

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 May 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

Absent:

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Attorney Anthony Hallak

Supervisor Meelan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Meelan recognized the public in attendance. Beth Roy addressed the Board regarding the AYSO at the Town Park. She said that it felt like the Town did not want the program there. Patti Maxam then told her that only 1 field had been asked for and AYSO had not even sent the contract back for that yet. Patti also said that Ryan D’Amico did not want to sign the contract that he wanted the commissioner to sign it.

RESOLUTION #39

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of April 28, 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	Absent
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

RESOLUTION #40

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

Resolved: That the Town Supervisor is Authorized to extend the Stipend to the Budget Director for the Period May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the Amount of \$300.00 per Pay Period. Funds to come from Capital Projects Norton Avenue Bridge, Oneida County Flood Mitigation Projects and Clinton Arena Improvements.

Roll Call Vote:

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

RESOLUTION #41

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the Town Fireworks display to be held July 4, 2021

Roll Call Vote:

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

RESOLUTION #42

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the Hamilton College Fireworks display to be held on May 20, 2021 with a rain date of May 21, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Carol Gable, Alma Lowry and Aaron Strong from Climate Smart Communities spoke about the Public Engagement and Education Plan.

RESOLUTION #43

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

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RESOLUTION: CLIMATE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION PLAN

- WHEREAS** the Town of Kirkland adopted the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge in 2020; and
- WHEREAS** one element of the Climate Smart Communities pledge is an agreement to inform and inspire the public; and
- WHEREAS** public support is critical to creating a sustainable program of municipal and community-based emission reductions and enhanced community resilience; and
- WHEREAS** increasing public understanding of climate change and community resilience, particularly among vulnerable and previously disengaged groups, is important to building public support; and
- WHEREAS** an effective public outreach plan can also help the Town gather information and public preferences to inform climate action planning and prioritization; and
- WHEREAS** a community engagement and education plan will help the Village to plan and conduct effective and efficient public outreach; and
- WHEREAS** the Town of Kirkland created a Climate Smart Communities Task Force and empowered that Task Force to assist in climate-related planning and actions; and

WHEREAS the Climate Smart Communities Task Force has proposed to develop a formal Community Engagement and Education Plan and has presented a tentative outline to the Town;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Kirkland authorizes the Climate Smart Communities Task Force (“Task Force”) to develop a Community Engagement and Education Plan that meets the guidelines set by the New York Climate Smart Communities program and follows the outline presented to the Town.

Roll Call Vote:

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

GENERAL ORDER

Attorney Anthony Hallak – Absent
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – No report
Highway Supt. Jon Scott & Councilman Colarusso – Supt. Scott absent, Councilman Colarusso stated Transfer Station will open on May 15th
Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – No report
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Absent
Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil – No report
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Supervisor Meelan is awaiting a return call from the Office of the Aging regarding the reopening of the Senior Center
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – Sewer vent repaired and blower motors replaced
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – No report

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Transfer Station opens Saturday, May 15th from 8am-1pm. The transfer station will be closed on May 29th for Memorial Day Weekend.

Received Snow and Ice Control check from Oneida County in the amount of \$81,933.00

Community Collection Day is May 22nd in the Village

Grievance Day is May 25th with the Town Assessor

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #44

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 -** 11,834.72
- B -** 1,817.11
- DA -** 11,115.47
- DB -** 3,842.07
- SS1 -** 1,763.00
- SS2 -** 782.28
- SS4 -** 4,380.71
- SL1-** 576.76
- SL2-** 200.51
- SL3-** 111.38
- SL4-** 586.06
- Cap Fund H-** 4,177.00

Roll Call Vote:

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

Supervisor Meelan asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Councilwoman O’Neil, second by Councilman Maxam to enter in to executive session at 7:30. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Colarusso, second by Councilman Maxam to come out of executive session at 7:38. All in Favor.

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilwoman O’Neil, seconded by Councilman Colarusso, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk