

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

June 29, 2021

A regular meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on June 29, 2021 at 6:25 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Lewis Grubham presiding.

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham
Councilman Robert Weingartner
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.
Councilwoman Katie Legg
Councilman Arthur Shafer

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Done Prior to the Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 1, 2021 Town Board Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Gordie and Judy Woolbaugh regarding paving on N. Sunset Drive.

Discussion. John Finch said I received a call from Mr. Woolbaugh and his neighbor, they are not pleased with the decision I made to not pave the last 1600 feet of N. Sunset Drive. We will be oil and stoning it. The cul-de-sac where these 2 people live was paved about 5 or 6 years ago when another Highway Supervisor was here. It was going to cost \$25,000 and I couldn't justify spending that much money to pave 3/10 of a mile down to 2 houses. I had a limited budget and wanted to pave as much of Five Mile Point as I could. We paved every road up there including this road on to Roberts Street. We were right on budget and I did factor in oil and stoning that remaining section, so they will have some surface treatment done. If I had paved that section on N. Sunset I would have lost out on paving Easy Street and the lower part of Haskins Road, which was in really bad shape. I made the call on the condition of the roads as well. Their road is not in the best condition but a lot of the other roads were in worse condition.

Councilman Shafer asked John Finch if he would reconsider paving N. Sunset Drive if we receive the stimulus money. The people living in those houses pay the same equal highway tax as the people that have a good road. If I was living there and had stone and oil I'd be a little unhappy too. The value of their home depends on the transportation to the home and things of that nature. I'd like to see everything blacktopped. Supervisor Grubham responded by saying it's doubtful we will be able to use the stimulus money for paving. The way it is set up regarding paving is that you have to prove that your Town lost substantial income during the pandemic. We can definitely use it for water and sewer but I'm not sure about the roads. We have some major sewer problems that need work so we may need to spend some or all of it for that. Until I get all the final answers I wouldn't count on it yet. John Finch responded to Councilman Shafer's initial question stating, I probably wouldn't blacktop that anyway even if we did have the money. There are a lot more roads out there in worse condition.

Supervisor Grubham asked the Board if the consensus was to oil and stone N. Sunset Drive in August and that would have to be it for now. All agreed. Supervisor Grubham will respond by letter to Mr. Woolbaugh.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Program – Baseball and Softball.

Councilwoman Legg reported the following information from Marc Latini. There is a 14U teener league team that is a combination of Kirkwood and SV boys, they are midseason now. There is a 10U boy's all-star team that is currently practicing and I'm hoping to get them into a couple of tournaments. There were tryouts for girl's 10U softball last week and

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I decided to make two 12U teams that includes the 10U girls as well. They will be playing each other and probably Conklin and Windsor teams. There are no girls softball tournaments locally this summer. This will be a good option to keep the girls playing through the summer.

Youth Program – Soccer.

Councilwoman Legg reported the following information from Marc Latini. Fall soccer registration forms went out to Bell, Weeks, and Donnelly schools. I'm beginning to collect them via email and messenger.

Birthday Wish.

Councilman Weingartner wished his sister Kellie a Happy 60th Birthday. She is celebrating in Sylvan Beach.

Grange Hall Park Work – Donated Parcel.

John Finch reported that work has been finished at Grange Hall Park on the parcel that was donated to the Town. We graded it, moved the debris, and sprayed it with hydro seeding. We have a nice looking parking lot down there now. John Finch responded to Councilman Grubham saying we took the dirt across the road on the State property. They wanted it so they can build a dirt wall or a barrier because they don't want people going on that property. It worked out good for both of us.

Tractor from Auction Site.

John Finch announced that we did not get the Tractor for the Department of Public Works from the auction site. It went for \$11,200.

OLD BUSINESS:

92:21
J.Kinney
Pay for
Cleaning
Code Building

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution authorizing Jessica Kinney to receive a \$20.00 per week stipend for cleaning the code building each week. Councilman Shafer seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilman Shafer - yes
 Councilwoman Legg - yes
 Councilman Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

93:21
Led Lighting for
All Town
Buildings

Councilman Shafer moved to adopt resolution accepting Eastern Energy Solution proposal to change existing lighting to LED in the Town Hall, Code Building, Highway Garage, and Post Office, in accordance with the attached proposal. Councilwoman Legg seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilman Shafer - yes
 Councilwoman Legg - yes
 Councilman Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

94:21
Schedule PH
Opting Out of
Cannabis Law

Councilwoman Legg moved to adopt resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for August 3, 2021 at 6 PM regarding opting out of cannabis retail dispensary and on-site consumption. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilman Shafer - yes
 Councilwoman Legg - yes
 Councilman Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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Councilman Weingartner moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to execute a Grant Disbursement Agreement with DASNY for Project ID #9203 entitled Repaving of Multiple Roads Throughout the Town. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

95:21
Agreement
with DASNY
for Grant
Disbursement
Hwy/Roads

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilman Shafer - yes
 Councilwoman Legg - yes
 Councilman Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Non-Entitlement Units from the United States Department of Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act. Councilman Shafer seconded.

96:21
Request
Stimulus Funds
ARPA

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilman Shafer - yes
 Councilwoman Legg - yes
 Councilman Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Shafer moved to adopt resolution authorizing an increase in salary for Scott Snyder from \$17,500.00 to \$19,850.00, an increase of \$2350.00 for the remainder of 2021 and increasing office hours to Wednesdays from 9 AM to 1 PM in July, August, October, November and December and Wednesdays from 9 AM to 4 PM for the month of September. Councilwoman Legg seconded.

97:21
S.Snyder
Increase in
Salary and
Hours
Assessor

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilman Shafer - yes
 Councilwoman Legg - yes
 Councilman Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilwoman Legg moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Police Athletic League (PAL) for the 2021 Summer Program, in accordance with the attached agreement. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

98:21
Agreement
with PAL

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilman Shafer - yes
 Councilwoman Legg - yes
 Councilman Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Weingartner moved to adopt resolution hiring Julius Tutko as Laborer to work in Parks Department effective July 6, 2021 until September 30, 2021 at a rate of pay of \$12.83 per hour. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

99:21
Hire J.Tutko
Laborer
Parks

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilman Shafer - yes
 Councilwoman Legg - yes
 Councilman Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution to contribute \$3,000 to the Broome County Land Bank for the demolition of the structure at 179 Main Street, Kirkwood. Councilman Shafer seconded.

100:21
Contribution to
Broome
County
Land Bank

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Diffendorf - yes
 Councilman Shafer - yes
 Councilwoman Legg - yes
 Councilman Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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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 # 21-000737 through # 21-000889 in the total amount of \$ 425,246.01, which includes prepaid claims as authorized by resolution adopted January 5, 2021. Councilman Shafer seconded.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Diffendorf	- yes
	Councilman Shafer	- yes
	Councilwoman Legg	- yes
	Councilman Weingartner	- yes
	Supervisor Grubham	- yes

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk

101:21
Audit/Pay