is committed to public health and improving the mobility of people, regardless of age and status, to engage in desired activities throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation travel as an alternative to motor vehicle travel reduces negative environmental effects, promotes healthful living, and is less costly to the commuter; and

WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network; and

WHEREAS, many studies show that when roads are better designed for bicycling, walking, and transit use, more people participate in those activities, and Complete Streets has been recognized and adopted as policy and law at federal, state, county, town, village, and city levels in the interest of improving safety and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction and/or reconstruction of new and existing roads in the Town of Kirkland should anticipate future demand for bicycling, walking, and other alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, *Sustainable Complete Streets* are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association, the American Public Health Association, the State of New York, and many other transportation, planning, and public health professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Kirkland encourages walking, bicycling, and public transit for transportation, health, fitness, and recreation, and it recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets, in collaboration with the Village of Clinton, that enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and drivers, and people of all ages and abilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the Town of Kirkland’s Complete Streets Policy to recognize pedestrians and bicyclists as equally important as motorists in the planning and design of street reconstruction and upgrades and as part of new street development undertaken by the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Kirkland will approach every transportation improvement project and phase as an opportunity to create safer, more accessible streets for all users and recognize bicycle and pedestrian modes as integral elements of the transportation system. These phases include, but are not limited to: planning, programming, design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction engineering, reconstruction, operations and maintenance. Other changes to transportation facilities on streets and right-of-ways, including capital improvements, re-channelization projects and major maintenance, must also be included.

**RESOLUTION #18**

Upon motion by Councilwoman O’Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Yando, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the Town of Kirkland Employee Emergency Plan for Communicable Disease Outbreak.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

CORRESPONDENCE

The Town has received the following monies:

\$1,003.38 from NYS for the Town share of the Halloween 2019 flooding  
\$186,855.69 from Oneida County for Sales Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020  
\$81,933.00 from Oneida County for 2020/2021 Snow and Ice Control

The Town is in receipt of feedback from the community including CCS parents, students from Hamilton College and several residents. The Town thanks you for your time and input.

Discussion: Police Reform Policy

Mona Perrotti asked who the Police commissioner is and what procedure is followed in the case of a complaint against an officer. Supervisor Meelan told her the commissioner is the Town Supervisor and if there is a complaint, the complaint is taken to the Officer in Charge (Officer Occhipinti) and then to the Supervisor if need be, if there is action to be taken it will go to the Town Board in an executive session. She would like to see this on the Town web site.

**RESOLUTION #19**

Upon motion by Councilwoman Yando, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board set a public hearing, to be held March 08, 2021, regarding the Police Reform Policy.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
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Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

AUDIT BILLS

**RESOLUTION #20**

Upon motion by Councilman Maxam, seconded by Councilwoman O’Neil, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board review and approve the bills as audited: The totals were:

<b>A -</b>	23,914.05
<b>B -</b>	10,330.14
<b>DA -</b>	20,530.16
<b>SS1 -</b>	18,679.22
<b>SS2 -</b>	99.06
<b>SS4 -</b>	36.70
<b>SL1 -</b>	629.21
<b>SL2 -</b>	218.75
<b>SL3 -</b>	121.18
<b>SL4 -</b>	692.50

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Supervisor Meelan, seconded by Councilwoman O'Neil, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk