

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 September 7, 2022, 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

Absent:

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.

Open all Arena Concession Bids – No bids were received

RESOLUTION #86

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 24, 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	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

RESENTATION: Patty Louise gave a presentation regarding the DRI Grant, this is the 3rd time that the application has been submitted. The group now has a formal name: CKIC which stands for Clinton Kirkland Improvement Corporation. A list of projects was received and she explained some may happen, others may not, just because they are listed does not mean they are guaranteed.

RESOLUTION #87

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

TOWN OF KIRKLAND

RESOLUTION: SUPPORT FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT

Whereas, the Town of Kirkland (the Town) is a municipal corporation whose geographical boundaries include the Village of Clinton; and

Whereas, there is located within the Village and Town a downtown commercial district incorporating, and surrounded by historic buildings, parks, cultural, educational and recreational facilities; and

Whereas, the Village and Town are eligible to apply for the 2022 State of New York Downtown Revitalization Grant (the DRI Grant) in an amount up to Ten Million dollars (\$10,000,000.00), which DRI Grant would benefit recreational facilities, organizations and residences within the community; and

Whereas, the Town Board for the Town of Kirkland supports such endeavors to improve the infrastructure and physical appearance of the Village and Town within an area to be defined within the DRI Grant;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Council Members in conjunction and cooperation with the Village Board for the Village of Clinton consents to the Clinton Kirkland Improvement Corporation (CKIC) to prepare and submit the DRI Grant; and it is further

RESOLVED, that CKIC shall be authorized and is encouraged to compile the information required to apply for the DRI Grant and prepare the application; and it is further

RESOLVED, that subject to the final approval of the grant application by the Town Board that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the DRI Grant application signifying such approval.

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

Supervisor Meelan recognized the public in attendance and asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

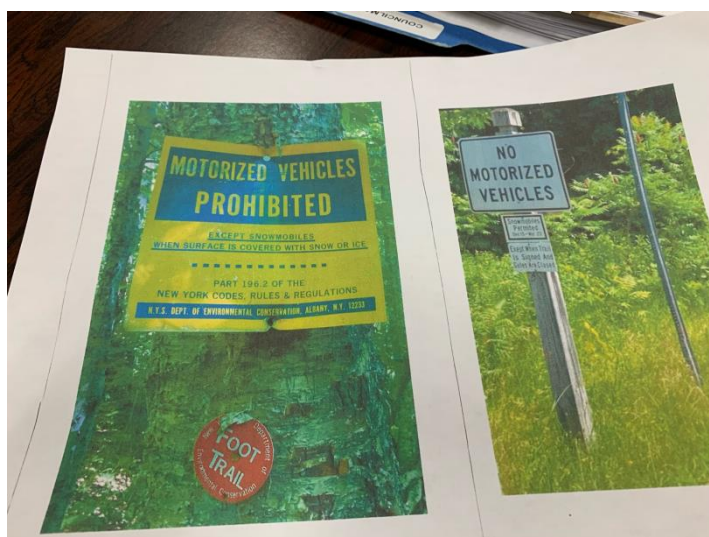
Michael Zielinski and Gena Hasburgh addressed the Board regarding the ongoing speeding issue on New St., Mr. Zielinski wanted to bring to the Boards attention new legislation that was passed this year:

Legislation (A.1007-A/S.2021-A) will help prevent traffic-related crashes and fatalities by allowing municipalities to reduce speed limits to 25 miles per hour. Research shows that faster driving speeds correlate to more serious injuries and fatalities for pedestrians in the event of a crash. Under current law, the default maximum speed limit throughout a city, town, or village may not be set lower than 30 mph. By giving municipalities local control to reduce speed limits, this legislation will improve public safety and prevent pedestrian fatalities.

The new law gives municipalities the control to reduce speed limits. Supervisor Meelan thanked them for bringing this to the Boards attention, he will now bring this to Attorney Hallak.

Chip Bassett addressed the Board regarding the possibility of a sidewalk on Route 12B, he would like to see the sidewalk continue all the way up Meadow St. to Dwight Ave. and would like to see a light at Hannaford Shopping Center. Supervisor Meelan again explained that a traffic light cannot be put up by the state going from a state road to private property, the light would have to be installed by Hannaford.

Jim Schreve addressed the Board regarding the Kirkland Trails, he said he appreciates the work done and support from the Town. He said he has 2 points he would like to bring up. 1. He said he is happy to see the survey has been done on the north part of the Trail and would encourage the Town to move forward with that section with improvements. 2. He would like to see no motor vehicle signs posted, he presented to the Board 2 pictures that he had taken in other locations:



Mr. Schreve said that he would like to see the Town, as custodian of the Trail, to take the lead. Supervisor Meelan explained to him how and why the Town became involved in this. Supervisor Meelan said that the Town is short workers and funds, the Trail

committee said they do have some funds available. Supervisor Meelan said he has no issue with the No motorized vehicle signs.

GENERAL ORDER

Attorney Anthony Hallak – Absent
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – No report
Highway Supt. Jon Scott – Absent
Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – All good
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – No report
Recreation Liaison Councilman O’Neil – hoping for concession bid!
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – All running smoothly
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – No report
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – Meeting September 8th

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

RESOLUTION #88

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the use of Town roads for the 5K Jingle Jog to be held on November 26th.

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

Supervisor Meelan reminded the Board that last month an agreement with Oneida County was signed for the study of Sherman Brook for \$200,000, with \$50,000 being the Towns responsibility.

RESOLUTION #89

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize Supervisor Meelan to sign the contract with Ramboll Engineering, not to exceed \$200,000 after it has been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

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

Supervisor Meelan gave an update on the Mill building, he said that the company that was hired could not get National Grid to come out and pull the electric off the building, he spent Tuesday calling everyone from National Grid and by Tuesday night the power was down. Supervisor Meelan had to resign the contract as they were supposed to start earlier, the contract was extended out so that the work should be complete by November 19th. Supervisor Meelan said that he is hoping it will be done in time to get it on this years County tax bill to get the Towns money back.

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #90

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 -	4,929.06
B -	3,609.53
DA -	5,968.68
DB -	21,216.10
SS1 -	1,372.80
SS2 -	511.08
SS4 -	468.67
SL1 -	637.75
SL2-	220.23
SL3-	122.03
SL4-	678.45
Cap Fund H –	279,157.50

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
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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 Councilwoman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk