

**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 June 14, 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. Damhnait McHugh, President of the Board of the Kirkland Art Center, addressed the Board. She said this is the 60 year anniversary of the KAC and they are set to launch a Capitol Campaign to replace the roof at the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary Annual Meeting in June. The KAC is requesting \$30,000 from the Town in support of the roof project. Supervisor Meelan said they will look into it, right now the Town is also going through the same thing with the Arena roof and floor and the Highway Dept. roof.

A Town of Kirkland property owner addressed the Board asking if the Town has any Ethics Policy regarding Town Officials saying hateful things on social media. The Board felt this was more of a personal issue as it was said on a personal platform and not in a Town Official role, therefore not a Board issue. This falls under the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment of the Constitution.

No bids were received regarding the Arena Concession. Patti Maxam said she had begun looking into the possibility of installing vending machines. Supervisor Meelan asked Patti to check with Youth Hockey and Figure Skating to see if it would be something they may be interested in running.

**RESOLUTION #50**

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 May 26, 2021 as printed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

### **RESOLUTION #51**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the Town Supervisor to sign any and all documents to apply for a Grant through NYS Parks and Historic Preservation for the Arena floor.

### **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 that he had a meeting to discuss future work and highway and bridge repair

Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – Absent, Supervisor Meelan said he had spoken with Officer Occhipinti and he had no report

Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Absent

Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil – nets have been purchased for tennis and volleyball courts, painting pavilions as needed, maintenance on rainy days, Supervisor Meelan said that the Town will hold the rates for youth hockey, figure skating and the school. Patti Maxam said that the public skating rate may be raised to \$5 for admission and \$5 for skate rental, this is in line with other arenas, it is currently \$4 for admission and \$3 for rental. Also the hourly rate may be raised to \$135 which is still lower than other Arenas. A dance recital was held at the Arena on Sunday, masks were worn, temperatures checked and under 250 people occupancy.

Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Supervisor Meelan said the Senior Center will reopen Tuesday  
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – No report  
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – The barn has been resided and they are looking into the possibility of putting in solar panels. The next meeting will be a cook out held at the site.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Carole Byrne director of the Senior Center has been given permission to re-open the Center. She will be preparing by cleaning/sanitizing and posting NYS and CDC Guidance for vaccinated people.

A check was received from NYSERDA in the amount of \$5,000 toward the Clean Energy Initiative.

The Clark Mills Fireman’s Field Days will be held June 24, 25 and 26, they have requested the use of Town roads for the parade on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION #52**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the use of Town roads for the Clark Mills Fire Department Parade to be held on June 26, 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

Supervisor Meelan said that Kathryn Arcuri is working on the annual mandatory Sexual Harassment Training that employees must take.

Patti Maxam said the Arena has old, heavy 5/8 inch tempered glass that she would like to put on Auctions International. There are 47 pieces with stanchions in between and extra pieces. It will be listed for 2 weeks.

AUDIT BILLS

**RESOLUTION #53**

Upon motion by Councilwoman O’Neil, 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 -** 73,788.38
- B -** 40,080.14
- DA -** 40,997.23
- DB -** 23,508.29
- SS1 -** 38,184.76
- SS2 -** 862.28
- SS4 -** 459.81
- Cap Fund H-** 1,712.

**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

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk