

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**February 27, 2018**

A special meeting of the Kirkwood town Board was held on February 27, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Gordon Kniffen presiding.

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

Also Present: Oliver Blaise III, Attorney  
Gayle Diffendorf, Town Clerk  
James Smith, Budget Officer  
William Tozer, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works  
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Board Chairman  
Duane Shafer, ZBA Chairman  
Alan Glover, Water/Wastewater Maintenance Crew Chief  
Chad Moran, Building & Code Inspector

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution declaring road project bond as Type II action for SEQRA purposes with no further action required by the Town, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilman Grubham seconded.

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

51-18  
SEQR  
Road Bond  
Project

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilwoman Yonchuk moved to adopt Bond Resolution of the Town of Kirkwood, New York, adopted February 27, 2018, authorizing the construction of road improvements, including drainage and ditching related thereto, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$1,924,100, appropriating said amount for such purpose, including grant funds expected to be received from the State of New York in the amount of \$400,000 and \$64,100 in funds of the Town available for such purpose; and authorizing the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,464,000 to finance the balance of said appropriation, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

52-18  
Adopt  
Bond Reso  
Road Project

**Discussion:** Supervisor Kniffen explained this is in regard to the new road project. He said that normally late in the year the Highway Superintendent presents to the Board a list of roads that he wants to work on the next year and as the new Superintendent, John Finch questioned if there wasn't something we could do that's more expansive and that is what we're doing. He said it will take a while and we will be doing things so there won't be so much maintenance required. Supervisor Kniffen said we received \$400,000 through Senator Akshar's office towards this project and the rest will be bonded for. He noted that taxes will not be going up.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution accepting the Custody Account Agreement with Wilmington Trust to establish a custodial account for the safekeeping and investment of the Town's assets, as permitted by law, and authorizing the Supervisor and designees of the Board (Councilmen Lewis C. Grubham and Robert F. Weingartner) to execute said agreement, in accordance with the attached agreement. Councilman Grubham seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Grubham moved to adopt resolution accepting the Certificate of Authority designating Supervisor Gordon E. Kniffen, Councilman Lewis C. Grubham and Councilman Robert F. Weingartner as authorized officers for transactions involving the custodial account with Wilmington Trust, in accordance with the attached Certificate of Authority and resolutions contained therein. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Kniffen thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Blaise for all their work on this project.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 P.M.

Councilman Weingartner moved to adopt resolution to re-open the meeting. Councilwoman Yonchuk seconded. All voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting re-opened at 7:38 P.M.

**ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Yonchuk resolution to authorize the Highway Superintendent up to \$3,500 for the 2004 F350 Pickup on Auctions International. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

53-18  
Custody Acct  
Agreement

54-18  
Cert. of  
Authority  
Re: Custodial  
Account

55-18  
Purchase  
2004 Pickup  
Auctions  
International

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Councilman Grubham moved to adopt resolution rescinding Resolution #40-18 adopted February 6, 2018 and ratifying a resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) heaters for the garage bays from Evans Mechanical, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$6,050, which includes installation and prevailing wages, in accordance with the attached quote. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

56-18  
Rescind  
Reso 40-18  
Ratify  
Purchase of  
2 Heaters  
DPW

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**OTHER:**

Councilman Yonchuk moved to adopt resolution to adjourn this meeting to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to section 105 paragraph d of the Public Officers Law to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation. Councilman Grubham seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

57-18  
Exec Sess  
Litigation

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilwoman Yonchuk moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Grubham seconded. All voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Diffendorf  
Town Clerk