

**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 March 08, 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

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

Supervisor Meelan opened the Public Hearing, the Town Clerk read the notice of Public Hearing regarding the Governors Executive Order No. 203 - Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. The Public Hearing was left open. (A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing has been made a part of these minutes.)

TOWN OF KIRKLAND  
COUNTY OF ONEIDA, STATE OF NEW YORK  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, in Accordance with Section 202-b of the New York State Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland, Oneida County, New York (the "Town") will conduct a public hearing on March 8, 2021 at 7:00pm, via Zoom in regard to the Governors Executive Order No. 203- Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. The zoom link, meeting ID and passcode will be available at the town website, [www.townofkirkland.org](http://www.townofkirkland.org) under MEETINGS > ZOOM LINKS.

The Public Hearing will be held to hear all persons interested in submitting their verbal or written concerns, questions and experiences in regards to the above-mentioned Executive Order. The tentative policy is available for viewing on the Town website [www.townofkirkland.org](http://www.townofkirkland.org) under MEETINGS > PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Dated: February 24, 2021

By Order of the Town Board of  
The Town of Kirkland  
Oneida County, New York  
Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk

Town residents offered comments and concerns regarding the Police Reform. Questions were asked regarding Police body cameras and Supervisor Meelan said no the Town Officers do not have them, Officer Occhipinti said that it would be a big undertaking for a small department financially. Also brought up was the idea that racial bias training should be presented by a person of color. There was also a conversation about the appropriateness of the blue line stickers on the squad cars.

**RESOLUTION #21**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of February 24, 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 #22**

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

**Town of Kirkland**

**2021**

**Budget Amendment**

**Resolved: That the Budget Director is hereby authorized to make the following Transfer:**

<b>From: B 1990.4 Contingency</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>To: B 3120.4 Police Contractual</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>

**To charge the COVID 19 Testing to Public Safety Town Wide  
Outside Village, which may qualify for Federal Reimbursement.  
Costs are from August 2020 through this date.**

**Effective Date March 8, 2021.**

**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

GENERAL ORDER

Attorney Anthony Hallak – No report  
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – No report  
Highway Supt. Jon Scott & Councilman Colarusso – Supt. Scott – no report, Councilman Colarusso said the green waste and recycling is being worked on in order to do this as cost effective as possible.  
Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – No report  
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – No report  
Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil – High School playing until March 13<sup>th</sup>, Senior Night was held  
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – No meetings being held  
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – No report  
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – A meeting was held last week, reports will now be emailed by Voce & Iles

The monthly Safety Inspectors’ Reports and Animal Control Officer’s Reports were reviewed by the Town Board Members.

AUDIT BILLS

**RESOLUTION #23**

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

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

- A -** 10,593.18
- B -** 9,091.43
- DA -** 18,342.23
- DB -** 8,500.
- SS1 -** 5,721.15
- SS2 -** 422.28
- SS4 -** 759.81
- SL1-** 619.76
- SL2-** 215.69
- SL3-** 119.62
- SL4-** 674.66

**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

Supervisor Meelan stated that live meetings are now able to be held, the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting will be live.

**RESOLUTION #24**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Public Hearing in regard to the Governors Executive Order No. 203- Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative be closed at 7:36 p.m.

**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 Councilwoman O’Neil, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk