

## TOWN BOARD MEETING September 5, 2023

A Town Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Town of Kent, New York. To see the full meeting visit the Town of Kent's website at [www.townofkentny.gov](http://www.townofkentny.gov) under Video's on Demand.

At 9:00 a.m. Supervisor McGlasson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Supervisor McGlasson- present  
Councilwoman Campbell- present  
Councilman Boyd –present

Councilman Tompuri- present  
Councilman Ruthven- present

Also present: Town Clerk Cappelli, Town Counsel Tagliafiero, Police Chief Owens, Building Inspector Walters, Recycling Chair Kotzur and several members of general public.

### **Resolution #291 - Close Soil & Excavation Public Comment Period**

On a motion by Councilman Ruthven

Seconded by Councilman Tompuri

Resolved: The public comment period for the Soil & Excavation Code was closed.

Motion carried unanimously

Supervisor McGlasson explained they will be reviewing the comments received and it will be discussed at the next town board meeting.

### **Resolution #292 - Request DOT Review of Evaluation of Speed Limit on Sagamore Rd & Old Forge Drive**

On a motion by Councilman Ruthven  
Seconded by Councilman Tompuri

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Kent Highway Superintendent has received numerous statements of concern and requests for the reduction of the speed limit at Sagamore Road and Old Forge Drive in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 1622 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, upon request of the Town Board, as forwarded by the Putnam County Commissioner of Highways and Facilities, the New York State Department of Transportation ("DOT") may by order, rule or regulation, establish maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed on Sagamore Road and Old Forge Drive, a Town Highway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that in the best interest of the traveling public and for the general public health, safety and welfare, that the Town Board hereby requests that the DOT investigate and evaluate the speed limit at Sagamore Road and Old Forge Drive to determine if the speed limit should be reduced; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board hereby further requests that the Putnam County Commissioner of Highways and Facilities join in the aforementioned request and forwards notice of the same to the DOT; and

**WHEREAS**, upon receipt of notice that the speed reduction herein requested has been established, the Town of Kent will provide, install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the Department of Transportation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby requests that the DOT investigate and evaluate the speed limit at Sagamore Road and Old Forge Drive; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board requests that the Putnam County Commissioner of Highways and Facilities join in the aforementioned request and forwards notice of the same to the DOT; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon receipt of notice that the speed reduction herein requested has been established, the Town of Kent will provide, install and maintain signage as further detailed above.

Motion carried unanimously

### **Resolution #293 -Authorizing the Town to Apply for A Community Resiliency, Economic Stability & Technology Program (“CREST”)**

On a motion by Councilwoman Campbell

Seconded by Councilman Ruthven

**WHEREAS**, by letter from Senator Peter B. Harkham the Town Board of the Town of Kent has been informed of the availability of up to \$100,000 in CREST Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to apply for such CREST Grant Funding for Charging Stations or a Ground Source Heat System or a combination thereof;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent authorizes the Town Supervisor to apply for CREST Grant funding in an amount up to \$100,000; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

### **Resolution #293 - Appointing Members to Sewer District Committee**

On a motion by Councilman Boyd

Seconded by Councilman Ruthven

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kent Sewer District currently has no members and the Town Board would like to appoint members to fill the vacancies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Kent wishes to appoint Katherine Doherty, Bernard Gastelu, Stephanie Anderson and Dr. Martin Kulick to fill the vacancies on the Sewer District Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Katherine Doherty, Bernard Gastelu, Stephanie Anderson and Dr. Martin Kulick be immediately appointed for a term 3 years to expire on December 31, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously

### **Resolution #294 - Authorizing Stipend for Justice Court Translator**

On a motion by Councilman Tompuri

Seconded by

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a translation services in the Town of Kent Justice Court from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Yaremko, who works in the Justice Court, is willing to provide those services when appropriate, and the Town of Kent Town Justices have recommended to the Town Board that Ms. Yaremko be appointed to act as a translator in exchange for an increase in salary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to accept the recommendation of the Town Justices;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby approves using Nancy Yaremko to provide translation services when requested, in addition to her usual duties as Justice Court Clerk, at the rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Motion carried unanimously

### **Resolution #295 – Add to the Agenda**

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On a motion by Supervisor McGlasson  
Seconded by Councilman Tompuri  
Resolved: Lake Carmel Fire Departments approval and appointments was added to the agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution #296 – Approve and Appoint Lake Carmel Fire Department Members**

On a motion by Supervisor McGlasson  
Seconded by Councilman Ruthven  
Resolved: Upon the request of Chief Launzinger of the Lake Carmel Fire Department the following members were approved and appointed; Mason Compton, John Marino, Vincent Maset, Matthew Anaya, Meaghan Connors and Lydia Devlin.  
Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution #297 - Approval of Vouchers and Claims**

On a motion by Councilman Ruthven  
Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell  
Resolved: All Vouchers # - # and Claims submitted by:

1. Barton & Loguidice, DPC	#7,215.00	Water Districts Grant Application
2. Brady’s Power Equipment	\$10,038.11	Scag Mower & Parts
3. Euro Video	\$2,040.00	August Meetings
4. Global Montello Group	\$5,594.24	Gas
5. Managed Technologies of NY	\$7,600.00	Server Grant Project
6. Meadowland of Carmel	\$4,209.12	Auto Parts
7. Millennium Strategies	\$3,000.00	Grant Services: Aug
8. NYSEG	\$3,775.02	Electric: Police Station
9. Town of Kent Municipal Repairs	\$2,036.90	Chargebacks: Police April
10. Win Waste	\$9,221.73	Lake Carmel Garbage

In the amount of \$ may be paid.  
Motion carried unanimously

**Announcements**

- Kent Recreation has many new programs please visit the Town of Kent’s website. At present there is sign up for Soccer, Tactical Laser Tag, Ice Skating Lessons, Bowling, Co Ed Adult Kick ball and more.
- Ratatouille the movie will be shown this Friday September 8 at the Kent Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- Community Day is this Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- September 11<sup>th</sup>there will be the Silent Parade and Floating Tribute starting at 6:30 p.m. at Beach 3, for Lake Carmel residents.
- Saturday September 23, there will be a Black Bass Fishing Tournament for Lake Carmel Residents.
- Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> is the Caitlin Rose Savio Annual Event at Camp Kiwi.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Putnam County Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day, pre register at the Putnam County Website.
- The Town Board invites the public to attend the next meeting on September 19 for public input for the NY Forward Grant Application.
- Carol Donik the Director of the Kent Library is giving a presentation on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> on Benedict Arnold.
- September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Historical Lecture called a Walk Through Cole’s Mills in 1748 given by a member of the Cole family.
- Kids 10 and up and interested adults on 9/18 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a presentation about Venus, it is an in person and also a hybrid event.
- Sept 11 there is a ceremony at Cornerstone Park at 7:00 p.m.
- School is open drive carefully.
- The Carmel Varsity High School Football team home opener is Friday night at 7:00 p.m. against White Plains.

**Public Comment**

Sue Kotzur said she went for a walk today from Kent Recycling and crossed the bridge made a left and walked into the woods, she got to a point where she crossed the stream and walked

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toward Route 52, there is a dug out area to let the water go into the stream into the culvert. She is not an expert but did not encounter any wetness in the area. She is still fighting for the property owner to build their own road. She thinks NYSDEC and NYDEP needs to be contacted and a study done. She thinks it should not have happened. She read the article in the paper and disagrees that State Agencies will be contacted if and when a proposal for development comes before the town. She thought they should have been contacted first before any permanent easement was granted. She said the article states they see it as an opportunity to improve operations at the Recycling Center, she questioned what rights do they have to improve the Recycling Center when they do not own or run it.

A resident asked if they are going to continue paving Route 52. Supervisor McGlasson said that is a State Road, they are not going to pave anymore but the Town Board is trying to get them to finish paving. The resident said she is representing others from the area and thanked the board for the Lifeguards and she had some suggestions for the community and possibly generating some money. She said the boat racks are great but some have boats that cannot be locked and she suggested a shed that locks and some residents would be willing to pay a fee to store their boats in a locked shed. She suggested starting again with swimming lessons for residents. She said the beach is not heavily used only during events and asked if you considered offering a membership for a fee for nonresidents. Supervisor McGlasson suggested she attend the next Lake Carmel Park District meeting on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here. The resident suggested planting wild flowers around the lake creating pollination gardens but also geese do not like their wings touching plants. The resident said she appreciated that you sampled Arts on the Lake for PFAS and the levels are very similar to that in their water. She asked if the board could request that the Lake Carmel Fire Department test for PFAS and the State Health Department. She asked the State to test the fish in Lake Carmel and a decision has not been decided yet.

### **Resolution #298 - Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilman Ruthven

Seconded by Councilman Tompuri

Resolved: The meeting of September 5, 2023 adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda D. Cappelli

Town Clerk