

TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2023

A Town Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 3, 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 under Video's on Demand.

At 7:00 p.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.

Crest Funding

Councilwoman Campbell explained the board agreed on one project the Daniel Nimham Statue for the 2022 funding. Additional data gathering is needed for the other projects.

Energy Benchmarking

Councilwoman Campbell said this program is through NYSEDA where the Hudson Regional Counsel will provide assistance to do energy benchmarking for our buildings. It is a climate smart activity and will get the town to the threshold to obtain the \$5,000 grant as three other energy saving activities that fall under NYSEDA criteria. She explained we provide the energy bills and Hudson Regional Counsel will do the calculations for up to 4 buildings over a certain size. A resolution will be brought to the next meeting.

Resolution #315 - Accepting Erosion Control Surety Bond & Escrow for Inspection Fee

On a motion by Councilman Ruthven
Seconded by Councilman Tompuri

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, by Resolution #13 of the Year 2023, dated September 21, 2023, has recommended that the Town Board accept: (i) an Erosion Control Bond in the amount of \$4,700; and (ii) an escrow for the Final Inspection Fee in the amount of \$1,000 from the owner of the property located at 2 O'Brien Court, identified as Tax Map No. 21.-1-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to accept the recommendation as set forth in Planning Board Resolution #13 and accept the erosion control bond and inspection fee;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby accepts the recommendation of the Planning Board that an Erosion Control Bond in the amount of \$4,700 be posted, and an escrow for the Final Inspection Fee in the amount of \$1,000 be approved for Tax Map No. 21.-1-19.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #316 - Add to the Agenda

On a motion by Supervisor McGlasson
Seconded by Councilman Ruthven
Resolved: Municipal Repairs resignation & advertise for position was added to the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #317 - Accepting Resignation of Employee of Town of Kent Municipal Repairs

On a motion by Councilman Tompuri
Seconded by Councilman Ruthven

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent wishes to accept the resignation of Nicholas Matos as a Mechanic with the Town of Kent Municipal Repairs Department, effective October 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Kent wishes to advertise for applicants for the vacant position of mechanic in Municipal Repairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the resignation of Nicholas Matos as a Municipal Repairs mechanic, with thanks for his service; 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 applicants for a Municipal Repairs mechanic.

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Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #318 - Add to the Agenda

On a motion by Supervisor McGlasson
Seconded by Councilman Ruthven
Resolved: An item for the Assessor’s office was added to the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #319 - Accepting Proposal for 2025 Town Wide Reassessment

On a motion by Councilman Boyd
Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell

WHEREAS, the Town Board recently sought Requests for Proposals for a 2025 Town Wide Reassessment; and

WHEREAS, two proposals were received and opened and publicly read aloud by the Town Clerk on August 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals, only one proposal meets the qualifications in the Request and is therefore the lowest responsible bidder, and the Town Assessor has recommended that the Town accept the proposal of GAR Associates LLC for the 2025 Town Wide Reassessment in the amount up to \$600,000 for the Desk Data Verification and Collection and Photo/Images and up to \$5,500 a parcel for Public Utility Property appraisal as needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby accepts the proposal of GAR Associates LLC for the 2025 Town Wide Reassessment as further described above.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #320 - Approval of Vouchers & Claims

On a motion by Councilman Ruthven
Seconded by Councilman Tompuri
Resolved: All Vouchers #200169293 - #200169402 and Claims submitted by:

1. All Season Property Maintenance	\$2,400.00	Cemetery Mowing
2. Cemco Water	\$3,317.15	Monthly Operations: WD#1
3. Elan Financial Services	\$7,015.71	Credit Card: September
4. First Person Sports	\$3,950.00	Laser Tag
5. Genserve	\$3,759.35	Generator Repair
6. Global Montello Group	\$3,342.26	Gas
	\$6,128.69	Diesel
7. JTR Transportation	\$2,800.00	Transportation to Cruise
8. Kect Construction	\$11,361.08	Fema: Ryan’s Park
	\$33,760.00	Fema: Highway
	\$84,206.39	
	\$201,167.69	
9. Millennium Strategies	\$3,000.00	Grant Services
10. Peckham Industries	\$35,147.15	Fema: Highway
11. Putnam County Comm. Of Finance	\$2,500.00	2023 Outreach Program
12. Laura Roberts	\$2,880.00	Prosecutor: September
13. Spain Agency	\$81,132.44	Insurance Installment
14. State Comptroller	\$39,444.50	Justice Court: August
15. Stronghold Industries	\$11,175.98	Truck Repair: Highway
16. Town of Kent Municipal Repairs	\$9,644.64	Chargebacks: Highway
17. Win Waste	\$9,280.73	Lake Carmel Garbage
	\$9,771.91	
18. DunRite	\$60,000.00	Ryan’s Field

In the amount of \$596,332.90 may be paid.
Motion carried unanimously

Announcements

- Visit the Kent Recreation Web Page for various programs, Adult Kickball, Bowling, Soccer, Laser Tag and many activities.

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- October 14th will be the rain date for Kent Community Day 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- October 14th Putnam County Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day register at their site.
- Tomorrow at 2:20 p.m. there will be a Nationwide Emergency Alert Test from FEMA with the FCC
- CAC planning a Fall Foliage Hike to Mt. Nimham Fire Tower on Sunday October 15th.
- On November 11 the Star Party Event will take place at Town Hall.
- Kent Public Library every first Tuesday of the Month for three months is Lego Club for ages K – 4 and parents are allowed to build
- On October 7th Katie Mac a local artist and musician is reading the book she wrote at the Kent Library at 10:15 a.m.
- On October 23, 2023 there will be a Pumpkin Glow at the Kent Library at 6:00 p.m.
- On October 24th there will be a Spring Bulb Planting at the Kent Town Center.

Public Comment

-Kathy Doherty asked the status of FEMA and the bridge. Councilman Ruthven replied reports were received from the engineering firm, bids were received for the boring test. Kathy asked about the Community Center. Councilman Ruthven replied the engineer has to readjust what was received and will have to meet with them.

-Sue Kotzur asked when you begin collecting E-Waste. Supervisor McGlasson replied a week from tomorrow we will start collecting on a Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for now.

-Walter Recher commented on the NYS Forward grant if received there would be so many benefactors having a great impact on the town. He asked for the process. Councilwoman Campbell said they applied again she was not sure when we would be notified, if we are awarded it is either \$2.5 or \$4 million dollars. Planning services are provided as part of the funding, community engagement is important a committee would work with the planner. She said we have a stronger application. Walter asked if there is similar grants available on the Federal level he understands there is more infrastructure monies available. Councilwoman Campbell thought it a question for our grant writer but believes some of that Federal money is being filtered through state government to the towns. She said WQIP is funding dam repair because of that infusion of Federal funds.

Resolution #321 - Adjourn to Executive Session

On a motion by Councilman Ruthven

Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell

Resolved: At 7:25 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to discuss litigation.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #322 - Adjournment

On a motion by Councilman Tompuri

Seconded by Councilman Ruthven

Resolved: The Town Board meeting of October 3, 2023 adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda D. Cappelli

Town Clerk