

Town of Kinderhook
Town Board Meeting Minutes
August 1st, 2022

The Town Board Meeting was held at 3211 Church Street Valatie, NY @ 6:30 PM

Audit Meeting (6:15):

The Purpose for the meeting is to audit the claims for July 2022.

The Town Board members reviewed the bills.

Town Board Meeting:

1. Supervisor Ooms called the regular meeting to order.

Present: Supervisor Ooms

Councilwoman Johnson

Councilman Bickerton

Councilman Casey

Town Attorney Andrew Howard, Esq.

Deputy Town Clerk Pinkowski

Six (6) other interested people.

All present said the Pledge of Allegiance

2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
3. An amendment to the July 11th, 2022 minutes was presented. Under "Committee and Departmental Reports" the Grant money that was being discussed is coming from NYSERDA not Partners for Climate Action. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to amend the minutes to reflect the correction. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution to congratulate the Ichabod Crane Varsity Softball team was tabled due to scheduling conflict. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to move the Resolution to the September 12th Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Councilman Casey to authorize a Budget Transfer in the amount of \$2,073.24 from the Assessors Contractual Line (A135540) to the Assessors Equipment Line (A135520) for the purchase of a new computer. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to pay the audited Vendor's Claim. Seconded by Councilman Bickerton. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopted: Supervisor Ooms - Yes

Councilwoman Johnson - Yes

Councilman Bickerton - Yes

Councilman Casey- Yes

July Bills:

A Fund: \$23,879.60

B Fund: \$2,547.28

DB Fund: \$21,462.57

6. A motion was made by Councilman Bickerton to accept and direct all Correspondence. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Public Hearing 6:35 PM: Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022 to amend Chapter 250 and Chapter 80 of the Town of Kinderhook, zoning law as it pertains to the keeping of chickens in the Hamlet of Niverville within the Town of Kinderhook.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to Open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Bickerton. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Stephanie Caradine Ruchel - Asked for clarification on the change to Town Code. Remarked that she was unable to locate the Local Law No 1. Of 2022 on the town website.

Meg Todisco - spoke in full support of the law.

Tom Burrell (Building Inspector/Code Enforcer) - Asked clarifying questions on the process of issuing a Certificate of Compliance. It was resolved that this would be part of the \$50.00 licensing fee, not an additional fee and that enforcement would be performed on a complaint reported basis. Town Attorney Andrew Howard, Esq. gave specific guidance as outlined in the language of the law (attached).

Melissa Miller - questioned if there is or should perhaps be a "Goat License".

No written comments.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to Close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Bickerton. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Councilman Casey to adopt **Local Law No. 1 of 2022**. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

Adopted:

Supervisor Ooms - Yes
Councilwoman Johnson - Yes
Councilman Bickerton - Yes
Councilman Casey - Yes

Adopted 4-0.
9. **Public Presentations:** None
10. **Committee and Departmental Reports:** Councilman Bickerton read a letter from NYSERDA to the Smart Climate Committee. The Committee presented with "Wish List" items for grant money use. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to allow the Committee to submit the Grant application. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion was made by Councilman Casey to accept Committee and Departmental Reports. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
12. **Old Business:** None
13. **New Business:**
 - A. Fall Recreation Soccer Proposal - Moved to Executive Session
 - B. A motion was made by Councilwoman Casey to appoint Starlyn D'Angelo to the Planning Board as an alternate member. Seconded by Councilman Bickerton. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

C. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to approve MHG Building Use Applications pending final schedule adjustments. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

D. ARPA Funds: Final payment, representing the second 50% in the amount of \$265,845.35.

E. A motion was made by Councilman Casey to change the date of the September Town Board Meeting from Monday, September 5th to Monday, September 12th 2022. Seconded by Councilman Bickerton. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Early Voting will be from August 13th to August 21st followed by the Primary & Special Election on August 23rd at Town Hall (full schedule on Town Website).

G. KISS Shredding Program for Seniors will run from August 29th through September 8th at Town Hall.

H. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to place the Library Referendum for the Valatie Library on the ballot for the 2022 General Election. Seconded by Councilman Bickerton. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Public Comments:

Melissa Miller - Invited the Board to participate in a webinar on Wednesday, August 3rd at 1:00 exclusively for local elected officials and members of Climate Smart committees. There was a discussion about CDPHP "Bike Share" programs operated by CDTA. CDTA does not service the Town of Kinderhook.

Meg Todisco - Remarked that the County would be updating their 5 year transportation plan and that perhaps Historical Parks Columbia County Tourism could draw CDTA down the the area reducing the costs of such "Bike Share" programs.

Joe McCullom - Remarked on the MHG Gym usage schedule. There was a discussion on alternate locations for Kinderhook Basketball Association practices.

Melissa Miller - would like to privatize the operations and administrative duties of the Kinderhook Dog Park. Asked that the agreement between the Town and the Dog Park be looked into to see if this is a possibility. A discussion followed.

15. Board Comments: none

16. Media Questions: none

17. Executive Session: Time: 7:20 A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 7:32 A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

April S. Pinkowski
Deputy Town Clerk