

**Town of Kent**  
**Town Board Meeting**  
**June 21, 2022**

**Workshop/Meeting: 7:00 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion and/or Vote on the following:
  - a. Set public hearing: Comcast Cable franchise agreement
  - b. Veterans tax exemption
  - c. ARPA Library proposal
  - d. Standard workday reporting
  - e. Recreation- hire provisional recreation leader
  - f. Parks- hire seasonal maintenance worker
  - g. Lake Carmel- Hire seasonal lifeguards
4. Vouchers
5. Announcements
6. Public Comment

TOWN OF KENT  
AMENDMENT TO  
CHAPTER 67  
OF THE KENT TOWN CODE

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Kent, Putnam County, New York, as

follows:

Section 1. Chapter 67, entitled "Taxation" Article IV, entitled "Veterans Tax Exemption"

Subsections 67-12(A)(5) and Subsections 67-12(B) shall be amended as follows:

§ 67-12(A)(5): Maximum exemption established.

(a) Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt to the extent of 15% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of ~~\$27,000~~ \$54,000 or the product of ~~\$27,000~~ \$54,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Kent.

(b) In addition to the exemption provided by Subsection A(5)(a) of this section, where the veteran served in a combat theater or combat zone of operations, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of ~~\$45,000~~ \$36,000 or the product of ~~\$45,000~~ \$36,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Kent.

(c) In addition to the exemption provided by Subsection A(5)(a) and (b) of this section, where a veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans Administration because of service-connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by 50% of the veteran's disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of ~~\$90,000~~ \$180,000 or the product of ~~\$90,000~~ \$180,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Kent.

(B) Cold War veterans Exemption

(1) In accordance with the provisions of §458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, residential real property owned by veterans who rendered military service to the United States of America during the Cold War shall be exempt from real property taxation in accordance herewith. The maximum exemption allowable from Town of Kent real property taxation pursuant to §458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York shall be 15% of the assessed value of such property, not to exceed ~~\$12,000~~ \$54,000 or the product of ~~\$12,000~~ \$54,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

**The exemption authorized herein and pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law shall apply to qualifying owners of qualifying real property for as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to the ten-year limitation period for said exemption set forth in New York Real property Tax Law § 458-b, Subdivision 2(c)(iii).**

(2) In addition to the exemption provided by Subsection B(1) of this section, where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service-connected disability, qualifying residential real

property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by 50% of the Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed ~~\$54,000~~ \$180,000, or the product of ~~\$54,000~~ \$180,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ration, whichever is less.

Section 2. Severability.

If any part or provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstance, and the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby declares that it would have passed this local law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section 3: Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF KENT

## Kent Public Library Proposal

### Technology Improvements and Support for Library Patrons

Throughout the pandemic, the Kent Public Library has supported school children and other patrons who lack access to broadband by providing on-site computers and loanable "hot spots" for those who lack internet access. The computers need to be upgraded. Funding for about half of these upgrades has been obtained. The library staff have limited time to provide technical support to patrons using the computers. This proposal includes funding for a part-time employee to provide dedicated tech support to patrons on Saturdays. During the pandemic, the demand for electronic books and materials has soared and patrons have long waiting times for these materials.

### Proposed Budget for Technology

Ten desktop workstations for the children's area, computer lab, and the "card catalog" computers in the main part of the library, estimated at \$900 per device, plus \$1,500 to configure the new computers = \$10,500.

Four laptop computers for Zoom programs, presenters in the library meetings, etc., estimated at \$500 each = \$2,000

Hiring a person to give "Tech Support" for library patron's tablets, smart phones, laptops, etc., as well as helping people in the computer lab. \$17 per hour x 4 hours a week x 52 weeks a year = \$3,536 for a year's worth of tech support, or \$14,144 for four years of support

Funding to expand the collection of ebooks and audiobooks \$5,000.00

Total technology and support costs: \$31,644.00

### Information Technology Education program for students and their families

The Kent schools provide tablets or computers to their pupils, but they and their families do not always know how to use them properly. This funding would:

- Improve access to broadband by providing upgraded computers in the library and providing technical support staff to patrons
- Expand collections of e-books.
- Fund the development of a curriculum geared to children and their families on computer usage and internet safety. The program would be offered multiple times and updated on a regular basis. It could serve as a model that could be adopted by other libraries and/or infused into the curriculum in the schools.

#### Elementary Grades:

There would be five one-hour workshops on the following topics:

1. Cybersecurity
2. Care and maintenance of computers or tablets
3. Computer privacy issues
4. Using ebooks and audiobooks
5. Computer organizational skills

#### Middle School and high School Grades

There would be three one-hour workshops on the following topics:

1. Cybersecurity
2. Computer privacy issues
3. Social Media

For each topic, in the first year we could anticipate paying a teacher for 8 hours of work for curriculum development, plus 5 hours to present the workshop at 5 different times = 13 hours per topic. The cost to hire a teacher, according to their contract with the school district, would be about \$50 per hour. We would anticipate starting to give the workshops in September, 2022. Cost for 2022 would be:

8 (# of topics) x 13 hours x \$50 per hour equals \$5,200.

After that, we would anticipate that the amount for curriculum development would go down to about 3 hours per topic, to bring the information up to date, plus 5 hours to give the workshops equals 8 hours per topic.

8 topics x 8 hours x \$50 equals \$3,200 per year for four subsequent years (2023-2026)

Total Education program cost: \$18,000.

Grand total \$49,644.00

Received Date

**Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials**

Employer Location Code

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**RS 2417-A**

(Rev.11/19)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent Town Board (Name of Employer) hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
<b>Elected Officials:</b>									
Jaime McGlasson	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Supervisor	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2023	8		<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yolanda D. Cappelli	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Town Clerk	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025	8		<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie Nix	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Receiver of Tax	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025	6		<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appointed Officials:</b>									
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

I, Yolanda D. Cappelli (Name of Secretary or Clerk) secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Kent (Name of Employer) of the State of New York,

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 22 day of 20 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Kent on this 20 day of 20

(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

**Affidavit of Posting:** I, Yolanda D. C. Cappelli (Name of Secretary or Clerk) being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on 20 and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:

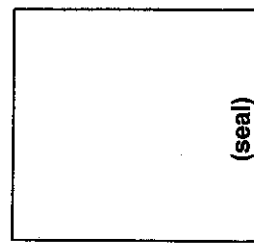
(Date)

Employer's website at: www.townofkentny.gov

Official sign board at:

Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: 25 Sybil's Crossing, Carmel, NY

(for additional rows, attach a RS 2417-B form.)



(seal)



## Provisional Recreation Leader Appointment

James Hoffman <jhoffman@townofkentny.gov>

Fri 6/10/2022 2:16 PM

To: Jaime McGlasson <jmcglasson@townofkentny.gov>

Cc: Alexa Brandihall <abrandihall@townofkentny.gov>

Supervisor McGlasson,

After completing interviews for the vacancy of Provisional Recreation Leader, I would like to hire Daniel Anderson under that title starting effective on 6/25/22.

Best regards,  
James Hoffman

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## Seasonal Park Maintenance Worker

James Hoffman <jhoffman@townofkentny.gov>

Mon 6/13/2022 3:00 PM

To: Jaime McGlasson <jmcglasson@townofkentny.gov>

Cc: Alexa Brandihall <abrandihall@townofkentny.gov>

Supervisor McGlasson,

I would like to appoint Tim White as a Seasonal Park Maintenance Worker under the supervision of Chris Kehoe.

Sincerely,

**JAMES HOFFMAN**

Director of Recreation & Parks

Town of Kent

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James Garbarino made a recommendation to hire the following lifeguards for summer 2022 season:

Jeremy Smith- \$14.00/hour

Melanie Klammer (pending certification) - \$14.00/hour