

**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 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

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 asked if anyone present would like to address the Board. Sharleen Machold, Director of the Sr. Center said they have a door that won’t lock, she has put in a work order and will ask Shawn Occhipinti on Thursdays to do a door check. She said the Seniors took a trip to Lake George that was very well attended, the next trip will be to Raquette Lake for a dining boat ride, then a stop in Old Forge at The View. A new cooler was purchased for water, and she is getting quotes for a new AC unit.

A resident said that she was unable to view the 2022 minutes online, the past issue was if they are in word they will not show up correctly, only in pdf format. She also asked if the old Mill Building taxes had been paid. The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to check and let him know.

**RESOLUTION #70**

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 August 11, 2025 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	Abstain
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

**RESOLUTION #71**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the use of the Kirkland Town Park for the Clinton Fire Department’s Lights Around the Park.

**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	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

**RESOLUTION #72**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority Intermunicipal Agreement.

**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	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

**DISCUSSION:**

Supervisor Meelan said that the Village of Clinton Mayor, Elizabeth Tantillo had sent an email that was placed in everyones folder for review. The Mayor is asking for a Fire Department Feasibility Study with the cost to be split between the Village, Hamilton College and the Town. Councilman Colarusso said there are three parties involved and wanted to know if anyone had met with the fire department and also said that the

study needs fire department feedback. Supervisor Meelan said the Town contracts for fire service, it is not owned by the Town, he thinks the biggest study should be consolidation. The supervisor would like to sit down and talk to Chief Bob Burns. Councilman Maxam asked if it would be feasible to put an addition on Firehouse#2. Supervisor Meelan and Councilman Colarusso will meet with Chief Burns and ask him to come to the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting. Supervisor Meelan said that the Town was trying to help the Clark Mills Fire Department, they need a generator, the Town has an old generator and also looked into piggybacking off the one at the Senior Center but neither were feasible.

The owners of 7614 State Route 5 were present and thought there would be discussion regarding their property, Supervisor Meelan told them they would be on the agenda for the next meeting (Sept. 8) per the attorneys.

**RESOLUTION #73**

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 -** 44,412.31
- B -** 20,152.10
- DA -** 24,588.27
- DB-** 30,231.34
- SS1 -** 17,133.70
- SS4-** 27.35

**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	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilman Maxam, seconded by Councilwoman O’Neil, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk