

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

December 30, 2019

A special meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on December 30, 2019 at 6:45 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: Robert McKertich, Attorney
Gayle Diffendorf, Town Clerk
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Bd. Chairman
Duane Travis, ZBA Chairman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 3, 2019 Town Board Meeting and (5) November 26, 2019 Public Hearings

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SV Football Team.

Supervisor Kniffen announced that next week at our Board meeting we're going to honor the SV football team that won the State Championship for the last two years.

Thank you to Councilwoman Yonchuk.

Supervisor Kniffen thanked Councilwoman Yonchuk for serving on the Board this past year due to an unexpected vacancy. He said you've not only dealt with the Town but also the community with the senior citizens and all you've done in the high school. We wish you good health, good fortune and peace.

Traffic Fines.

Supervisor Kniffen said we feel New York State is not being fair to us in regard to traffic fines. We do not receive anything from fines on state highways that go through Kirkwood, but we still have to manage the court. We've gone to Senator Akshar and Assemblyman Crouch for quite a while asking for help to change this. Other communities throughout the state are getting 50 percent of the fines and we're getting 25 percent. There are about 1,500 municipal courts in the state and we are one of the busiest at around 40th. As result of our last follow-up with the Senator and Assemblyman we were told an email would come out that says action has started. I received an email alert today that says: This directs the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct a study on the distribution of traffic fines. Supervisor Kniffen said we want to make sure that this is specific to what we're talking about so we'll follow up on that. This is good news.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Yonchuk moved to adopt resolution reappointing Marchie Diffendorf to the Planning Board for a term to expire December 31, 2024. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

185-19
Reappoint
M Diffendorf
Pl Bd

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186-19
Reappoint
E Egan
ZBA

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution reappointing Edward Egan to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2024. Councilman Grubham seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

187-19
Studer's Body
Shop
Agreement

Councilman Grubham moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Roger Studer d/b/a Studer's Body Shop & Garage, in accordance with the attached agreement. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

188-19
Transfer
Funds

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

189-19
Petty Cash
2020

Councilwoman Yonchuk moved to adopt resolution authorizing the continuation of petty cash for 2020, subject to audit by the Budget Director, for the following departments at specified amounts, pursuant to Town Law Section 64, Paragraph 1(2):

Bookkeeper	\$100
Building & Code Inspector	\$100
DPW Commissioner	\$200 and \$35 for Water Department
Supervisor	\$200
Town Clerk	\$200
Town Justice	\$200
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Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

190-19
TRI Utility
Cost Reduction
Agreement

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with TRI Utility Cost Reductions, Inc., 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.

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Councilman Grubham moved to adopt resolution authorizing Katie Legg to attend the 2020 Training School for Newly Elected Town Officials on January 15-17, 2020 at the Albany Marriott at a cost of \$200 for registration and meals and \$124 per night for two nights for the hotel, and all reasonable expenses paid. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

191-19
K. Legg
Training

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Weingartner moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Town of Solon for a new 9' Western Pro Plus plow for the purchase price of \$3,500.00. Councilwoman Yonchuk seconded.

192-19
Western Plow
Purchase
Agreement

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 # 19003705 through # 19003873 in the total amount of \$ 379,254.09, which includes prepaid claims as authorized by resolution adopted January 2, 2019. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

193-19
Audit/Pay

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

MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER:

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution to adjourn this meeting to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to section 105 paragraph h of the Public Officers Law to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property. Councilman Grubham seconded.

194-19
Exec Sess

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 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk