

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
WORK SESSION**

August 1, 2023

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham
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
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Board Chairman

Absent: Councilmember William Diffendorf, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1. Discussion – Resolution rescheduling the November 7, 2023 Town Board Meeting to Monday, November 6, 2023 due to Election Day. (LCG)**
- 2. Discussion – Resolution authorizing advertising for Sealed Bids for the Court Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project, with bids returnable to the Town Clerk’s Office August 31, 2023 at 11 AM, and be publicly opened and read at that time. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham explained this is part of the ARPA stimulus money and he would like to get this done before costs continue to rise.

- 3. Discussion – Resolution authorizing advertising for Sealed Bids for the Kirkwood Veterans River Park Pavilion Rehabilitation Project, with bids returnable to the Town Clerk’s Office August 31, 2023 at 11 AM, and be publicly opened and read at that time. (LCG)**

This project is being funded by a grant from Broome County to rebuild pavilion #2 at Veterans River Park. Supervisor Grubham noted the bids will be accepted now but the project would not begin until October 1, 2023 so the pavilion can still be used through September.

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- 4. Discussion – Resolution authorizing Wach and Roll Painting to power wash, prime, caulk, and stain the exterior of the Town Hall, at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, in accordance with the attached quote. (LCG)**
- 5. Discussion – Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Broome County for Court Security for a term of 09/01/23 – 08/31/24, in accordance with the attached agreement. (LCG)**
- 6. Discussion – Resolution authorizing advertising for Sealed Bids for the Johnson Road Water Tank Rehabilitation Project, with bids returnable to the Town Clerk’s Office August 31, 2023 at 11 AM, and be publicly opened and read at that time. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham explained this is similar to the Stratmill Road Water Tank Project that was completed earlier this year. This will be paid with the ARPA stimulus money as well.

- 7. Discussion – Resolution authorizing Karen Ferguson to attend the APHNYS Fall Conference September 17-20, 2023, at the Hotel Ithaca, Ithaca, NY at a cost of \$65 for the conference fee and \$417 for the hotel, with all reasonable expenses paid. (LCG)**
- 8. Discussion - Resolution Establishing a Committee and Appointing Members to Explore Potential Changes to Local Law No. 6-2022 Entitled Solar Energy Systems. (LCG)**

A committee will be appointed to study the solar law and look into making changes that have been brought to the Town’s attention.

- 9. Discussion – Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement for Dog Control Services with the Town of Conklin, in accordance with the attached agreement. (LCG)**

This is an agreement with the Town of Conklin to share dog control services. It ended up saving the Town money and solved the problem of finding a replacement when our dog control officer resigned/retired. The new dog control officer, Rick Murray, has been handling complaints this past month. It has been going well, he’s good at the job, the Town is happy to have him on board.

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10. Discussion – Interim Budget Adjustments. (LCG)
Resolution.

11. Discussion – Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 317, in accordance with the attached agreement. (LCG)

Everything remained the same with this agreement except the wage package, which was discussed and agreed upon.

12. Discussion – Resolution amending the Rules and Regulations Governing Attendance and Benefits for Town of Kirkwood Employees, in accordance with the attached Rules and Regulations. (LCG)

This amendment is deleting the smoking policy from the rules and regulations section of the policy book since it was already approved and is listed in the policy book in a separate section of its own.

13. Audit of Claims.