

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD  
WORK SESSION**

**September 26, 2023**

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham  
Councilmember William Diffendorf, Jr.  
Councilmember Katie Legg  
Councilmember Sandy Wasson  
Councilmember Robert Weingartner

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney  
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk  
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works

**1. Discussion – Resolution Approving the 2024 Preliminary Budget and Directing a Public Hearing for October 25, 2023 at 6 PM. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham noted there will be about a 2.6% decrease in the tax rate with this budget.

**2. Discussion – Resolution rejecting all Sealed Bids received for the Johnson Road Water Tank Rehabilitation Project. (LCG)**

The bid amounts came in extremely high and there is not enough money in that budget line to complete the project at this time.

**3. Discussion – Resolution rejecting all Sealed Bids received for the Veterans River Park Pavilion Rehabilitation Project. (LCG)**

All bid amounts came in extremely high on this project but the main problem was the attached bid drawing was the wrong drawing. The project needs to be reworked before moving forward.

**4. Discussion – Resolution appointing Walter G. Woolbaugh as Chairman, Planning Board, with a salary of \$7,238.14, pro-rated for the remainder of 2023. (LCG)**

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- 5. Discussion – Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Edmunds GovTech regarding Cloud Hosting Services for the finance and utility software programs at a cost not to exceed \$4,800 for the first year, in accordance with the attached agreement. (LCG)**

John Finch met with Jim Smith regarding the budget and reported the \$4,800 for this service would be spread out over several departments. He reiterated the cloud hosting services would boost security and have easier, faster backup methods. Councilmember Diffendorf would like the current cost of the program being used before the \$4,800 is added, that information will be provided before the next meeting.

- 6. Discussion – Resolution re-appointing Frederick Nichols as Member Board of Assessment Review for a term to expire September 30, 2028. (LCG)**

- 7. Discussion – Resolution ratifying a resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2022 Ford F-600 from Ferrario Ford in Elmira, NY, being a sole source supplier, at a cost not to exceed \$69,821, in accordance with the attached invoice. (JAF)**

John Finch reminded the Board that a resolution was passed at the last meeting to buy a 2022 Ford F-550, but they all sold before he was able to get there to purchase one. The next available option is a 2022 Ford F-600, for about \$7,000 more than the F-550. There are no other trucks available in the area. The money would come out of the equipment budget line.

- 8. Discussion – Resolution authorizing Alan Glover and Matt Loftus to attend the Southern New York Waterworks Conference on October 12, 2023, at the Sidney American Legion, at a cost of \$70. (JAF)**

- 9. Audit of Claims.**