

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, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil

Budget Director Anthony 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 2026 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 2026

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, 2026 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 27 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	\$22,473.00
COUNCILMAN	\$ 7,072.00
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TOWN CLERK	\$45,000.00
TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$79,022.00
RECEIVER OF TAXES	\$12,428.00
TOWN JUSTICE	\$18,020.00
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TOTAL	\$223,251.00

By Order of the Town Board

Dated: September 22, 2025

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk

Supervisor Meelan said the budget was in the amount of \$9,746,243., it remained under the 2% tax cap, with each \$100,000. of assessed value going up \$34.

The Public Hearing will remain open.

RESOLUTION #86

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of October 15, 2025 as printed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

RESOLUTION #87

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the 2026 Animal Control Municipal Agreement.

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 #88

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the following Budget Transfers:

BUDGET TRANSFERS			
27-Oct-25			
<u>FROM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
DA1990.4	Storm of 2025	DA5140.4	\$25,000.00
A1620.4		A1930.4	\$20,000.00

Possible Litigation			
A9010.8	Wrong Account Charged	A8540.4	\$600.00
SS1 - 81302411	Equipment Failure	SS1- 8130.2	\$3,000.00

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

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #89

Upon motion by Councilman Maxam, 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 -	33,731.99
B -	9,667.83
DA -	11,186.58
DB -	31,279.65
SS1 -	10,937.67

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	Aye

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilman Colarusso said he had conversations with Budget Director Arcuri and believes the budget represents what the Town is trying to do and would suggest moving forward with this proposed budget.

RESOLUTION #90

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the Amendments to the 2026 Proposed Town of Kirkland Budget.

Amendments to 2026 Proposed Town of Kirkland Budget

1. Change Summary of Budgets County Code FD007 from \$9,010 to \$8,751 In column Appropriations and Tax to be levied. Also, Tax Rate in Code FD007 from \$1.388751 to \$1.379577. No effect on Tax Cap Levy since Deansboro and Clark Mills are required to file their own Calculation.

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

No one had any additional questions or comments regarding the 2026 Budget. Budget Director Arcuri said all was good and he had no more to add, everyone thanked him and said what a good job he does every year!

A resident that was present asked how much of the budget was salaries and retirement, (Budget Director Arcuri said give me a second!!) he also asked about the monies the Town gives to the Village for the Fire District, if the Town knew how they were spent. Supervisor Meelan said that the Town gives the monies to the Village and the Village makes the decision as to how the funds are spent.

Budget Director Arcuri gave these figures:

Salaries 2.2 million, Retirement 386,000, Social Security 150,000, Work comp 110,000 and medical 1.2 million

There are 3 open positions at the Highway Department, it is hard to find qualified people.

Chip Bassett thanked Highway Superintendent Jon Scott for all the work done on the south section of the Kirkland Trails, it is a much nicer surface to walk on. They are happy for all the work that has been done. He also thanked Tony Arcuri for all the work on the TAP Grant.

RESOLUTION #91

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board close the Public Hearing for 2026 Preliminary Budget at 5:15 pm.

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 #92

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board adopt the 2026 Preliminary budget as the final 2026 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	Aye

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilwoman Yando, seconded by Councilwoman O’Neil, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk