

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 July 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

Attorney Anthony Hallak

Absent:

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

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. There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTION #60

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 June 30, 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 #61

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

WHEREAS the Town of Kirkland has operated the Edward Stanley Recreation Center since 1982 , which has provided an Ice skating arena for the Clinton Central School District, the Clinton Youth Hockey Programs, the Clinton Figure Skating Club as well as Open to the Public Skating and a Seniors Level competitive program; and

WHEREAS the Edward W. Stanley Recreation Center now requires significant restoration in the form of a new floor with piping; and

WHEREAS the Town wishes to apply to the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a matching grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for funding to restore the facility; and

WHEREAS the Edward W. Stanley Recreation Center is listed on the National Historic Register,

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland does hereby approve and endorse the Application to the OPRHP under Title 9 of the Environmental Act of 1993 for a project known as Clinton Arena Improvements, and

FURTHER Authorizes the Town Supervisor to apply for and sign any and all documents as required.

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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 #62

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

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Budget Amendment

Resolved: That the Town Budget Director is Authorized to make the following Budget Amendment:

INCREASE: Transfer to Capital Fund (Arena Floor) CR9901 \$50,000

INCREASE: Transfer from Recreation Fund H 5031 \$50,000

Recreation Funds from Hockeyville to be appropriated for the Engineering, Administration, Legal and other Misc. Costs as a result of the Arena Floor Grant.

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 received a request regarding the Village of Clinton; the Village is applying for a grant to develop a Master Plan and would like a letter of Endorsement.

RESOLUTION #63

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize a Letter of Endorsement to be written for the Village of Clinton grant application.

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 – No report
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – No report
Highway Supt. Jon Scott & Councilman Colarusso – Dealing with flooding, meeting with county to evaluate
Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – Everything is good
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Absent
Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil – No report
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Absent
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – Had a minor plug and Roto Router was called in
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – 4th of July picnic was held on site

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a note from Kelly Nugent thanking the Town for the fireworks display.

Reminder regarding the Kirkland Town Library event that was discussed at the last meeting, event to be held August 5th at 6:30.

PRESENTATION by the Sherrill Brook Community Forest Coalition

Jim Bramley, President of Kirkland Trails, started the presentation. He told the Board about a privately owned 450 acre parcel currently for sale, the parcel is adjacent to the Sherrill Brook Town Park. Stu Miller, a New Hartford resident, who approached the Kirkland Trails regarding this endeavor, then proceeded to explain the goal of the project was to acquire 400-450 acres of this property for the purpose of preservation, conservation and public recreation as additional park land. Mr. Miller then continued

with a description of the property and described the benefits of the project including providing trail systems for biking, hiking, skiing and other outdoor activities. He then discussed the budget requirements, fund raising and current participating organizations. Mr. Miller said there is currently a purchase option on 50 acres of the property for a solar farm leaving only 400 acres available for purchase. An offer was made to purchase the additional acreage, however it was not accepted. Supervisor Meelan stated that if the Town was to sell or purchase a piece of land that it would have to go to public referendum first. Mr. Miller then asked if a solar farm was brought in front of the planning board would the Planning Board put in place restrictions to keep the land, streams and gorges protected. Town Attorney Hallak advised the Board not to discuss current solar farm projects and also that he would advise the Planning Board of the same. Representatives from the Climate Smart Communities strongly support this project as did Jim Frederick.

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #64

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 -** 10,513.06
- B -** 9,905.87
- DA -** 6,229.94
- DB -** 5,980.17
- SL1-** 578.09
- SL 2-** 200.80
- SL3-** 111.46
- SL4-** 579.90
- SS1 -** 10,019.99
- SS2 -** 462.28
- SS4 -** 459.81
- Rec Fund CR –** 2,452.69

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 Councilwoman O’Neil, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk