

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

Present:

Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV

Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman

Absent:

Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil

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. Senior Director Sharleen Machold introduced herself to the new members of the Board. The Senior Center averages around 30-35 members currently. On Tuesdays they host bingo, exercising classes, and lunch for \$5. Once a month the seniors go out to eat which they have called the Dine Around. Sharleen is planning for two bus trips this year.

Councilwoman Seaman asked about the new e-mails the Board had received about the solar projects. Supervisor Colarusso stated he was a firm believer in the Planning Board.

Rob Garrity, founder of Finlo Solar, talked about the grid distribution. There are four substations, and are almost at capacity. When the Atlas project fell through, Finlo then applied for their projects.

The monthly Animal Control Officer's Report were reviewed by the Town Board Members. Town Clerk Gaska noted there was one dog picked up in Kirkland.

**RESOLUTION #12**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of February 23, 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	Absent

Councilman Richard J. Maxam     Aye  
Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman     Aye

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 – Officer Barone is starting this week.  
The Speed Trailer is getting a solar panel update. Looking to get fixed speeding posts where there have been complaints.  
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Seaman – No report  
Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil – Absent  
Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Seaman – Fix door put in, New door adjacent to the door that needs fixing. Something is cracked in the road. Officer Occhipinti will call U-Dig. We will need to take bids for the digging.  
Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – General cleaning and maintenance.  
SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – No report

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Colarusso is open to changing the time for the Board Meetings. He does not want to see the time change back and forth. Councilwoman Seaman stated that over half of the over 3000 homes she campaigned to felt the current meeting time is too early. Supervisor Colarusso suggested the board work with the Waterville Times to get to get a notice in the paper. A time will be put together for feedback from the public.

A discussion ensued over an officer compensation.

AUDIT BILLS

**RESOLUTION #13**

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

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

- A -**     36099.75
- B -**     18237.07
- DA -**    41012.28
- DB -**    1185.87
- SL1 –**   934.86
- SL2 -**   322.77
- SL3 -**   177.80
- SL4 -**   1190.73
- SS1 -**   6853.94

**SS2** - 506.67

**SS4** - 467.18

**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	Absent
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman	Aye

Patti Maxam said the Arena will be ready for the upcoming Ice Show on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilman Maxam, seconded by Councilman Albertine, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Michael D. Gaska Jr., Town Clerk