

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

October 4, 2022

A regular meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on October 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Lewis Grubham presiding.

Present: Deputy Supervisor Robert Weingartner
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.
Councilwoman Sandy Wasson

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works

Absent: Supervisor Lewis Grubham
Councilwoman Katie Legg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 6, 2022 Town Board Meeting,
September 6, 2022 Public Hearing, and September 27, 2022 Water & Sewer Benefit Unit Assessments Grievance Day

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Kirkwood Resident Larry Holt asked the Board if there was any new movement on the possible solar farm on Trim Street, and if anyone had found out how solar farms would affect property values. Mr. McKertich responded to Mr. Holt's first question stating that he believed an application had been submitted regarding the solar farm on Trim Street. Mr. Holt's second question was not able to be answered since it was being looked into by Supervisor Grubham.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERMA.

Councilman Diffendorf explained that he met with PERMA this past week and everything is good and in order. There's an upcoming conference in November at Lake Placid, but he is unsure if he'll attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution, after a Public Hearing, adopting the 2023 Water & Sewer Benefit Unit Assessments, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilwoman Wasson seconded.

126:22
Adopt 2023
W&S Unit
Assessments

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
Councilwoman Wasson - yes
Deputy Supervisor Weingartner - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilwoman Wasson moved to adopt resolution approving the 2023 Preliminary Budget and Directing a Public Hearing for October 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

127:22
Approve 2023
Preliminary
Budget

Discussion. Deputy Supervisor Weingartner noted that the preliminary budget will be discussed at the Public Hearing on October 25, 2022 and all Board members have received a copy to review. Mr. McKertich explained that changes can be made following the Public Hearing.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
Councilwoman Wasson - yes
Deputy Supervisor Weingartner - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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128:22
Appoint
M.Latini ZBA
Member

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution appointing Marc Latini as Member Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term from October 5, 2022 to December 31, 2024, to fill the unexpired term of Edward Egan. Councilwoman Wasson seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilwoman Wasson - yes
 Deputy Supervisor Weingartner - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

129:22
Education
J.Finch
W&S

Councilwoman Wasson moved to adopt resolution authorizing John Finch to attend the New York Rural Water Association, Inc., Financial Management Basics for Small Utilities on October 27, 2022 at the Binghamton Holiday Inn, at a cost not to exceed \$40. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilwoman Wasson - yes
 Deputy Supervisor Weingartner - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

130:22
A.Ellsworth
Pay Increase
W&S

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution increasing Aidan Ellsworth's hourly rate by \$0.40 per hour after completing the Grade C Certification, in accordance with the Policy Regarding Salary Increases for Advanced Training or Certification. Councilwoman Wasson seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilwoman Wasson - yes
 Deputy Supervisor Weingartner - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

131:22
Amendment to
Reso#120:22
Truck #34 to
Surplus
DPW

Councilwoman Wasson moved to adopt resolution amending Resolution #120:22 to read Resolution declaring surplus the 2010 Autocar Volvo, Vin #4V5KC9#H9AN293251, and selling to the Town of Windsor for the amount of \$ 45,000 including Head Plow & Wing. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

Discussion. Kirkwood Resident Mike Jones was concerned about the Town being short a truck with bad weather on its way. John Finch explained the old truck will not be moved to Windsor until the new truck arrives.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilwoman Wasson - yes
 Deputy Supervisor Weingartner - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

132:22
Agreement with
Broome County
Court Security

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Broome County for Court Security for a term of 09/01/2022 – 08/31/2023, in accordance with the attached agreement. Councilwoman Wasson seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilwoman Wasson - yes
 Deputy Supervisor Weingartner - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

133:22
Schedule PH
for LL#7
No Parking on
Meadow Lane

Councilwoman Wasson moved to adopt resolution scheduling a Public Hearing on October 25, 2022 6:05 PM on the proposed Local Law No. 7-2022 entitled A Local Law Amending the Traffic Ordinance to Restrict Parking on Meadow Lane During Certain Times. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

Discussion. Mr. McKertich explained once the public hearing is held, the Board will vote on the law and once its passed it will be filed with the State and the law will then go into effect.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilwoman Wasson - yes
 Deputy Supervisor Weingartner - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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DISCUSSION:

New Mower – Highway Dept.

John Finch inquired about the resolution to purchase the new mower from last week's work session. Deputy Supervisor Weingartner reported the resolution is put on hold until the next meeting.

AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Councilman Diffendorf 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 #22001161 through #22001276 in the total amount of \$ 228,200.24, which includes prepaid claims as authorized by resolution adopted January 4, 2022.

134:22
Audit/Pay

Councilwoman Wasson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Diffendorf	- yes
	Councilwoman Wasson	- yes
	Deputy Supervisor Weingartner	- yes

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk