

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

December 3, 2024

A regular meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on December 3, 2024 at 6 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Lewis Grubham presiding.

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
Duane Travis, Zoning Board Chairman

Absent: John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 4, 2024 Town Board Meeting and
(2) November 26, 2024 Public Hearings

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hometown Christmas. Councilmember Legg invited everyone to attend the Hometown Christmas celebration this coming Saturday, December 7, 2024. It's an all-day event with festivities at the Town Garage from 1:30 PM – 3 PM, the parade and fireworks in the evening, and many businesses will have activities and specials going on throughout the day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution, after a Public Hearing, adopting Local Law No. 8-2024 entitled "A Local Law Amending the Water Rates, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilmember Wasson seconded.

145:24
Adopt LL#8
Amend
Water Rates

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
Councilmember Wasson - yes
Councilmember Legg - yes
Councilmember Weingartner - yes
Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Wasson moved to adopt resolution, after a Public Hearing, adopting Local Law No. 9-2024 entitled "A Local Law Amending the Sewer Rents, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilmember Legg seconded.

146:24
Adopt LL#9
Amend
Sewer Rents

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
Councilmember Wasson - yes
Councilmember Legg - yes
Councilmember Weingartner - yes
Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Legg moved to adopt resolution adopting a Resolution Establishing Fees for Solar Projects, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilmember Weingartner seconded.

147:24
Establish Fees
for Solar
Projects

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
Councilmember Wasson - yes
Councilmember Legg - yes
Councilmember Weingartner - yes
Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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148:24
Appoint
D.Pasquale
Ad Hoc
Planning Board

Councilmember Weingartner moved to adopt resolution appointing David Pasquale as Temporary Ad Hoc Member for the Planning Board, effective December 4, 2024, to be compensated \$40 per meeting attended, upon submission of a voucher to the Town Clerk. Councilmember Diffendorf seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
 Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

149:24
Budget
Adjustment
Entries

Councilmember Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Budget Journal Entries, in accordance with the attached Budget Adjustment Sheet. Councilmember Wasson seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
 Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

150:24
Lease
Agreement
80 River Run
Lane
Perm Ref

Councilmember Wasson moved to adopt resolution authorizing Supervisor to execute lease of property at 80 River Run Lane to Christy Fedorwich, subject to permissive referendum, in accordance with the attached resolution and lease agreement. Councilmember Legg seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
 Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

151:24
Adopt
Broome County
Mitigation Plan

Councilmember Legg moved to adopt resolution adopting the 2024 Broome County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilmember Weingartner seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
 Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

152:24
Appoint
R.Pedro
Assessor PT

Councilmember Weingartner moved to adopt resolution appointing Richard Pedro as Assessor PT, effective December 4, 2024, at a salary of \$32,000, pro-rated for the remainder of 2024. Councilmember Diffendorf seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
 Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution transferring unexpended funds from the Unemployment Insurance Payment Reserve Fund to the Buildings and Grounds Reserve Fund and closing the Unemployment Insurance Payment Reserve Fund, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilmember Wasson seconded.

153:24
Close
Unemployment
Insurance
Payment
Reserve Fund

Discussion. Councilmember Diffendorf confirmed with Supervisor Grubham, if the Town needed to pay into unemployment insurance in the future it would come out of the regular reserve fund.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
 Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Councilmember Wasson 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 #24001284 through #24001375 in the total amount of \$116,199.47, which includes prepaid claims as authorized by resolution adopted January 2, 2024. Councilmember Legg seconded.

154:24
Audit/Pay

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Diffendorf - yes
 Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Weingartner - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Weingartner moved to adopt resolution to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Diffendorf seconded. All voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk