

**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 February 09, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV

Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman

Absent:

Attorney Anthony Hallak

Supervisor Colarusso called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Colarusso recognized the public in attendance. Stu Culver read his letter he sent to the Board over the weekend, requesting a solar moratorium. Mr. Culver originally submitted a request for a moratorium in October when there was a different Town Board. The Town Board referred to the Planning Board regarding a solar moratorium. The Planning Board declined to revisit the solar laws. Mr. Culver would like the new Town Board to revisit a solar moratorium. Mr. Culver would like to see changes to the decommissioning bonds, setbacks (which are currently 50ft.), and adding the cost of training Fire Departments to the applicants.

Councilwoman Seaman read a note from Janice Atkinson asking about adding a Zoom option for meetings. Changing the time of the meetings was also discussed, with a formal discussion at a later meeting.

**RESOLUTION #9**

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 February 9, 2026 as printed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman	Aye

Board members reviewed and signed the financial reports for the fiscal year 2025 submitted by Michael Gaska, Town Clerk; Patricia Maxam, Recreation Manager; Matthew Albertine, Receiver of Taxes; Town Justices, Daniel English and Jay Williams III. (Copies of the reports have been made a part of these minutes)

Councilwoman Seaman brought in the current pay for David Barone and feels the starting pay being offered to Mr. Barone was too high considering his short tenure as an officer. Supervisor Colarusso said the wage needs to be competitive. Officer Occhipinti said we must have a base line to bring in officers; the only incentive is money. Mr. Barone will be working the 3 to 11 shift.

### **RESOLUTION #10**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board appoint David Barone as Full-Time Police Officer with salary of \$56k.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman	Nay

Michelle from AYSO and Ted and Doug from Little League had some questions about the Kirkland Town Park fields. There is a new state requirement for an AED unit being available to use during practice and games. The groups would like a shed in the park to house the AED, along with some lining and field equipment. The leagues are willing to pay for the shed. Supervisor Colarusso suggested the Town may be able to supply the AED unit for the park.

#### GENERAL ORDER

Attorney Anthony Hallak – Absent  
Town Clerk Michael Gaska – No Report  
Highway Supt. Jon Scott, Councilman Albertine- No report  
Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – No report  
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Seaman – No report  
Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O'Neil – No report  
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Seaman – No Report  
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – No report  
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – No report

#### AUDIT BILLS

**RESOLUTION #11**

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 - 71867.71
- B - 13916.74
- DA - 66694.04
- SS1 - 20434.11
- SS4 - 47.18
- Cap Fund H - 23300.00

**Roll Call Vote:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman	Aye

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilwoman O’Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Seaman, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Michael D. Gaska Jr., Town Clerk