

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland, held at the Town of Kirkland Municipal Building, 3699 State Route 12-B, Clinton, Oneida County, New York on April 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

Attorney Anthony Hallak

Absent:

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Supervisor Meelan called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Margaret Olson wished to address the Board, she asked why the Town Park was not open for winter access. Supervisor Meelan explained that if the park was open the roads would have to be plowed, the bathrooms would have to be open and there are not enough employees to staff the Park and that is a liability if someone were to get hurt. She also asked about a reverse 911 system in the Town and told the Board about a program called Operation Ripple Effect, about planting a rain garden to conserve water and reduce runoff.

**RESOLUTION #34**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of March 29, 2023 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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

**RESOLUTION #35**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the resignation of Bradley Dunda as MEO effective April 13, 2023.

**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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

**RESOLUTION #36**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the resignation of Jason Roberts as Laborer.

**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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

Supervisor Meelan also received a letter from Judge Paul Heintz stating that he is not seeking reelection, his term will end December 31, 2023. Judge Heintz’s Court Clerk, Judy Geruntino, will also be retiring at that time.

**RESOLUTION #37**

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

WHEREAS, The Town of Kirkland will be entering into an agreement with Nelson Associates Architectural Engineering,

RESOLVED, that the Budget Director is hereby authorized to make the following Budget Transfer to cover the cost of the Engineering of the Highway Department Roof:

From: B 9901.9	Transfer to Other Funds	\$30,000
To: H5036.0	Transfer from Other Funds	\$30,000

**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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

**RESOLUTION #38**

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

RESOLVED, that the Budget Director is hereby authorized to make the following Budget Amendment to the 2023 Budget for Repairs to Sewer Pump Stations on Spring Street and Former Rhoads Bldg:

INCREASE: SS-4 8120.4-13	SS-4 Sewers	\$20,000
INCREASE: APPROP FB SS-4	SS-4 Sewers	\$20,000

Funds being appropriated from Fund Balance.

**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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

Supervisor Meelan reported that the Arena Floor Project bids were opened at 2PM on April 5<sup>th</sup> in the presence of the attending public. The bids were then turned over to Nelson Associates for review and recommendation.

Upon recommendation by Nelson Associates:

The bids were awarded to:

Mechanical Contract – Ice Builders, Inc. for \$390,000

General Construction Contract – National Building & Restoration Corp. for \$698,000

A second general contractor bid came in higher and a third bid was received past the 2pm bid deadline, that bid was refused and returned unopened.

**RESOLUTION #39**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the bids for the Arena Floor Replacement Project as recommended by Nelson Associates.

**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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

GENERAL ORDER

Attorney Anthony Hallak – No report  
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – No report  
Highway Supt. Jon Scott – Suffered some damage from the last flood, he is short help, he is down by 2 men, one resigning and another out from an injury  
Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – No report  
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – No report  
Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil – May 1 the Town Park will open, the ice is off the Arena floor  
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Membership is going up  
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – Absent  
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – Absent

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

2023 Transfer Station opening day is May 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Visit the website for more information or there are flyers available at Town Hall.

AUDIT BILLS

**RESOLUTION #40**

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

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

- A -** 13,093.79
- B -** 9,779.75
- DA -** 9,227.72
- DB -** 1,019.65
- SS1 -** 2,950.04
- SS2 -** 440.26
- SS4 -** 9,998.32

**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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, seconded by Councilwoman O’Neil, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk