

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 November 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

Budget Director Tony Arcuri

Attorney Anthony Hallak

Absent:

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

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.

Barbara Ames addressed the Board, thanking the Highway Department for a great job, the yellow stripe was painted on her road. She is very thankful and stressed the importance of having the lines on the road.

Jim Schreve addressed the Board, also thanking the Highway Department for paving the parking lot on Dugway Rd. for the Trails, he also thanked the Board for listening regarding his request for snowmobile signs. He said that there has been a logging operation going on and has caused damage on the Trail, Supervisor Meelan told him that they are to fix the damage when they have completed their logging. Mr. Schreve also mentioned some low, muddy spots and roots and wondered if the Town had plans for more improvements, Supervisor Meelan told him that possibly in the Spring but now that Winter is coming nothing will be done.

Arena Floor Replacement Bids: 3 bids were received and opened

<u>Name</u>	<u>Basic</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1. Northland Associates, Liverpool	856,000	273,000
2. National Building & Restoration, Utica	619,000	210,000
3. J. Priore, Utica	788,000	246,000

RESOLUTION #111

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board accept and turn the bids over to Nelson Associates for review.

Roll Call Vote:

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

RESOLUTION #112

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of October 26, 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	Absent
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

RESOLUTION #113

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board adopt the 2023 Preliminary budget as the final 2023 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	Absent
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

RESOLUTION #114

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize Supervisor Meelan to sign the 2023 Animal Control Agreement with New Hartford.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Attorney Hallak introduced LL#3 of 2022 – A Local Law to adopt pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 487(8) opting out of the exemption from taxation for certain energy systems. Attorney Hallak said that he and the assessor, Nina Wallace will hold an office time for questions.

GENERAL ORDER

Attorney Anthony Hallak – No report
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – No report
Highway Supt. Jon Scott – Absent
Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – Absent
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Absent
Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil –Roof on Arena looks great!
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – Absent
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – No sewer news but was sent pictures of the Mill building coming down. Supervisor Meelan said the road has reopened but they are still working on the first floor.
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – There were no budget increases and the budget was passed

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Meelan spoke regarding the Proposed Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission budget scenarios. The Supervisor said that of the 14 participants only 5 are participating in the program. The Supervisor and Board agreed that more of the Towns and Villages need to be involved. This will be tabled until more questions can be answered.

Councilman Colarusso said that over 2 years ago an electric car charging station was to be installed at the Arena, the wires are all there but the business dealings have been unsuccessful with the original company. He stated that the distributor in Texas can be contacted directly to purchase the charging unit for \$3,576. There will be a fee charged to the user.

RESOLUTION #115

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board agree to move forward and contact the company to start the process of purchasing the charging unit.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Patti Maxam asked about a bill she received for Arena lighting, Attorney Hallak said that was potential litigation and will be discussed in executive session.

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #116

Upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, 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 -** 37,439.71
- B -** 13,477.07

DA - 90,046.05
DB - 7,276.26
SS1 - 2,037.71
SS2 - 511.08
SS4 - 468.67
CAP FUND – 240,943.50

Roll Call Vote:

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

Supervisor Meelan asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a possible litigation matter.

A motion was made by Councilwoman O’Neil, second by Councilman Maxam to enter in to executive session at 5:35. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Colarusso, second by Councilman Maxam to come out of executive session at 5:48. All in Favor.

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, seconded by Councilwoman O’Neil, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk