

**Village of Kirkland
Kirkland, Illinois 60146
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2021**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** - President Block called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for a roll call.
- II. **Roll call** - Members answering present as follows: Trustee Michener, Trustee Ford, Trustee Chambers and Trustee DeVlieger. Trustee Ziegler and Trustee Fruit are absent.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Village Trustee DeVlieger led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. **Comments from the Audience** – None
- V. **Approval of Minutes** - President Block asked for a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes on December 21, 2020 and Regular Board Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 4, 2021. Trustee DeVlieger made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for Monday December 21, 2020 and Regular Board Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 4, 2021, with a 2nd by Trustee Ford. On a roll call vote Trustees Ford, Chambers, DeVlieger and Michener voted yes. Trustees Ziegler and Fruit are absent. Motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Warrant** - President Block asked for a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$77,576.35. Trustee Ford made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$77,576.35 with a 2nd by Trustee Chambers. On a roll call vote Trustees Chambers, DeVlieger, Michener and Ford voted yes. Trustees Ziegler and Fruit are absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Ziegler joined the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

VII. Reports -

1. **Police Report** – Chief Davenport gave the January 2021 Department Monthly Police Report - please see attached.
2. **Public Works** – Dale Miller gave the January 2021 Village of Kirkland Public Works Report along with Public Works Notes and Projections for 2021 and going forward – please see attached.
3. **Committee Report** -
 - a. Police Committee – Police Committee met in January and discussed a few items, of which a one is under New Business for tonight
 - b. Ordinance Committee – Nothing to report
 - c. Finance Committee – Nothing to report
 - d. Water & Sewer – Nothing to report
 - e. Streets & Alley & Parks Committee – Nothing to report
 - f. Economic Development Committee – Met recently to discuss how they could utilize the remaining DCCF Economic Development Grant funds for Implementation projects for the Village of Kirkland. They will reach out to Jolene Willis to have assistance in completing the grant for the Village.

VIII. Guest Speaker – None

IX. Unfinished Business – None

X. New Business -

1. Approval of Village of Kirkland Resolution No. 2021-02/Resolution Requesting Illinois Route 72 be closed on Sunday, July 4, 2021 for Kirkland Lions - President Block asked for a motion for the Approval of Village of Kirkland Resolution No. 2021-02/Resolution Requesting Illinois Route 72 be closed on Sunday, July 4, 2021 for Kirkland Lions. Trustee Ziegler made a motion for the Approval of Village of Kirkland Resolution No. 2021-02/Resolution Requesting Illinois Route 72 be closed on Sunday, July 4, 2021 for Kirkland Lions with a 2nd made by Trustee DeVlieger. On a roll call vote Trustees DeVlieger, Ziegler, Michener, Ford and Chambers voted yes. Trustee Fruit is absent. Motion carried.
2. Approval of Ammunition Purchase for Kirkland Police Department - President Block asked for a motion for the Approval of Ammunition Purchase for Kirkland Police Department. Trustee Ziegler made a motion for the Approval of Ammunition Purchase for Kirkland Police Department with a 2nd made by Trustee Ford. On a roll call vote Trustees Ziegler, Michener, Ford, Chambers and DeVlieger voted yes. Trustee Fruit is absent. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Village of Kirkland 2021 General Engineering Services with Fehr Graham – President Block asked for a motion for the Approval of Village of Kirkland 2021 General Engineering Services with Fehr Graham. Trustee DeVlieger made a motion for the Approval of Village of Kirkland 2021 General Engineering Services with Fehr Graham with a 2nd by Trustee Michener. On a roll call vote Trustees Michener, Ford, Chambers, DeVlieger and Ziegler voted yes, Trustee Fruit is absent. Motion carried
4. Discussion of Actuals for FY2020/2021 Budget Year-to-Date and Department Preparation and Timeline for FY2021/2022 Budget – President Block went over FY2020/2021 Budget Year-to-Date, explaining the line items percentages and gave an update on the CURES Grant that we received. President Block will give the Department heads a blank budget asking that they get with Committees and work on putting together FY 2021/2022 budget. He would like to pass the FY2021/2022 budget no later than the first May Regular Board meeting.

XI. Executive Session - At 8:04 P.M., President Block asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 11 Litigation. Trustee Ziegler made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 11 Litigation with a 2nd by Trustee DeVlieger. On a roll call vote Trustees DeVlieger, Ziegler, Michener, Ford and Chambers voted yes. Trustee Fruit is absent.

XII. Return to Regular Session - At 8:18 P.M., President Block asked for Roll Call. Members answering present as follows: Trustee Michener, Trustee Ford, Trustee Chambers, Trustee DeVlieger and Trustee Ziegler. Trustee Fruit is absent.

XIII. Adjournment – At 8:19 P.M., President Block asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Chambers made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Trustee Ziegler. On a voice call vote all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next Board of Trustees Regular Meeting will be Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.



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02.01.2021

January 2021 Monthly Police Report

- 1.) The Kirkland Police Department handled twenty-six (26) reportable calls and over one hundred and fifteen (115) logged activities.
- 2.) HB0029—The Kirkland Police Department opposes this proposed bill and wishes to make the Village Board aware of what is actually being proposed. (see attached HB0029)
- 3.) HB163 // HB 3653—The Kirkland Police Department opposes this legislation as it is currently written along with a coalition of Law Enforcement agencies to include the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police; Illinois Sheriff's Association; Northern Illinois Training and Standards Board; Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police; and the Illinois State's Attorney Association. This legislation sits on the desk of the Governor to be signed. It has already passed and only awaits his signature. Law Enforcement has expressed our concerns with the Governor. (see attached)
- 4.) Parking after 2" or greater snowfall—multiple citations have been or will be issued regarding parking restrictions and violations over this most recent snow. Multiple residents have voiced their opinion regarding parking issues they face with either too many vehicles or not enough room to park all of their cars. I have advised these individuals that they should seek out a village board member to present their concerns and/or any possible ideas or solutions.
Aside from that, overall we have seen most people make a good effort at moving their vehicles and we acknowledge that, and appreciate that, both KPD and Public Works.
- 5.) Vehicle Maintenance—106 is back in service with repairs discussed in police committee. Squad 104 went in for an oil change, I just received the report so I still need to look at it but it did come back with some minor maintenance of approximately \$450.00 USC which includes the oil change



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Bill Status of HB0029 *102nd General Assembly*

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Short Description: SCH CD-LAW ENFORCEMENT

House Sponsors

Rep. [Anne Stava-Murray](#)

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/14/2021	House	Referred to Rules Committee

Statutes Amended In Order of Appearance

105 ILCS 5/22-88

105 ILCS 5/22-90 new

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that law enforcement officers shall not maintain a presence on school grounds unless there exists an imminent threat of danger to students at the school in question or there is reason to believe that urgent and immediate action is necessary to prevent such danger to students. Makes conforming changes. Defines "school grounds". Effective immediately.

Actions

Date	Chamber	Action
1/13/2021	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Anne Stava-Murray
1/14/2021	House	First Reading
1/14/2021	House	Referred to Rules Committee

L.E response
Police Reform
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December 28, 2020
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Illinois Law Enforcement Coalition issues Safe Communities and Law Enforcement Modernization Strategy

SPRINGFIELD – A coalition representing Illinois law enforcement leadership and rank-and-file officers has issued a 15-point plan in a Safe Communities and Law Enforcement Modernization Strategy. The proposal is designed to build trust and stronger relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) State Lodge, FOP Labor Council, FOP Chicago Lodge 7, Illinois Sheriffs' Association and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police have formed the Illinois Law Enforcement Coalition and have been working on these strategies since summer to improve community safety and enhance the trust.

“The Coalition members all support modernization that would improve the criminal justice system for all Illinoisans and create a better trained law enforcement community,” said Illinois Association of Chiefs Executive Director Ed Wojcicki. “As law enforcement professionals, we want to take the leading role in modernizing policing and keeping our communities safe.”

The Coalition's Safe Community and Police Modernization Strategy for 2021 includes the following 15 points:

Voices of crime victims: Coalition members continue to be outspoken advocates for crime victims. Without the dedication, hard work and compassion of law enforcement professionals, most victims would never experience justice.

Co-responder model pilot projects: Having law enforcement access to a social worker or mental health professional would be very beneficial in specific incidents. There are many parts of the state where this is not only a financial issue, but also one of finding available social workers.

Mental health services: We support additional resources for mental health services and other resources that might provide an alternative to arrest, but these resources should not be used to reduce law enforcement funding. We also need more de-escalation and crisis intervention training for law enforcement officers to better handle these situations.

Funding for community resources: Provide adequate state funding for local agencies such as, but not limited to, local mental health and substance abuse providers, social workers, and county and municipal jails.

Recognize Illinois' leadership in reforms: Here is a partial list of the training already required for Illinois officers on a regular basis: Use of force; civil rights; legal updates; cultural competency; procedural justice (voice, fairness, transparency, impartiality); human rights; sexual assault trauma-informed response.

Training and funding for training: Provide adequate state funding for all training requirements, including the academies, and for the additional costs incurred by agencies when other officers are taking the training.

Body cameras: We continue to support the use of body cameras, and we have recommended several major changes in state law that would eliminate burdensome impediments and costs that now cause many departments not to use them.

Get rid of bad cops: Strengthen Illinois policies and procedures regarding the dismissal and decertification of sworn officers, with appropriate due process. Expand the list of offenses that lead to automatic decertification and prohibit truly bad cops either in Illinois or from other states from job hopping from one department to the next.

Use of force reporting: The FBI has developed a national database for all local agencies to report use of force for officer-involved shootings, and we support mandating participation by all agencies in this database.

Reporting misconduct: We support developing use of force reporting forms to include when an officer actively points a weapon, actively points a taser, or goes hands on beyond normal handcuffing.

Collective bargaining: We support an expedited collective bargaining arbitration process. This would alleviate the issues that allow cases to drag on for a long time. Due process must be provided to law enforcement officers as it is to anyone.

Use of force standardized policy: A national consensus policy on the use of force from the International Association of Chiefs of Police has been used by many organizations and would provide a sound starting point in Illinois.

School Resource Officers: Many school districts in the state are adding School Resource Officers and believe in their value, in many cases because of the threat of an increase in school shootings. Any decision on maintaining School Resource Officers and funding them should remain at the local level.

Officer wellness and support: We continue to support efforts to promote officer wellness and have been actively working with the new suicide prevention task force.

Recruitment: Agencies continue to look for ways to develop staff that represent the diversity of the communities they serve. Local governments and community leaders must share the responsibility of recruiting diverse law enforcement agencies.

“Coalition members support law enforcement modernizations that will improve the criminal justice system for all Illinoisans. The Coalition is willing to work with anyone interested in solving the complex policy issues surrounding the modernization movement here in Illinois,” said FOP State Lodge President Chris Southwood. “At the same time, we will not violate two important basic principles: Law enforcement modernization can’t end up harming the safety of the public we serve, or the safety of the officers charged with protecting the public.”

In addition to the Coalition's 15-point plan, its members have identified six major areas of concern that appear to be at the top of the list in many police reform discussions.

Execution of Warrants: No-knock warrants are seldom granted now, but they are a necessary tool depending on the circumstances. Serving warrants is one of the most dangerous activities required of law enforcement professionals, because very often those being served resort to violence.

“Militarization”: Most of the “military equipment,” or surplus government equipment, being procured by departments is furniture and other office equipment. In addition, untrained citizens think they are seeing “tanks” when in fact it is heavy duty equipment and many of these tools are essential in saving lives and rescuing innocent civilians.

Sworn affidavits: We support the right of people to file a complaint against an officer, but we oppose eliminating the sworn affidavit that must accompany a complaint. There would be too many frivolous complaints and “revenge” complaints if this were eliminated, a situation that existed before the sworn affidavit law was created.

Qualified immunity: Many people and politicians mistakenly believe that qualified immunity makes it impossible to sue a police officer or department. That is absolutely not true. If it is not part of a total package that would include eliminating immunity for state’s attorneys, judges and state legislators, then it can be only be seen as a clear attack on law enforcement specifically.

Detainment and corrections: Detainees are now provided access to phone calls under state law. We already post this information in jails. We would continue to oppose expanding this “access to phone calls” for a variety of safety reasons.

Reform of bail system: Safeguards must be in place so that judges can determine whether a person under arrest is a threat to society and the likelihood that the person would actually show up in court. Also, too much focus on an arrested person’s rights reduces or eliminates the rights of victims and the legitimate fears that crime victims have about becoming the victims of crimes again.

“The Illinois Law Enforcement Coalition has been working on strategies to improve community safety and to enhance the trust and support of the community members we serve,” said Illinois Sheriffs’ Association Executive Director Jim Kaitschuk. “The Coalition members all support reforms that would improve the criminal justice system for all Illinoisans.”

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January 8, 2021

Statement from the Illinois State's Attorney's Association regarding HB 163

We recognize and applaud the sponsor and all the legislators who have endeavored to tackle these very difficult issues. Democracy is not static - it is a vibrant process, and their efforts are an important part of all our efforts to have a more perfect union. We respect the efforts of the legislation and while we have concerns with aspects of the proposal, we do not take issue with the well-meant intentions of the effort.

Notwithstanding your efforts, the Illinois State's Attorney's Association wishes to voice our opposition to House Bill 163 and its many provisions that will profoundly undermine public safety and overturn long-standing common-sense policies and practices in the criminal justice system.

The Illinois State's Attorney's Association and its members wish to first make clear that it is not opposed to criminal justice reform efforts generally. Rather, we believe that collaborative, bipartisan efforts to make our justice system more equitable, accountable, and even-handed is worthwhile and should be pursued statutorily. However, we are gravely concerned that House Bill 163, sought to be quickly considered and enacted in a "lame- duck" session and days before a new legislature is sworn in, does not afford all stakeholders and lawmakers the opportunity to deliberate upon these issues and give them the reflection that they deserve.

Moreover, there are provisions of this bill that are deeply problematic and will only result in further significant increases in violent crime, undermine public safety, and deny justice to crime victims.

We do agree that some criminal justice reforms are necessary and in the wake of a year where we experienced an enormous increase in murders and armed carjackings, we are willing to work with the General Assembly in attaining such common-sense reforms. The proposed amendments to HB 163 however, simply go too far.

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For our criminal justice system to function properly, those who commit crimes must be held responsible. Since the Bail Reform Act of 2017 became law, we have seen a substantial increase in defendants deciding to ignore the courts and simply not appear in court as ordered, thus avoiding responsibility. The elimination of a cash bail requirement to detain a defendant in favor of detention only when the defendant “poses a real and present threat to a specific, **identifiable** person or persons, or has a high likelihood of willful flight” would not only exacerbate this problem but would also put the victims of crime and their families at great risk. For example, a serial arsonist who sets fires to people’s homes by law must be released because we cannot specifically identify the person in the home where the next fire will be. A husband who murders his wife must be released because we cannot determine the person poses a danger to a specific, identifiable person or persons. The same applies to heroin dealers, drunk drivers, gun traffickers, and felons in possession of a gun.

It would also allow defendants charged with violent crimes like rape and carjackings to be out on pre-trial release. This is unacceptable. In addition, society as a whole is victimized by violent crime, which not only terrorizes and destroys our communities, but also costs taxpayers millions of dollars every year.

The proposed amendment to HB 163 also seeks to expand Miranda Rights to anyone in custody on probable cause. Protection of an individual’s Miranda Rights is fundamental when conducting investigations into crime. The proposed amendment however, if enacted, will essentially preclude law enforcement from questioning a suspect once in custody. In the 1963 United States Supreme Court landmark decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*, the Supreme Court noted that their decision was “not intended to hamper the traditional function of police officers in investigating crime. When an individual is in custody on probable cause, the police may, of course, seek out evidence in the field to

be used at trial against him.” The Supreme Court also noted that “The fundamental import of the privilege while an individual is in custody is not whether he is allowed to talk to the police without the benefit of warnings and counsel, but whether he can be interrogated.” Criminal investigations must not be hampered in the name of reform which would occur if this amendment is passed.

The proposed amendment to HB 163 also seeks to drastically change Illinois’ murder statute involving forcible felonies. Presently, if participants engage in a forcible felony other than second degree murder that results in the death of an individual, any participant in the crime can be charged with murder and held responsible for the foreseeable consequences of their actions. If passed, HB 163’s proposed change in the law will no longer hold accountable participants responsible for the death unless it can be proven in court that the participant “**knew** that the other participant would engage in conduct that would result in death or great bodily harm.” This new law would significantly reduce law enforcement’s ability to fully hold participants responsible for violent crimes.

These examples only scratch the surface of many of the changes proposed that cannot be reconciled with the average person’s views and expectations for their justice system. We

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acknowledge that some criminal justice reforms are warranted. Just as we have worked with the General Assembly in the past, we will continue to work together to achieve this goal. While criminal justice reform is warranted, this attempt to pass a 611-page bill that will fundamentally change law enforcement and the criminal justice system in a five-day lame-duck session is not the way to responsibly do so.

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TO: All Member Agencies
FROM: Deborah L. Alms
DATE: January 15, 2021
SUBJECT: Current Legislation

Below is a statement that was posted yesterday, January 14, 2021, on the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board's website.

Posted: 1/14/2021

Yesterday, the General Assembly passed HB 3653 – a comprehensive reform addressing several areas of criminal justice and policing. While this bill changes many aspects of law enforcement, our focus has been on how it affects the Police Training Act, which directly affects the Board.

Most significantly, it establishes a process that allows the Board to seek decertification for misconduct that does not rise to the felony conviction level. Under this bill, the Board will receive complaints from agencies, state's attorneys, and the public addressing instances of criminal conduct, perjury, evidence tampering and other unprofessional conduct. If, after investigation, these complaints are founded, the Board will conduct a hearing and go before a newly created Certification Review Panel to determine if decertification is warranted.

As of 2022, certificates will be divided into active, inactive, and decertified status. Officers who are no longer employed as police officers will have to go through a special process to reactivate their certificate upon being rehired. Officers will also have to self-report their compliance with all training mandates every three years. Failure to report may result in inactivation.

This measure also provides for greater transparency by requiring the Board to maintain a public portal on our website to search officer agency affiliation and certification status. Chiefs and Sheriffs will still have access to the Professional Misconduct Database, but this too will be streamlined and made more accessible, as

hiring entities must review these entries before initiating the employment of a new officer.

New mandates related to use of force, officer wellness courses, and crisis intervention response were added to the basic and in-service training requirements as well. Staff is already working on ways to implement these changes to be ready for the January 1, 2022, effective date. While this bill requires "crisis intervention training" at the basic academy and as part of the annual in-service mandate, we believe these can be covered by intro and overview courses, leaving the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) course as a volunteer, specialized certification.

The bill also requires all agencies to begin using body cameras over the course of the next five years. We anticipate that this will increase demand for our existing camera grant program and have asked that funding for this program be increased. Similarly, we have asked for our appropriations to be increased and funding secured to accommodate the increased trainings and duties associated with processing certification verifications, investigating statewide complaints, and seeking the decertification for reported misconduct. We trust that in the upcoming months, discussions on this topic will be fruitful.

While we understand that there are several items of concern in the underlying legislation, we remain focused on the Board's role in ensuring that Illinois' law enforcement community has the training and resources to better serve the people of this State.

Village of Kirkland Public Works Report for January of 2021

Work Performed:

- Supported Ceroni Piping with the overhaul of the 4th Street Lift Station. The project became much more involved as the pipes and equipment were far more compromised from years of use in an aggressive environment than previously estimated.
- Road Closure and bypass pumping for a week during the 4th Street Lift Station overhaul.
- Snow and Ice removal operations for periodic snow and ice events.
- Construction of a block bin for ice control chips and construction of a temporary hoop structure over the bin.
- Periodic Snowplow and Salt Spreader repair.
- Moving snow piles.
- Restocked numerous salt deliveries in the Salt Barn.
- Provided support for furniture transition at Village Hall.
- Installed Village Hall desk at Public Works.
- Continued clean up at WWTP as time allows.
- Repaired a broken Watermain on Hortense Drive by the Hiawatha practice fields.
- Repaired Skid Loader Door and windshield.
- Took down Christmas Decorations and placed them in storage.
- Picked up a large piece of concrete laying on Forest Drive at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday 26,2021
- Truck Maintenance.
- Installed new Warning Lights on the Ford F-350 and Kubota Tractor.
- Repaired GFCI outlets as necessary on Main Street Light Poles. Public works will finish the Street Sound Installation Project as time and weather allow.

Notes to the Village Board: Items for Consideration.

1. I would like to ask the Village Board for permission to exceed my line item amount for Road Salt and Ice Control Products. There are several reasons for this request. The first reason is that all the storms this year have been heavily mixed with ice and have required a greater than normal tonnage of salt use to keep roads safe. While we have not exceeded our requested funds for the year we are chewing through our salt reserves. The second reason is that salt prices are good currently and I would like to finish the year with a large reserve of cheaper salt bought on this years MFT for part of next year. I know this requires amending our MFT Budget but we will need to by budget year end anyway.
2. I would ask that we leave my line item amount the same for forestry for the upcoming years. I understand that many of our Street Trees have been removed and that we have an ordinance forbidding planting in the ROWs, but I ask to redirect some of those funds to replanting in our park areas and open areas in recently acquired properties such as The Bull Run Creek Stormwater Detention Area. I would propose planting some specimen variety trees and plantings in our parks

as well as the detention areas. Another nice use of some of the funds would be to plant Buffer Areas between the Kirkwood Subdivision and the Kirkland Sawmill as well as the Industrial Area.

3. I would Like to thank Chief Davenport for clearing the streets of cars for the snow and ice event of January 24 and 25th. Public Works was able to plow and clean up the residential areas better. Many people are frustrated that Public Works continually fills the end of driveways and asks for resident's cars to be moved...but these actions allow us to do a better job. They can move their cars back out once all plowing and salting operations are complete. Public Works realizes that some people do not have driveways...in this instance they should shovel a place in their yard to park then move the vehicle back out into the street after plowing operations cease.
4. Basketball Hoops and Garbage cans. The Village of Kirkland has several habitual offenders that have basketball hoops out in the lane of traffic....both on Prairie Street. One basketball Hoop is installed in concrete several feet off of the road edge in Hickory Ridge. Hickory Ridge are technically not Village of Kirkland Streets currently, so we have no jurisdiction on ordinances on private drives. The Village of Kirkland also has some residents at the Duplex on Byers Street that leave their garbage cans out in the lane of traffic all year. It is possible these residents are incapacitated and require special assistance....in this case their landlord should special make arrangements for them.
5. I am currently working on a long term equipment replacement plan for our trucks, tractors, and mowing equipment. One item I would like to pursue is the purchase of a used dump truck or flat bed truck that could be fitted with salt spreading equipment and the new plow that was purchased for the water service truck. Public Works originally had four trucks four for plowing before the two street department trucks succumbed to age and disintegration. They were traded in for one dump truck and the water service truck which replaced the Water Van. This left us one snowplow truck short.
6. There will be no Appropriations the month of February since Public Works is completing projects with funds that were approved in earlier months. Public Works will also spend the bulk of February performing Snow and Ice Removal operations as well as completing Vehicle Maintenance and Fabrication Projects.
7. Currently no New Business or Old Business.

I have received numerous compliments this year about how clean our streets are during and after snow and ice events. Many people have told my men and myself that Kirkland Streets are usually the cleanest in the area. We have also received some complaints. Some founded and some not. The complaints that are founded we have worked to make changes where they are required. We have received many compliments ...some from the Kirkland Fire Department. I have shared the compliments and complaints with my men. I would like to thank my men for their long ours, diligence, and attention to detail. Thank You to the Village of Kirkland Board of Trustees and Village President for giving me the equipment and support to put together a plan that is working and a great group of men. Our men are our key factor to success...to them I say Thank You Good Job Guys.

Thank You for your support,



Dale E. Miller