

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 23, 2024, 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 Tony Arcuri

The Deputy Town Clerk was present to record the minutes in the absence of the Town Clerk.

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 2025 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 Deputy 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 2025

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, 2025 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 Wednesday, October 23 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	\$21,827.00
COUNCILMAN	\$ 6,866.00

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TOWN CLERK	\$51,500.00
TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$76,720.00
RECEIVER OF TAXES	\$12,066.00
TOWN JUSTICE	\$17,495.00
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TOTAL	\$224,567.00

By Order of the Town Board
Dated: September 25, 2024
Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk

The Public Hearing will remain open.

RESOLUTION #94

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 October 9, 2024 as printed.

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 #95

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve Clinton Fire Department to host Lights Around the Park at the Kirkland Town Park from November 29th – December 29th every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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 #96

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2024-2026 Snow & Ice Agreement with Oneida County.

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 #97

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2025 Animal Control Contract with the Town of New Hartford.

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

DISCUSSION: Reappointment of Planning Board Member Mike Teesdale and ZBA Member Chris Hubbell. Supervisor Meelan said he had spoken with both Board Members and they do want to be reappointed for another term.

RESOLUTION #98

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board reappoint Michael Teesdale to the Planning Board with term to expire December 31, 2029.

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 #99

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board reappoint F. Christopher Hubbell to the ZBA with term to expire December 31, 2029.

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 #100

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board adopt the 2025 Budget Amendments to the September 30, 2024 Proposed Budget.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Chip Bassett and Jim Brambly thanked the Board on behalf of Kirkland Trails for the continued support.

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #101

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 -** 35,079.48
- B -** 1,376.11
- DA -** 59,253.09
- SS1 -** 8,175.40

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

Supervisor Meelan continued to leave the Public Hearing open.

No one had any additional questions or comments regarding the 2025 Budget.

RESOLUTION #102

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board close the Public Hearing for 2025 Preliminary Budget at 5:21 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 #103

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

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board adopt the 2025 Preliminary budget with amendments as the final 2025 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 O’Neil, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Michael D. Gaska Jr., Deputy Town Clerk