

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland, Town of Kirkland Municipal Building, 3699 State Route 12-B, Clinton, Oneida County, New York on December 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**

**MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

Attorney Anthony Hallak

Supervisor Meelan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #105**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of November 09, 2020 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

**RESOLUTION #106**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize Supervisor Robert J. Meelan to sign the 2021 Animal Control Contract 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	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

**GENERAL ORDER**

Attorney Anthony Hallak – No report  
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – Reappointments for Planning Board and ZBA

**RESOLUTION #107**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the reappointments of Planning Board Member, Todd Kogut and ZBA Member, John Dillon with reappointment to be made at the Organizational Meeting in January.

**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

Highway Supt. Jon Scott and Councilman Colarusso– Supt. Scott out for knee replacement, Councilman Colarusso said Highway Dept. spread brine today  
Police Dept.- Administrative Officer Occhipinti – All good, keeping office and cars sanitized  
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – No report  
Recreation Liaison Councilman O’Neil – Some parents watching hockey practices via Live Barn  
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – No report  
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – No report  
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam– Last meeting was cancelled, next meeting will be held via Zoom

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

**RESOLUTION #108**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board has reviewed and approved the bills as audited for the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the meeting was cancelled due to the surge in Covid cases.

**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

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a check for \$6,000 from Hamilton College for municipal lighting

Courts are closed again

Shirley Knop addressed the Board asking, “What is the plan for Police Reform?” Supervisor Meelan told her that he has reached out to Clinton Central School and Hamilton College twice now and has not received a return call. Councilman Colarusso wants to put something in the Waterville Times asking residents to send letters or emails because the Town does not have the capacity for a large Zoom meeting. Officer Occhipinti has reached out to Campus Safety about holding a Zoom meeting with no response.

Attorney Hallak wanted to compliment Officer Occhipinti for the way he has been proactive and adapting to the new circumstances, Attorney Hallak knows he is new to the job and is impressed with the way he has handled it.

Mona Perrotti applauds the Town for giving the opportunity to Zoom. She also asked how one would go about lodging a complaint against a police officer; Supervisor Meelan told her one would get ahold of the Officer in Charge and file a personal complaint.

Officer Occhipinti said that they are into 2021 Training and have completed these 5 things:

- new use of force policy
- de-escalation training
- racial bias training
- new vehicle pursuit policy
- positional asphyxia during arrest processing

AUDIT BILLS

**RESOLUTION #109**

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

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

- A -** 22,360.80
- B -** 2,626.83
- DA -** 4,686.72
- SS1 -** 7,955.30
- SS2 -** 7,530.80
- SS4 -** 2,101.23
- SL1-** 598.56
- SL2-** 115.64
- SL3-** 208.32
- SL-4** 632.81

**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

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk