Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland, held at the Town of Kirkland Senior Center, 2 Mill St., Clark Mills, Oneida County, New York on September 21, 2026, at 5:30 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 5:30 p.m. and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Colarusso recognized the public in attendance. Lorrain Kinney-Kitchen and Dustin Dwyer on behalf of the Clark Mills Strong presented the Board with a plaque in honor of engaging with Clark Mills by holding Board Meetings at the Clark Mills Senior Center. Proclaiming September 21st as Clark Mills Community Engagement Day. Jane Atkinson asked about the Clerk's Office hours. Town Clerk Gaska responded 4:15 to 4:30. Jim Wright had come in previously and asked for some speed enforcement on Fountain Street and thanked the Kirkland Police Department for their swift response. Karen Scott asked about the Water Treatment Plant and the MOU signed by Mayor Tantillo with Estian Partners. Supervisor Colarusso said he is personally not in favor of the project but cannot speak for the Board. Nothing has yet come before the Town Board regarding the Treatment Plant. Chris Abbe reminded everyone about the free upcoming Preparedness Training Program at Clark Mills Legion Post 26 on Sunday October 4th. Kim Zogby said tonight's Town Board meeting agenda and none of the Planning Board agendas or minutes were posted to the website. She went on to say all documents discussed at the meeting are to be uploaded with the minutes to the website. Mrs. Zogby asked if Supervisor Colarusso had signed any contract regarding the Water Treatment Plant. Supervisor Colarusso replied no, my name does not appear on any CSSA document. Fred Lomanto said the idea of a park behind the old Mill Building would not be feasible due to how close it would be to Oriskany Creek. Mr. Lomanto also said the trailer park off Westmoreland Road has trailers unlived in due to the tornado that came through last year. Some still have trees on them. Fred Lomanto said he has called Codes Officer Robert Harris about this and has not heard back. Mr. Lomanto said his next step will be to go to the County.

DISCUSSION

Amanda Whalen from Mohawk Valley Economic Development District (MVEDD) came in and explained about MVEDD, and what they can help with. There was a huge turnout for MVEDD's Community Visit. MVEDD can help identify projects, resources, and grants for community development. Mrs. Whalen said a Hamlet Committee could be developed to help with the current updating of the Comprehensive Town Plan. MVEDD can also help business and nonprofits as well as support for Bridges and Brown Fields.

Mike Debraggio reemphasized the importance of documentation. The Clark Mills Strong formation and fundraiser for a generator and other emergency equipment could go into future grant applications. It is important to show the community is investing in itself.

Councilwoman Seaman said the Clerks hours should reflect the hours worked, and if the website needs updating to do so.

RESOLUTION #64

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of September 9, 2026 as printed.

Roll Call Vote:

NAME	VOTE
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

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 – Absent
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

RESOLUTION #63

Upon motion by Councilwoman O'Neil, 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 -	45097.03
B -	7635.54
DA -	14074.35
DB -	44283.96

SS1 - 13097.69

SS4 - 32.59

Roll Call Vote:

NAME	VOTE
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 6:08 p.m.

Michael D. Gaska Jr., Town Clerk