

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

October 6, 2026

A regular meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on October 6, 2026 at 6 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
Karen Ferguson, Historian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 1, 2026 Town Board Meeting and
(2) September 29, 2026 Public Hearings

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Martin Kennerup, Jr. of Foley Road thanked the Town for putting up signs to keep tractor trailers out at the dead-end parts of Foley Road, Haskins Road, and Johnson Road. He also thanked the Board members for attending the public hearing regarding the Norbut Solar Farms project held on September 30, 2026. Additionally, Mr. Kennerup suggested to the Board that ORES (Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission) may have violated its own environmental code regarding another town's solar project, so he would like the Town of Kirkwood to ensure that ORES is following the rules for the Norbut Solar Farms project. Lastly, he asked about the solar survey and when the results would be revealed, tentatively a public hearing is scheduled for November.

Jeffrey Moyer, a forty-year resident of Springer Road, praised the Highway Department and the Board for the recent improvements to Springer Road and Fuller Road. He explained that he is expressing his gratitude for himself and for all his neighbors as well and that it is a great place to live, and he appreciates the work that is done. Supervisor Grubham noted that Poe Williams really pushed for it and that is why the work was completed.

Larry Holt of Trim Street claimed that the survey relating to the comprehensive plan that was completed 8 to 9 years ago stated that the northern part of the town was in favor of solar. Supervisor Grubham disagreed that the survey listed a specific part of the town. At that time about 40-50% of the surveys were returned. Councilmember Legg reported that over 3,000 properties were mailed the current solar survey. It covered everyone that owned property in Kirkwood. Councilmember Legg estimated approximately 700 (give or take) surveys had been returned. A small handful came in after the deadline, and they will not count towards the survey numbers.

Larry Holt requested that microphones be provided to Board members or anyone speaking, as some meeting attendees have difficulty hearing softer voices. Supervisor Grubham will look into it.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water Rates Increase.

Councilmember Wasson asked if the water rate increase could be shared through the TextMyGov App, so residents would be aware of the change. She had a few people contact her about the increase that were unaware of it. Supervisor Grubham agreed to send out the notice.

Dog Control Report.

Councilmember Legg reported numbers from the September 2026 Dog Control Report. A copy is filed in the Town Clerk's office.

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Historians Report.

Karen Ferguson reported that she attended the NYS Historians Conference last week. She has another box of items ready to be digitized from the Town’s vault. A representative from the State Grange organization met with Karen Ferguson to discuss a membership drive for the Grange on Johnson Road.

Town’s Financial Stress Condition.

Every year the State rates towns on their financial abilities and where they stand. This year Kirkwood’s financial stress is zero. Last year it was 3.3% and has been for a number of years. That’s a good plus for the Town.

OLD BUSINESS:

128:26
Renewal
Mining Permit
Klepfer Elkay
Gorick Co.
Track Drive

Councilmember Wasson moved to adopt resolution, after a Public Hearing, approving the Renewal of a Mining Special Use Permit for the Klepfer Elkay Mine, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilmember Legg seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

129:26
Adopt LL#4
Temp Solar
Moratorium

Councilmember Legg moved to adopt resolution, after a Public Hearing, adopting Local Law No. 4-2026 entitled “A Local Law Affecting a Temporary Moratorium Within the Town of Kirkwood on the Development and Construction of Solar Energy Systems”, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilmember Latini seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

130:26
Approve 2027
Tent. Budget
Schedule PH

Councilmember Latini moved to adopt resolution approving the 2027 Tentative Budget and Directing a Public Hearing for October 27, 2026 at 6 PM. Councilmember Wasson seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

131:26
Schedule PH
2027 Fire
Contracts

Councilmember Wasson moved to adopt resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for October 27, 2026 at 6:02 PM on the Year 2027 Fire Contracts. Councilmember Legg seconded.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

132:26
Agreement
Tentative
Teamsters
DENIED

Councilmember Legg moved to adopt resolution approving the Tentative Agreement with Teamsters Local 317, in accordance with the attached agreement. Councilmember Latini seconded.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilmember Wasson	- no
	Councilmember Legg	- no
	Councilmember Latini	- no
	Supervisor Grubham	- yes

MOTION DENIED.

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Councilmember Latini moved to adopt resolution authorizing Alan Glover to attend the Southeastern NY Water Works Conference on October 8, 2026 at the Sidney American Legion, at a cost of \$50 with all reasonable expenses paid. Councilmember Wasson seconded.

133:26
Education
A.Glover
W&S

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 CAT PC305 Cold Planer, purchased off the Sourcewell contract, from Milton CAT, at a cost not to exceed \$23,000 in accordance with the attached quote. Councilmember Legg seconded.

134:26
Purchase
Cold Planer
DPW

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 #26001094 through #26001255 the total amount of \$500,884.71 which includes prepaid claims as authorized by resolution adopted January 6, 2026. Councilmember Wasson seconded.

135:26
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 6:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk