

**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 October 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Absent:

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

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 opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2022 Preliminary Budget and Assessment Rolls for Sewer and Water Districts of the Town of Kirkland. (A copy of the Public Hearing Notice has been made a part of these minutes.)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR SEWER AND WATER DISTRICTS of the TOWN OF KIRKLAND, ONEIDA COUNTY, FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Preliminary Budget, Property Tax Exemption Report and the assessment rolls for sewer and water districts of the Town of Kirkland, Oneida County, New York, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 have been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Kirkland in Lumbard Hall in said Town, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during regular office hours. A copy of the Preliminary Budget is available for review at the Kirkland Town Library, 55 ½ College Street, and at the Municipal Office Building.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and the proposed budgets for the sewer and water districts of the Town of Kirkland and hold a public hearing thereon Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm at the Town Offices located at 3699 State Route 12B, Clinton, New York, and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against said Preliminary Budget and the budgets for the sewer and water districts of the Town as compiled, or for and against any item or items therein contained.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law that the following are the proposed yearly salaries of the elected officials:

SUPERVISOR	\$20,167.00
COUNCILMAN	\$ 6,279.00
COUNCILMAN	\$ 6,279.00
COUNCILMAN	\$ 6,279.00
COUNCILMAN	\$ 6,279.00
TOWN CLERK	\$44,058.00

TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$70,552.00
RECEIVER OF TAXES	\$11,097.00
TOWN JUSTICE	\$16,989.00
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TOTAL	\$204,968.00

By Order of the Town Board  
Dated: September 29, 2021  
Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk

Supervisor Meelan thanked Budget Director, Tony Arcuri, for all his work on this budget. Mr. Arcuri said that some years there are minor changes to the budget and this year there were none.

The Public Hearing was left open.

### **RESOLUTION #89**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the October 13th minutes 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	Absent

### **RESOLUTION #90**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the resignation of James Zwijacz as Part Time Police Officer effective November 7, 2021.

#### **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	Absent

### **RESOLUTION #91**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the resignation of Joseph Scarafie as Full Time Police Officer effective November 8, 2021.

#### **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	Absent

### **RESOLUTION #92**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the 5 year Shared Services Agreement for machinery, tools and equipment with Oneida County and other various municipalities.

#### **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	Absent

**RESOLUTION #93**

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

2021

BUDGET TRANSFER

TOWN OF KIRKLAND

RESOLUTION NO: 93

Resolved: That the Budget Director is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budget Transfers:

TO: DB 5110.1	Highway Wages	\$3,000
DB 5111.1	Highway OT	\$ 210
DB 9030.8	FICA	\$ 230
DB 9060.8	Hospitalization	\$2,400
FROM:DB 1990.4	Contingency	\$5,840
TO: B8160.4	Transfer Station	\$10,000
FROM: B1910.4	Unallocated Insurance	\$ 5,000
B1990.4	Contingency	\$ 5,000
TO: DA 9040.8	Workers Comp	\$ 3,200
DA 9785.6	Lease Principal	\$ 70
FROM: DA 1990.4	Contingency	\$ 3,270
TO: A 7020.4	KAC	\$ 1,000
FROM: A 1990.4	Contingency	\$ 1,000

REASON: To Transfer to various cost centers for year end.

Resolved that this Resolution will take effect immediately.

This resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Ayes: 4            Nays: 0            Absent: 1

**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	Absent

**RESOLUTION #94**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize a letter to be sent to Congressperson Tenney regarding the ARPA to allow more flexibility on use of funds. (A copy of the letter has been made a part of these minutes.)

Dear Congressperson Tenney:

The Town of Kirkland is writing to urge you to support measures similar to those found in S3011, which significantly expands the eligibility of American Rescue Plan Act funding for local governments. Specifically, the Senate bill:

- (1) Allows localities to allocate up to \$10 million of ARPA funds to provide government services without needing to calculate lost revenue;
- (2) Allows towns to use \$10 million or 30 percent of its ARPA allocations (whichever is more) to be used under a new, separate provision that further allows infrastructure-related activities authorized under federal surface transportation laws or Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
- (3) Allows funding to be used to provide “emergency relief from natural disasters or the negative economic impacts of natural disasters, including temporary emergency housing, food assistance, financial assistance for lost wages, or other immediate needs.”

While we are grateful for ARPA funding, expanding eligible uses and allowing for more flexibility will clear up some of the confusion that’s arisen surrounding how to use these funds. More importantly, it will allow the town to better serve our communities and use the funding where it is most useful and most needed.

Thank you.

**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	Absent

**DISCUSSION: Oriskany Creek Watershed**

Supervisor Meelan said that he, Garry Colarusso and Jon Scott have attended meetings to discuss combining with other municipalities. This would be a group effort in hopes of fixing some of the problems. Supervisor Meelan also said that attorney approval is needed before the Town moves forward with this.

CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION #95

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board appoint Brittany Preski and Alex Nagy Part Time noncompetitive Police Officers.

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	Absent

RESOLUTION #96

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accepts the reappointments of Anita Fitzgerald to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Mark Harjung to the Planning Board with terms to expire December 31, 2026.

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	Absent

The last day of the Transfer Station was October 23<sup>rd</sup>, everything went well this season. Flyers will again be sent out with next year’s information.

A Dinner will be held by the National Historical Society, in honor of Richard Williams, Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Harts Hill Inn.

AUDIT BILLS

**RESOLUTION #97**

Upon motion by Councilwoman Yando, 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 -** 57,278.76
- B -** 8,266.95
- DA -** 38,813.06
- DB -** 3,567.99
- SS1 -** 12,737.25
- SS 2 -** 103.78
- SS 4 -** 26.46

**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	Absent

The ZBA Hearing on the Solar Farms will be held November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

**RESOLUTION #98**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board close the Public Hearing for 2022 Preliminary Budget at 7:25 pm.

**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	Absent

**RESOLUTION #99**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Kirkland Town Board adopt the 2022 Preliminary budget as the final 2022 Budget (A copy of the Final Budget has been made a part of these minutes).

**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	Absent

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilwoman Yando, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk