

**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 30, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil

Absent:

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Budget Director Tony Arcuri

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 opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2024 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.) The Town Clerk read the Notice.

**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 2024**

**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, 2024 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 also available for review at the Kirkland Town Library, 55½ 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 there on Monday, October 30 at 5:00 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

\$21,191.00

COUNCILMAN	\$ 6,666.00
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TOWN CLERK	\$50,000.00
TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$74,485.00
RECEIVER OF TAXES	\$11,715.00
TOWN JUSTICE	\$16,985.00
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TOTAL	\$218,025.00

By Order of the Town Board  
Dated: September 28, 2023  
Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk

Supervisor Meelan said that nothing in the budget had changed from what had been discussed by Budget Director Tony Arcuri at the budget workshop held at the last meeting.

The Public Hearing will remain open.

**RESOLUTION #97**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of October 11, 2023 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

**RESOLUTION #98**

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 Town Roads for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jingle Jog on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. (same route as previous years)

**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

**RESOLUTION #99**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2024 Animal Control Contract with the Town of New Hartford.

**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

**RESOLUTION #100**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the resignation of Deputy Town Clerk, Valerie Valent, effective November 30, 2023.

**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

DISCUSSION: Reappointment of Planning Board Member John Hecklau and ZBA Member Robert Kellogg. Supervisor Meelan said he had spoken with both Board Members and they do want to be reappointed for another term. The reappointment will take place at the Organizational Meeting in January.

Supervisor Meelan said that the Dodge Charger listed for bid at \$11,000. came in with a high bid of \$9,600. This has been counter bid at the original \$11,000, they have 5 days to respond. If the bid price is met, Supervisor Meelan asked if the Board will give him permission to sign.

**RESOLUTION #101**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Kirkland Town Board authorize Supervisor Meelan to sign for the sale of the Dodge Charger if the minimum bid amount is met.

**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

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 - 74,105.40
- B - 5,917.14

DA - 45,225.64  
DB - 72,162.42  
SS1 - 9,361.28  
SS4 - 1,315.00  
Cap Fund H - 733.53  
SL1- 641.23  
SL2- 221.63  
SL3- 122.95  
SL4- 677.41

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 continued to leave the Public Hearing open.  
No one had any additional questions or comments regarding the 2024 Budget.

RESOLUTION #103

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board close the Public Hearing for 2024 Preliminary Budget at 5:15 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION #104**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board adopt the 2024 Preliminary budget as the final 2024 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	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 5:17 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk