

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

August 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on August 4, 2026 at 6:09 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Lewis Grubham presiding.

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham
Councilmember Marc Latini
Councilmember Katie Legg
Councilmember Sandy Wasson

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk
Poe Williams, Highway Superintendent
Duane Travis, Zoning Board Chairman
Karen Ferguson, Historian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 7, 2026 Town Board Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Martin Kennerup, Jr. of Foley Road mentioned he heard that Foley Road would not be paved this year and he was at least happy to know it was being patched. He brought up the cost of the cutting edges that go on the snowplows and asked that the plow operators not go so fast down the roads and scrape everything. He claims the plow drivers are going 35 mph and ripping the edge of the road off and throwing pieces of black top into his yard. He recommended using more sand and having the drivers slow down. Poe Williams explained that the patches that are on the road now are just for the potholes. It all still needs to be graded and shimmed before it can be blacktopped. It won't be bumpy like it is right now when it is completed. Poe Williams also reminded Mr. Kennerup that he has to stay within a budget.

Mr. Kennerup asked the Board when the residents would see the results of the questionnaire that was sent out about the solar information. He thanked the Board for doing the questionnaire but reiterated the residents want to see the results because he doesn't want anything being hid from anyone. Supervisor Grubham interrupted Mr. Kennerup, stating, let me stop you right there, this Board would never hide anything from anybody in this Town. We have never done it and we never would. You have a right to come up here and talk, but that kind of thing I don't like, because that indicates the Board is trying to hide something and we have never done it and never will. Supervisor Grubham noted the results are coming in, and the committee hasn't had a chance to put everything together yet. Councilmember Legg explained that all the results are not in yet. Mr. Kennerup apologized. Councilmember Legg explained that the surveys had a deadline and nothing will be determined until after the deadline passes. Over 500 surveys have been returned so far. It will take a little bit of time to go through all of them and figure everything out. A published public hearing will be held in October where people can come and talk. The survey is a small part of the decision-making process. The comprehensive plan meetings are open to the public and have been. The comprehensive plan committee is trying to be as transparent as possible. John O'Neil of Route 11 questioned how many surveys had been sent out, how many had been returned, and if more than one person per household could fill out a survey. Councilmember Legg responded, stating close to 4,000 surveys were sent out, at this time about 500 have been returned and only one survey is allowed per household. Mr. McKertich reiterated, it is not done, that we really are just in the middle of this process, we just need to let it play it out and we can see what the total amount is when all is said and done. Mr. Kennerup said he appreciates all of it.

Lastly, Mr. Kennerup referred back to the last Planning Board meeting (July 8, 2026) and called it a zoo. With the next meeting coming up September 9, 2026 he highly suggested it get moved to a larger venue because Norbut Solar Farms has already showed they will bring a large group of union members, along with a message truck to park outside. Mr. Kennerup feels there should be security on hand and is concerned about damage to the Town Hall, he thinks things could get nasty. He thinks they will try to be intimidating to get their point across. Mr. Kennerup claims that Chad Moran was verbally attacked at the

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last Planning Board meeting by two union members. Councilmember Legg recalled the meeting being very civil and thought the Planning Board Chairman and Attorney acted accordingly. She said it is being worked on to hold the next meeting in a bigger space because if they come with those numbers again there will not be enough room. Larry Holt of Trim Street commented he was unable to sit at the last Planning Board meeting because there were not enough seats in the Board Room. Mr. McKertich confirmed that anyone can speak at a public hearing, it is not limited to just town residents.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tennis Courts.

Councilmember Wasson said she received a suggestion about getting signage for the Tennis Courts that reads, No Bicycles Allowed. It appears the bikes are marking up the court. The new fence should be up within the next week, which might help keep the bikes out. Poe Williams will work on getting signs made.

Youth and Recreation Report.

Councilmember Latini reported that the summer baseball season has completed. Fall soccer registration is now closed with 64 registrations. The Kirkwood summer soccer camp was an amazing success with over 150 kids registered, with possible consideration of using it as a fundraiser next year for the youth program. Winter basketball registration will launch October 1, 2026.

Historians Report.

Karen Ferguson reported that she is starting a new series for her monthly articles called "Forgotten Places". She is trying to do research on areas that are not yet documented.

She also announced that she is going to focus on the restoration of the Grange/School #9 on Johnson Road. The first step will be to clean up the building with the assistance of Bob Hamm and Don Snow. Supervisor Grubham asked about the evaluation of the structure and Karen explained that Dan Brown from Dan Brown Construction met her and Code Enforcement Officer, Chad Moran at the site and determined it was salvageable. Karen further explained that the focus is on saving only the original school structure, not the additions. Councilmember Legg asked for more clarification on the overall plan once the restoration is complete. Karen stated that she is working with NYS Grange to find grant funding to help with repairs and then they will appoint new officers and get new members so that the grange can be restarted and used for community functions again.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Roll Call Vote:	Councilmember Wasson	- yes
	Councilmember Legg	- yes
	Councilmember Latini	- yes
	Supervisor Grubham	- yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Legg moved to adopt resolution authorizing the Kirkwood Town Court to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2026-2027 grant cycle, in an amount up to \$30,000. Councilmember Latini seconded.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilmember Wasson	- yes
	Councilmember Legg	- yes
	Councilmember Latini	- yes
	Supervisor Grubham	- yes

MOTION CARRIED.

113:26
Budget
Adjustments

114:26
Court to Apply
for Digitization
Grant

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Councilmember Latini moved to adopt resolution authorizing advertising for Sealed Bids for a New Broom, with bids returnable August 20, 2026 at 10 AM and publicly opened and read at that time. Councilmember Wasson seconded.

115:26
Advertise for
Bids – New
Broom
DPW

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Latini - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Wasson moved to adopt resolution to purchase a 2026 Kubota Utility Cab Tractor, purchased off the Sourcewell contract, from Marshall Machinery, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$48,251.23, in accordance with the attached quote. Councilmember Legg seconded.

116:26
Purchase
2026 Kubota
Tractor
DPW

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Latini - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Legg moved to adopt resolution ratifying a resolution awarding the Engineering Services for the Water Treatment Facility Upgrade Project to Delaware Engineering, D.P.C., in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilmember Latini seconded.

117:26
Award
Delaware Eng.
Water
Treatment Plant
Upgrade

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Latini - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Councilmember Latini 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 claim #26000825 through #26000973 the total amount of \$778,736.95, which includes prepaid claims as authorized by resolution adopted January 6, 2026. Councilmember Wasson seconded.

118:26
Audit/Pay

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Wasson - yes
 Councilmember Legg - yes
 Councilmember Latini - yes
 Supervisor Grubham - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Latini moved to adopt resolution to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Wasson seconded. All voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk