

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

September 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on September 4, 2018 at 7:00 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.
Councilwoman Linda Yonchuk

Also Present: Oliver Blaise III, Attorney
Gayle Diffendorf, Town Clerk
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Bd. Chairman
Chad Moran, Building & Code Inspector

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 7, 2018 Town Board Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Status of Roads following flood.

John Finch reported the following: Emergency Services set up a command center at the Five Mile Point Fire Station and were here to help put out cones and barrels and emergency work was done by ZMK on Brink Road and Blakesley Road, which are no longer emergencies. The ditches on Blakesley were about six feet deep in some locations. We have gone through almost 200 loads of shock rock from the Broome County Landfill, which is free to the Town with free delivery included. Different municipalities in the county also helped out. Dan Griffiths of Griffiths Engineering and Emergency Services went to marked locations and did an assessment of the damage to the roads and based on Dan's assessment we have about \$1.5 million worth of damage throughout the Town. That assessment does not include Pope's Ravine which is about another \$900,000 which increases the total to almost \$2.5 million worth of damage. 600 tons of the cold mix that was put down on the roads a week before the storm lifted up and peeled off into yards and ditches. Today Suit-Kote milled the worst parts of Gorman Road. Hopefully they will be paving again Thursday and Friday and finishing Grange Hall. There are many other places in the Town with a lot of damage and the nine miles of road need to be oiled, stoned and sealed before winter or the money already spent on those roads will be wasted, they are still our priority roads. Once that's done, work will start on other locations in the town and hopefully we will get some assistance to start getting contractors to help out. The entire bank by the bridge on Foley Road washed right out and that's a job the town can't handle alone. Most of the pipes that were plugged have been cleaned out but complaints are still coming in.

Water Issue.

Councilman Grubham questioned the status of the discolored water issue. John Finch said testing showed iron and manganese were slightly elevated but not to the extent that it would cause any discoloration. He said the Water Department flushed the lines again on the south end of Town and the day after they were flushed Rod Hoover had the same discoloration issue when he filled his tanker that he had before. He said we are still trying to figure it out, adding that there is no elevated copper either. John said the Health Department saw the test results and said the water is safe to drink. He said possibly the lines should be flushed harder or longer, which they will try, noting this just started last year. Councilman Grubham asked if there is anyone else that can be brought in to take a look at it. John said we are looking at the air stripper to make sure there is nothing going

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on there. Councilman Grubham wants to be sure that we still look into this and try to get an answer and John said they will keep working on it.

OLD BUSINESS:

150-18
Sched
Grievance
Hearing 2019
Unit
Assessments
(W&S)

Councilwoman Yonchuk moved to adopt resolution scheduling a Grievance Day Hearing for the 2019 Units Assessments on September 25, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

151-18
Water Tank
Improvement
SEQRA &
SHPO

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution adopting a resolution for the proposed Water Tank Improvement Project and attending to SEQRA and SHPO considerations, 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

MOTION CARRIED.

152-18
City Line
Booster
Station
SEQRA &
SHPO
(Water)

Councilman Grubham moved to adopt resolution adopting a resolution for the proposed City Line Booster Station Improvement Project and attending to SEQRA and SHPO considerations, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

153-18
1080/1090
Rt. 11
Condemned
Structural
Observations
Report

Councilman Weingartner moved to adopt resolution by the Town Board of the Town of Kirkwood declaring a residential structure located at 1080/1090 NYS Route 11 in said Town to be an Unsafe Building and Ordering its Demolition and Removal, in accordance with the attached Structural Observations Report. Councilwoman Yonchuk seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

154-18
Approve
Buckingham
PILOT

Councilwoman Yonchuk moved to adopt resolution approving the proposed Buckingham PILOT and authorizes further action to effectuate same as needed, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

155-18
Amend
Benefit Plan
Previous
Reso.

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution amending Resolution # 121-18, dated June 26, 2018 to read "Resolution amending the Town of Kirkwood Benefit Plan regarding health insurance into retirement for current part time employees, requiring them to pay a percentage of the monthly premium, and full time employees, except Teamsters Union members, hired after July 1, 2018 will be required to pay a percentage for their health

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insurance into retirement, in accordance with the attached plan.” Councilman Grubham seconded.

Discussion: Councilwoman Yonchuk questioned if when the contract comes up for renegotiation if this will be an item of negotiation. Supervisor Kniffen said that it would be.

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 increasing the hours for Chad Moran, Building and Code Inspector, from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week to include Fire Inspector duties, making him a full time employee, and increasing his rate of pay from \$18.42 per hour to \$19.42 per hour, effective September 5, 2018. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

156-18
Code Office
Personnel
Change
C. Moran

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Weingartner moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Transfer of Funds, in accordance with the attached Budget Adjustment Sheet. Councilwoman Yonchuk seconded.

157-18
Transfer of
Funds

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

MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Councilwoman Yonchuk moved to adopt resolution authorizing the audit and payment of the following claims: General and Highway Funds, Special Districts (Fire, Light, Water and Sewer Districts), Professional Services, Capital Projects and Reserve Funds claims, and ratifying the payment of the prepaid claims as authorized by resolution adopted January 2, 2018, all in accordance with the abstract of claims on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

158-18
Audit/Pay

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk