

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 7, 2023

The Kent Town Board held a Special Town Board Meeting on Friday, July 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY

Resolution #210 - Open Town Board Meeting

On the motion by Supervisor McGlasson

Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell

Resolved: Town board meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Workshop: Discussion with Assessor Regarding Reassessment

Councilman Boyd invited the Assessor, Seth Plawsky to join the workshop to shed some light for the public and explain why we should be at 100% assessment and why it is a good thing. Mr. Plawsky explained that we are a shared school district with other towns and we are not moving with them. About three out of every \$4 goes to the school district and the schools budget is about \$101 million. We will begin to pay more and start subsidizing the other towns in the district. The seniors will be the most affected by this because of their low assessments. Councilman Boyd asked if the town has a right to phase in the seniors reassessment. Assessor Plawsky explained that it is the whole town or not at all. This year we were at 65.7% value and we need to get to 95%. As far as cost, last time he looked back in September or October it would somewhere around \$110 a parcel. The board asked the assessor if he is able to give examples of how much residents taxes could go up. Some examples of if this is your new assessment this could be your new tax bill. Assessor Plawsky said he could give ballpark numbers but not concrete numbers. Assessor asked the board when we want to start discussing this with the public. Board agreed on September, school tax bills will come out and school will start and it will be a good time to introduce why the town needs to be at 100% assessment. We need to point out that Kent has a whole is paying more in school taxes because of this issue, we are in the hole for an extra \$3 million. Accountant Kelly stated that you can see that the other towns are going down in how much they pay and we are picking up that difference. Councilwoman Campbell stated that this is going to cost about \$750,000 to do this. Assessor Plawsky stated that might be a little low, the numbers but have gone up since last September and there might be some incidentals. He would prep for every bit of \$800,000, maybe a little more. There need to be something in place that this doesn't fall to the waste side. We need to redo the numbers every year to stay in step with the other towns. Now that the Assessor's office has moved the data collector to the assessor's clerk position they need to hire a new data collector. He would like to make that position 2 days a week rather than the 3 days that it was. Then use that salary savings to purchase a software program that allows you to do data collection right from the desktop, it costs \$5,000 a year.

Roll Call:

Councilman Tompuri: present

Councilman Ruthven: absent

Councilman Boyd: present

Supervisor McGlasson: present

Councilwoman Campbell: present

Also present: Deputy Town Clerk Louderback and Kathy Doherty

Resolution #211 - Authorizing Town Clerk To Advertise For Improvements to Water District #1 and Water District #2 *RESCINDED BY RESOLUTION #215*

On the motion by Supervisor McGlasson

Seconded by Councilman Boyd

Whereas, the Town of Kent wishes to advertise for bids for the increase and improvement of Water District No. 1 and Water District No. 2 as two separate projects; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Kent wishes to authorize its Town Clerk, Yolanda D. Cappelli, to advertise for bids for both water district improvement projects;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby authorizes its Town Clerk, Yolanda D. Cappelli, to advertise for bids for the increase and improvements to Water District No 1; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby authorizes its Town Clerk, Yolanda D. Cappelli, to advertise for bids for the increase and improvements to Water District No. 2.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #212 - Approval of Vouchers and Claims

On the motion by Supervisor McGlasson

Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell

Resolved: Voucher #200167749-#200168422 in the amount of \$150,617.18 and the following claims be approved for payment:

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1. DNR Laboratories, LLC	\$9,019.00	Cablecast Upgrade
2. EARC, Inc.	\$3,550.00	E-Waste
3. F.I. Adams, Inc.	\$24,900.00	Rock Drilling/Hammering
4. Global Montello Group	\$5,665.83	Gas
	\$4,975.77	Diesel
5. July 4 Ever Fireworks	\$5,000.00	Fireworks Deposit
6. Larry Reynolds Tree Service	\$2,200.00	Tree Work: Ryan's Field
7. Millennium Strategies	\$3,000.00	Grant Services
8. NYSEG	\$2,159.14	Electric: Ryan's Field
	\$3,879.34	Electric: Police Dept.
9. State Comptroller	\$39,910.00	Justice Court Fines & Fees

Motion carried unanimously

ARPA Discussion

Accountant Kelly stated that we have \$1.3 million that was received from the federal government. We also have the intermunicipal agreement with the county in the amount of \$1.443 million. At this point we need a board resolution to set funds to the projects. The town has put in for old town hall, the Lake Carmel walking path, food security, library and the Lake Carmel dam. The board would like to add the Ryan's Field driveway entrance which is \$134,076. The fence at the Kent Police station in the amount of \$31,360 was approved with a resolution to use ARPA funds. The library project in the amount of \$46,444 was already approved by resolution. Accountant Kelly stated that the funds need to be committed by the end of next year and spent by the end of 2026. Councilwoman Campbell suggest that we substitute another item in place of the Lake Carmel dam, they allocated \$300,000 for that project and it will cost more. So far the board has \$500k for old town hall, \$86,651 for Lake Carmel walking path, \$28,234 for food security, \$46,444 for library, \$134,076 for Ryan's park driveway entrance and \$31,360 for police fence. That brings the total to \$1.09 million, leaving another \$300k to decide where to allocate. We don't want to assume that old town hall will only cost \$500k. Supervisor McGlasson suggested that we hold off on another project in case we need that money for old town hall. Councilwoman Campbell would also like to suggest the groundwater plan project for \$28,000 and pedestrian and cycling project for \$45,000. That would bring it up to \$1.6 million. Supervisor McGlasson suggested that we commit to these project now and hold off on the rest in case things go over.

Resolution #213 - Adjourn Town Board Meeting

On the motion by Supervisor McGlasson
Seconded by Councilman Tompuri
Resolved: Town board meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #214 - Re-open Town Board Meeting

On the motion by Supervisor McGlasson
Seconded by Councilman Boyd
Resolved: Town board meeting be re-opened at 11:30 a.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #215 - Rescind Resolution #211 Advertise for Improvements to Water District 1 and 2

On the motion by Supervisor McGlasson
Seconded by Councilman Boyd
Resolved: Resolution #211 be rescinded
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #216 - Advertise for Public Hearing for Water District 1 and 2

On the motion by Supervisor McGlasson
Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell
Resolved: The Town Board authorizes Town Clerk, Yolanda D. Cappelli to advertise for a Public Hearing on July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing in relation to the increase and improvement of facilities of Water District #1 and Water District #2
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #217 - Adjourn Town Board Meeting

On the motion by Supervisor McGlasson
Seconded by Councilman Boyd

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Resolved: Town board meeting be adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Lauren Louderback
Deputy Town Clerk