

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

January 18, 2012

A special meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on January 18, 2012 at 5:15 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Gordon Kniffen presiding.

Present: Supervisor Gordon Kniffen
Councilman Robert Weingartner
Councilman Lewis Grubham
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.

Absent: Councilwoman Linda Yonchuk

Also Present: Herbert Kline, Town Attorney

Supervisor Kniffen assumed the duties of secretary for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Kniffen explained that this meeting is being held is due to the flood in September 2011. Certain properties were damaged over 50% and since the State is allowing local municipalities to provide tax relief by reduction in assessments to those property owners, the Board will address that. The amount of relief will be based on the percentage of the damage to each of the 12 homes involved. The loss of revenue to the Town would be approximately \$1,100. It was noted the properties are also eligible for the buyout program and if all of them were to take the buyout the loss to the Town would be over \$1,600.

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Tax Relief
Flood Props

Supervisor Kniffen questioned if someone were to challenge the post storm assessment determination if it would go to the Board of Assessment Review. Mr. Kline said that it would by using a specific form developed by Equalization and Assessment that must be conformed to by the Assessor. It was clarified that the impact would begin with taxes due in 2012 for the current year and if the property owners opt for the buyout the impact would be forever. If a property is ultimately repaired it would be reassessed at that time.

Supervisor Kniffen explained that if this is adopted it is incumbent upon the property owner to apply for it and Mr. Kline added that a written request must be submitted to the assessor along with supporting documentation by March 8, 2012.

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt Resolution Pursuant to Part G of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2011 (Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Assessment Relief Act), in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilman Grubham seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Weingartner - yes
Councilman Grubham - yes
Councilman Diffendorf - yes
Supervisor Kniffen - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Weingartner moved to adopt resolution to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Grubham seconded. All voted in favor.

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Adjourn

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon E. Kniffen
Supervisor