

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 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor Robert J. Meelan

Councilman Garry F. Colarusso

Councilwoman Donna E. Yando

Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil

Absent:

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Attorney Anthony Hallak

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 recognized the public in attendance. Rebecca Stilz and John Costanzo addressed the Board. They had previously addressed the Board March 13, 2023 regarding the Street Pole Banner Program to honor local Veterans. Ms. Stilz said they had met with the Village 2 weeks ago and received permission and are now looking for the Town's support. The proposed schedule of display would be from Memorial Day through September and be hung at the main points of entry into the Village. They would also work with the American Legion and VFW to promote the program and recognize as many veterans as possible.

RESOLUTION #13

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board support the Street Pole Banner Program to hang banners honoring local Veterans.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil	Aye

RESOLUTION #14

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of February 28, 2024 as printed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

RESOLUTION #15

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board allow the use of Town Roads for the KAC Run on Saturday, June 1st at 8:30.

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

GENERAL ORDER

Attorney Anthony Hallak – Absent
Town Clerk Donna Maxam – No report
Highway Supt. Jon Scott – Absent, Councilman Colarusso- No report
Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – Absent
Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Yando – No report
Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil – Ice Show will be April 5,6,7 Patti Maxam said they have received compliments on how clean the Arena looks. Supervisor Meelan reminded Patti that when the ice is ready to come off to let the Highway Dept. know. She also said that the Figure Skating Club said that some electrical is not there that

used to be there, Kevin Lloyd is going to let her know what is missing. Supervisor Meelan said to go ahead and get it fixed, keep all the receipts and they will bill it back to the engineers.

Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Yando – All going well. Supervisor Meelan said the deck at the Senior Center is back on the table and Patti Maxam said that Wayne Clipston had been talking to Jim Nolan about some painting being done.

Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – Absent, Supervisor Meelan said that the new pumps on Spring Street have failed, the pumps have been taken out and will either be rebuilt or new pumps will be sent.

SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – Absent

The monthly Safety Inspectors' Reports and Animal Control Officer's Reports were reviewed by the Town Board Members.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Meelan received a call and was told to reach out to the Oneida County Executive that they will relinquish monies to a Trail as the County was fined by the DEC for a total of \$42,925. The County either had to pay a fine or relinquish to someone with a partial Trail. Supervisor Meelan reached out and the Trail Committee will be getting the funds which the Town will use to help the committee on the Trail System, the Town will do the work, including work on the Dugway and possibly extending the Trail some.

The work has started on the 4th of July festivities. They will be reaching out to bands and past participants to see if they are interested. Supervisor Meelan is going to meet with the Mayor to see if there is anything else she would like included.

DRI: A portion of the DRI is a sidewalk project. Supervisor Meelan was asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village so it could be sent to the State, the Supervisor refused because of too many open ends. The Supervisor said that the Town has special use districts and at least 80% of the people in the district have to agree to the project, otherwise the Town and the tax base would become responsible for the costs of maintaining the project. The Village would maintain for 5 years, it would then go to the Town. NYS has the final decision on all projects. The Supervisor said that this will come up again. Supervisor Meelan said the Trolley project had a lot of momentum. The Supervisor did sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Village for the Lombard Hall public restroom project.

Supervisor Meelan also said that the Salt Barn needs work. A Grant Writer has been hired for the project. It is in bad shape and will probably need to be completely redone.

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #16

Upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, 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 -	28,061.42
B -	6,444.61
DA -	28,330.35
DB -	65,475.63
SS1 -	1,628.03
SS2 -	569.26
SS4 -	487.93

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	Absent
Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil	Aye

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilwoman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Colarusso, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk