

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD  
WORK SESSION**

**November 26, 2024**

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham  
Councilmember William Diffendorf, Jr.  
Councilmember Katie Legg  
Councilmember Sandy Wasson  
Councilmember Robert Weingartner

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney  
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk  
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works  
Duane Travis, Zoning Board Chairman  
Karen Ferguson, Historian

**1. Discussion – A Resolution Establishing Fees for Solar Projects. (LCG)**

This resolution would set up a new fee schedule for solar project applications. It will also keep Kirkwood comparative to what other towns are doing when accepting new solar applications. The resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's office with the three different fee increments.

**2. Discussion – Planning Board Ad Hoc – David Pasquale. (LCG)**

At this time the Planning Board is full, so David Pasquale would be an Ad Hoc Member. In the meantime, the Town is still looking for Zoning Board Members. That Board is currently short two people, a mailing will be going out soon to try and drum up some interest.

**3. Discussion – Resolution authorizing the Budget Journal Entries, in accordance with the attached Budget Adjustment Sheet. (LCG)**

**4. Discussion – Resolution authorizing Supervisor to execute lease of property at 80 River Run Lane to Christy Fedorwich, subject to permissive referendum. (LCG)**

Councilmember Weingartner explained this small piece of property was gifted to the Town and sits between two FEMA properties that are already leased by Christy Fedorwich. Therefore, Christy Fedorwich would like to lease this property as well, and it will deter squatters from settling in.

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- 5. Discussion – Resolution adopting the 2024 Broome County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, in accordance with the attached resolution. (LCG)**

This mitigation plan was last done in 2019, once an updated plan is adopted by the Town the County will administer it.

- 6. Discussion – Resolution appointing Richard Pedro as Assessor PT, effective December 4, 2024, at a salary of \$32,500, pro-rated for the remainder of 2024. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham interviewed three qualified applicants for the PT Assessor position. Richard Pedro is very gifted in the field with a good personality. He also works as the Owego Assessor, so the Owego Supervisor has sent a letter stating he can work the hours needed in Kirkwood. There are no benefits offered since he is part-time.

- 7. Audit of Claims.**

- 8. Executive Session.**

Councilmember Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Councilmember Wasson seconded. All voted in favor.

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