

**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 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

Budget Director Tony Arcuri

Absent:

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

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. There were two residents present who wished to address the Board regarding the proposed solar farm by the Atlas Renewables Group. Supervisor Meelan told them that they were at the wrong Board Meeting that this is in the hands of the Planning Board. They still wished to voice some concerns. They have concerns regarding deforestation, flooding, run off, drainage and wildlife. A map was handed out to the Board and a proposal of 3 items they would like the Board to consider.

**RESOLUTION #99**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of September 28, 2022 as printed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Absent
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

A letter of request was received from the KAC asking for a \$1,000 increase in the yearly agreement amount. Supervisor Meelan said the amount has remained the same at \$17,500 for a number of years.

**RESOLUTION #100**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize a \$1,000 increase in the amount given to the KAC, raising the amount to \$18,500.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Absent
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Budget Director Arcuri discussed the Capitol Fund projects and the Town Fund balances.

Budget Director Arcuri said there will be a 2% tax increase which will be a \$16 increase per 100,000 assessed value of a home. Mr. Arcuri pointed out some lines in the budget he wanted to bring to the Boards attention; there were no questions at that time.

The Public Hearing will be held at the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and another workshop if needed.

The Budget Director and Supervisor are available for questions that anyone may have.

**GENERAL ORDER**

Attorney Anthony Hallak – Absent  
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – Town Clerk Maxam told the Board the new meeting schedule for next year was being worked on and asked the Board members present if the noon meeting time for the Organizational Meeting would work for their schedules, all said yes. Will get the Board a copy when it is finalized.  
Highway Supt. Jon Scott – Absent  
Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – Absent. Supervisor Meelan said that the Police Contract will be extended out 1 more year.  
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – No report  
Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil – Said the Fall Festival went well, there was a good turnout and skate schedules and passes were handed out.

Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – All going well  
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – Bob Galinski repaired a ground wire at the French Rd. pump station.  
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – No meeting has been held

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

**RESOLUTION #101**

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT

TOWN OF KIRKLAND

RESOLUTION NO:101

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

From: B 1990.4	Contingency	\$1,067
To: B 8020.2	Planning Equipment	\$1,067

REASON: To transfer funds for purchase of Conference Table for Planning Dept.

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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	Absent
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

Supervisor Meelan said that the Town is still waiting for the demolition of the Mill building in Clark Mills, the site work has been completed. There will be a \$500 per day fine if the work has not been completed by the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

AUDIT BILLS

**RESOLUTION #102**

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

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

- A -** 76,321.80
- B -** 7,758.91
- DA -** 12,741.13
- DB -** 97,233.34
- SS1 -** 1,024.43
- SS2 -** 511.08
- SS4 -** 468.67

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Absent
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 Councilwoman Yando, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk