

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 August 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

Absent:

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Attorney Anthony Hallak

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

Supervisor Meelan recognized the public in attendance and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Jim Schreve addressed the Board regarding concerns with the Kirkland Trails, lack of mowing, bugs, some logging being done making the Trail muddy and dangerous for biking. Mr. Schreve said that there are no signs saying no motorized vehicles allowed, Highway Superintendent Jon Scott said that 8 of those signs have been stolen. Mr. Schreve also asked about motorized vehicles, he wanted to know if snowmobilers are allowed on the Trail: they will be with a Certificate of Insurance. He also asked about sidewalks, who plows the sidewalks and about salt application on the roads in the winter. He also asked why the big field in the back of the Town Park is being mowed, Patti Maxam explained that people use that field for walking dogs, kids play there, sunbathing and leads to the trails.

RESOLUTION #71

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of July 13, 2022 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	Absent

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil Aye

RESOLUTION #72

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorizes the Arena Concession to be put out to bid.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

RESOLUTION #73

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board reject all Arena Floor bids, to be re bid in the future.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

RESOLUTION #74

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the addition of a confidential hotline to the existing Sexual Harassment Policy for Employees, pursuant to Gov. Hochuls amendment to the New York State Human Rights Law.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

RESOLUTION #75

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board agree to participate with Broome County and other participating municipalities in the BCPA Medicare Advantage Program effective January 1, 2023.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

GENERAL ORDER

Attorney Anthony Hallak – Absent
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – Reported that a letter was received from NYS & Local Retirement System, a correction needs to be made and reposted for 30 days before being sent back into the state

RESOLUTION #76

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the correction and reposting of the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for NYS and Local Retirement System.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

Highway Supt. Jon Scott – Oriskany Creek Basin Committee is in its infancy and they are looking into new projects. The DEC won’t entertain a permit application or a project without having a watershed signed, that’s why they commenced the St. Mary’s Brook Watershed study, for that \$200,000 was budgeted, we are under that number, that study is close to completion. There are concerns for Sherman Brook Basin, in particular New St., Stebbins Dr., Beatty Ave. and Kirkland Ave., there are issues all along there. The County applied for a permit to do work on the Kirkland Ave. bridge and they were denied until there is a comprehensive study done. The Town applied for a grant from the County and received a total of \$200,000, the County will pay up to \$150,000 and we are responsible for up to \$50,000, this is to do work in the Sherman Brook. Supt. Scott said that they are getting a proposal from Ramboll Engineering, they are the engineer for the Sauquoit Creek Basin and Oriskany Creek is looking to use them as well for continuity.

RESOLUTION #77

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize moving forward with the Flood Mitigation Grant between Oneida County and the Town of Kirkland.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – No report
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Absent

Recreation Liaison Councilman O’Neil – Looking for Arena Concessionaire
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Absent
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.

DISCUSSION

Hamilton College Fall Fest will be held Saturday, October 1st from 12-4. The Town has been asked to be involved and Administrative Officer Shawn Occhipinti has volunteered to set up a table and has asked the Board if a councilperson would like to be there, Councilwoman Melanie O’Neil said she will be happy to help Shawn. Patti Maxam said the students are given a free public skate.

RESOLUTION #78

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board reappoint James Benson to the Board of Assessment Review with term to expire September 30, 2027.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

Oneida County Legislator Chad Davis addressed the Board regarding a speed reduction request. The request was first submitted in September of 2021 for Red Hill Road. Mr. Davis is asking that we resubmit the request with a letter he has written and an accident report that was given to him by a resident.

RESOLUTION #79

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the resubmittal of the speed reduction and no passing zone for Red Hill Road between NYS Route 12 and Snowden Hill Road.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil	Aye

Councilman Colarusso said the EV Charging Station at the Arena was started 2 years ago in April and is still no closer to completion. The electric has been run for the charging station. Potentia had to reorder the stations, then COVID hit. The company was going to absorb the cost because of the time this has taken and then the daughter said it was going to cost \$4,500. for the unit. The Potentia proposal is no longer in effect and will be sent to Attorney Hallak to review. Amanda Kerr from MV Edge can provide the same unit for \$1,500. Councilman Colarusso said we will wait for Attorney Hallak's response and then go with MV Edge.

RESOLUTION #80

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize Councilman Colarusso to proceed with MV Edge after receiving Attorney Hallak's response.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil	Aye

Chad Davis said a resident asked about the striping of the wheelchair line on Franklin Avenue. He asked if this line could be repainted. Highway Superintendent Jon Scott said that the County is too expensive and the paint they use goes on in October and is gone by December, he is working on a different agency to possibly restripe. Councilman Colarusso said that he would like to see the orange triangle symbol on the back of the wheelchairs so they are more visible, especially at night time.

Daniel Buttermann of Oneonta introduced himself, he is running for the 122nd State Assembly District.

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #81

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

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

- A -** 25,683.36
- B -** 16,610.73
- DA -** 17,444.97
- DB -** 17,456.43
- SS1 -** 3,922.86
- SS2 -** 658.46
- SS4 -** 468.67
- Cap Fund H –** 21,496.88

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	Absent
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 Colarusso, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk