

**Village of Kirkland
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Kirkland, Illinois 60146
Monday, December 01, 2025**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** – President Block called the Board of Trustee Regular meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.
- II. **Roll call** - Members answering present as follows: Trustee Michener, Trustee Ziegler, Trustee Marshall, Trustee Fruit, and Trustee Chambers. Trustee Benes was absent. Also, in attendance were: Leslie Scidmore, Village Clerk and Matthew Walters, Village Attorney.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – President Block led the Board of Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. **Comments from the Audience** – None
- V. **Approval of Minutes** – President Block asked for a motion for the approval of Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 17, 2025. Trustee Ziegler made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 17 2025, with a 2nd by Trustee Chambers. On a voice call vote all in favor. Trustee Benes was absent. Motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Warrant** – Trustee Fruit had questions about a few bills. She asked why the ComEd bill for Linda Lane Well #3 was higher than normal. Public Works Supervisor Jim Stark said they would look into the bill. Trustee Fruit also inquired about a sludge delivery/removal bill. President Block shared that the Village is responsible for the removal of the sludge from the waste water plant. Jim explained that sludge needs to be removed every couple of years and that was the cost for a local farmer to come remove 2 truckloads of the sludge is cheaper than hiring a professional company to do it. Trustee Fruit asked if the Village is charging enough for Building Permits to cover our cost to B&F Construction Code Services, Inc. Leslie Scidmore, Village Clerk, shared that we include an Admin Fee to each building permit fee, and that she will be pursuing residents for any re-inspection fees incurred for failed inspections, because B&F charges the Village for these fees. President Block asked for a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$124,221.17. Trustee Ziegler made a motion to approve the Warrant for \$124,221.17, with a 2nd by Trustee Fruit. On a roll call vote Trustees Ziegler, Marshall, Fruit, Chambers and Michener voted yes. Trustee Benes was absent. Motion carried.
- VII. **Guest Speaker** – None
- VIII. **Reports** –
 1. **Police Report** – Chief Davenport gave his report for November activity, please see attached.
 2. **Public Works** – Jim Stark gave his report for November activity, please see attached report.
 3. **Committee Reports** –
 - a. Tree Committee - Trustee Benes reported that they have created an Urban Tree Plan (UTP) that will be on the agenda at the next general board meeting on January 19, 2026. Benes is also working on the Tree City renewal application for the Village. The Tree

Committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

- b. DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission – Trustee Chambers reported that they will be meeting in the next week or so. And that attendance has been down at the meetings.

IX. Unfinished Business - None

X. New Business –

- a. Discussion / Approval of Village of Kirkland Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit – President Block asked for a motion for the approval of the FY2024-2025 Financial Audit. Trustee Chambers made a motion to approve the FY2024-2025 Financial Audit, with a 2nd by Trust Fruit. On a roll call vote Trustees Marshall, Fruit, Chambers, Michener, Benes and Ziegler voted yes. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion / Approval of the Sale of 700 W Prospect Ave. Property from Village of Kirkland – President Block explained that the new owners are interested in purchasing the lot with the knowledge that no building can be built on the lot, with the exception of a chain-link fence. He said that we have to request that DeKalb County create a new parcel number for that property since its included with the property that the big dig was done on. After discussion it was decided that the selling price would start at \$5,000, and the buyer would be responsible for the closing cost. Matthew Walters, Village Attorney, also mentioned rezoning the entire neighborhood in the flood zone area so that any new and future building structures cannot be built with a basement or below ground level. The buildings that are currently there are non-conforming use, but future builds would be subject to the rezoning. The trustees agreed and asked Matthew to work with the necessary Planning & Zoning members to work in rezoning that property.
- c. Discussion of the Sale of 101 Brennan Drive from Village of Kirkland – President Block explained that a resident is interested in purchasing the vacant lot for business purposes, therefore we will need an Ordinance to approve the sale of the property. The Board of Trustees agreed to add an Ordinance to the agenda for the next meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026.
- d. Discussion of Sale of Kirkland Public Library Building between Village of Kirkland and Kirkland Public Library – President Block explained that the Village of Kirkland no longer wants to be financially responsible for the Kirkland Public Library Building. It was agreed to sell the building to the Kirkland Public Library Board AS IS for one dollar. If they are not interested, it will be listed on the market to sell. Matthew Walters, Village Attorney said he would prepare an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).
- e. Discussion of Village of Kirkland Raffle License Rules and Application – President Block explained the financial benefit of the Village of Kirkland issuing Raffles licenses and not having to utilize DeKalb County to obtain them and be bound by their \$25,000 cap on the raffle amount. The Village of Kirkland would be able to have an increased raffle amount per the Ordinance that we would pass. Trustee Fruit asked that the rules specify who in the Village would and would not be responsible to apply for a Raffle license. The board agreed to add an Ordinance to the agenda for the next General Board Meeting.
- f. Discussion of Village of Kirkland 2025-2026 Financial Options – President Block opened discussion with the option of increasing the Capital Improvement fees on the Utility bills. Trustee Ziegler inquired about the Village obtaining Government Bonds, while other trustees asked about increasing sales tax. Matthew Walters, Village Attorney, offered to look into the

steps on when and what steps must be taken by the Village to increase taxes. Jason Stoll, Village Engineer, asked about a Water/Sewer rates study in the area. President Block, said we do get one annually that includes the rates from many local municipalities. Matthew Walters asked if we know how far below the average the water cost is for the Village. Leslie Scidmore, Village Clerk said she would investigate our current water and sewer rates to ensure we are charging enough to cover the Public Work operating expenses and for the 25% surplus required per the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). There was discussion about the potential of new business owners in the downtown area.

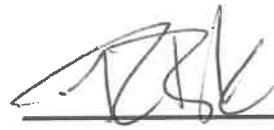
- g. Discussion / Approval of adjustment of Utility Bill for 301 W North Street and 200 Benham Drive – President Block asked for a motion to approve of the adjustment of Utility Bill for 301 W North Street and 200 Benham Drive. Trustee Ziegler made a motion for the approval of the adjustment of Utility Bill for 301 W North Street and 200 Benham Drive, with a 2nd by Trustee Michener. On a voice call vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- h. Discussion / Approval of Bull Run Creek LOMR Adjacent Properties Survey by Fehr-Graham – President Block explained that IDNR has been in communication with Jason Stoll, Village Engineer, Jim Stark, Public Works Supervisor, and Leslie Scidmore, Village Clerk. They were notified that the Village is working with FEMA to remodel the Flood Plain after the big dig to show that the water tables are down. Per Jason, Stoll when FEMA was contacted, they expanded the study beyond the original study area. Due to FEMA's deadline to have the study completed, the work has already been completed. The additional study cost \$8,500. Jason Stoll said that Fehr-Graham will pay should FEMA require additional changes be done. President asked for a motion for the Approval of Bull Run Creek LOMR Adjacent Properties Survey by Fehr-Graham. Trustee Fruit made a motion to approve the Bull Run Creek LOMR Adjacent Properties Survey by Fehr-Graham in the amount of \$8,500, with a 2nd by Trustee Chambers. On a voice call vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- i. Discussion / Approval of Resolution 2025-03 / Resolution for Improvement Under the IL Highway Code Section 14-0009-00 BR –President Block explained that the Pearl Street Bridge bump out extension for a sidewalk was not supposed to be in the plans. Block reached out to Nathan, at County to inquire why it was not taken out as requested, and resubmitted to trans-System for removal from the plan. Jason Stoll, Village Engineer stated that the total cost of Pearl Street Bridge was 3.1 million, and the Village of Kirkland has already paid \$152,000. The remaining cost still owed by the Village for Pearl Street bridge is \$525,000. The resolution allows the use of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. The amount was also increased to \$610,500 as a precaution should the final amount be higher than \$525,000, which means another resolution would not be necessary in the future. President Block asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 / Resolution for Improvement Under the IL Highway Code Section 14-0009-00 BR. Trustee Fruit made a motion for the approval of approve Resolution 2025-03 / Resolution for Improvement Under the IL Highway Code Section 14-0009-00 BR in the amount of \$610,500, 2nd by Trustee Michener. On a roll call vote Trustees Chambers, Michener, Benes, Ziegler, Marshall and Fruit voted yes. Motion carried.
- j. Discussion / Approval of Resolution 2025-04 / Adoption of Central South Branch Kishwaukee River – President Block asked for a motion for the Approval of Resolution 2025-04 / Adoption of Central South Branch Kishwaukee River. Trustee Ziegler made a motion for the approval of Resolution 2025-04 / Adoption of Central South Brank Kishwaukee River, with a 2nd by Trustee Chambers. On a voice call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

- k. Discussion / Approval of Sonic Wall Service Agreement for Kirkland Police Department and Kirkland Village Hall – President Block made a motion for the Approval of Sonic Wall Service Agreement for Kirkland Police Department and Kirkland Village Hall. Trustee Ziegler made a motion for the approval of Sonic Wall Service Agreement for Kirkland Police Department and Kirkland Village Hall 1 year renewal in the amount of \$548, with a 2nd by Trustee Benes. On a voice call vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- l. Discussion / Approval of Village of Kirkland Water Leak Adjustment Guideline Options and Request Form – Leslie Scidmore, Village Clerk shared her research on the guideline options used by other municipalities for excessively high water bills due to leaks. She presented a new Water Leak Adjustment Request Form for residents to fill out and be submitted to the board for review. After further discussion it was decided to review and add it to the agenda for the next board meeting.

XI. Adjournment – At 9:06 P.M., the Village Board discussed that next meeting would be Monday, January 19, 2026. President Block asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Trustee Ziegler made a Motion to Adjourn with a 2nd by Trustee Fruit. On a voice call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board of Trustees Regular Meeting will be Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.


Leslie Scidmore
Deputy Village Clerk


Ryan Block
Village President



Kirkland Police Department

313 West Main Street, P.O. Box 550

Phone: 815-522-3315

Chief Adam Davenport



12/01/2025

Village of Kirkland

Board Meeting

7:00pm

November 2025

Monthly Police Report

The Kirkland Police handled seventy-nine (79) reportable calls for the Month of November.*

*Data at time of report does not include any call activity from 11/28-11/30

Friendly Public Service Announcement and Reminder: Vehicles parked on the roadway with 2" inches of snowfall or greater can be cited. This is not to punish our constituents, but rather to make the roads clearer of ice and snow, and safer for all! Everyone moving their vehicle helps Public works in its' ability to efficiently clear our streets, cooperation is appreciated! We realize it is not convenient and appreciate the effort! Thank you!

KPD Events:

Shop with a Cop 2025 is in full swing! Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and help us to expand our reach with the kids and their families. Thank you to anyone who contributes!

School:

Thanksgiving Break!

Multiple meetings and visits with the school this month

2025 Safety Audit/Review will be completed and submitted to District #426 Superintendent Jared Poynter in December---The school has done a good job with the initial audit in completing all recommendations proposed. We are hopeful the new review will provide additional information and guidance to continue to improve our school's safety, safety protocols, and safety awareness.

Officers should be visible at times at our sporting events as basketball season ramps up

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

NOVEMBER 2025



WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

- Pumped sludge out of the chlorine contact tank.
- Flushed and cleaned out the Sodium Bisulfate tank at the plant as well as anti-freezing the chemical feed pumps.
- Worked on aerator #7 which was tripping its breaker and not running properly.

STREETS DEPARTMENT

- Began snowplow preparation, Verifying function of plows, lights, and salt spinners.
- Hung extension cords from every light pole for the public to decorate, in addition to hanging Christmas decorations.
- Replaced a sign at the end of North Street where it intersects with Pearl. The previous signposts had been hit in the past and were leaning towards the creek.
- Ran the Street Sweeper through town to pick up leaves which had fallen into the gutters.
- Kept one truck loaded with salt in case of unexpected ice.

PARKS

- Mulched leaves and took care of garbage cans in both parks

MAINTENANCE

- Had a steering shaft replaced on the GMC dump truck which was failing and causing very jerky steering
- Replaced the yellow flashing lights on the F550

TRAINING

- Jim and Chandler took their Drinking Water Operator's test

NEXT MONTH?

We plan on having a welding company come out and build the pre-approved new skimmer for the chlorine contact tank as the current one is 40 years old and rusting away.

October 23, 2025

Mr. Ryan Block
Village President
Village of Kirkland
511 West Main Street
Kirkland, IL 60146

**RE: Proposal for Professional Services
Bull Run Creek LOMR – Additional Services**

Dear President Block,

Fehr Graham & Associates (Fehr Graham) is pleased to provide you with this proposal for continued services regarding the Bull Run Creek Subdivision Project. Unfortunately, additional services are required based on additional review comments from FEMA that are outside of the scope of work originally contracted for on this project.

SCOPE OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES

After FEMA review, we are required to modify the cross-sections submitted specifically those around the railroad since we are adjacent to another adjacent floodplain. This adjacent area is outside of the limits we originally established. Work required includes additional digital surveys expanded beyond the limits of what was previously established and what had previously been requested by FEMA. In total, there are only 7 sections they have asked us to revise, along with making any necessary changes to the floodway modeling resulting from those changes.

SCHEDULE

We have been asked by FEMA to make this submittal by November 6th. We are making efforts currently to comply with this request.

FEES

Additional services requested will result in fees estimated to be \$8,500. We will bill services for these additional services on a lump sum basis.

AUTHORIZATION

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this proposal and trust that the information we have provided is in line with your expectations. Please sign the authorization line below and return a copy to my attention to include this proposed scope and fee in the existing contract (Fehr Graham Project 24-1146) and the associated terms and general conditions.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason T. Stoll, PE
Principal

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Mr. Ryan Block
Village of Kirkland
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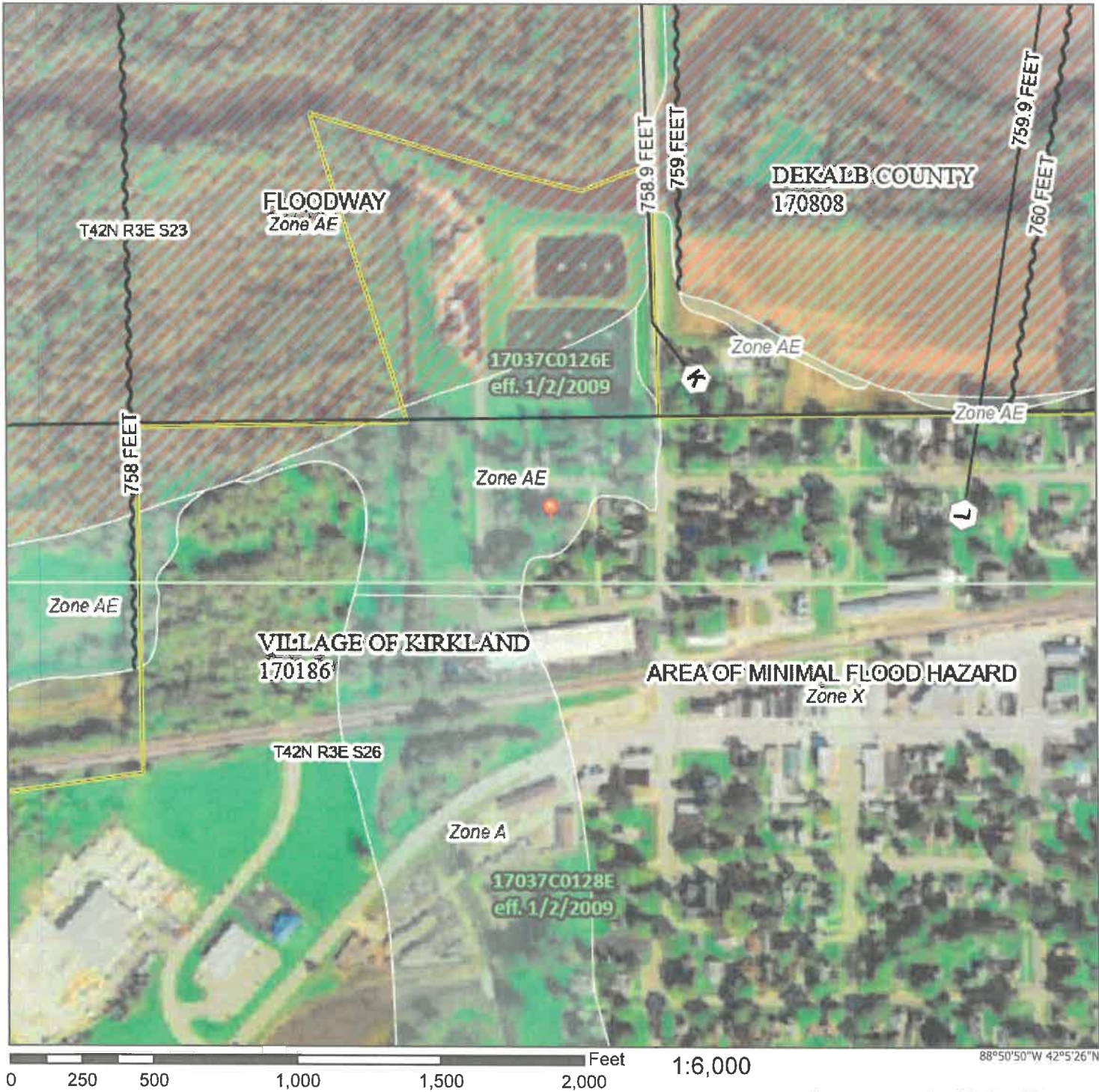
Authorization:

_____ Date: _____

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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette

88°51'27"W 42°5'52"N



Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
		Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AQ, AH, VE, AP
		Regulatory Floodway

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Area of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes, Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D

OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone X

GENERAL STRUCTURES		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES		20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		17.5 Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
		Coastal Transect Baseline
		Profile Baseline
		Hydrographic Feature

MAP PANELS		Digital Data Available
		No Digital Data Available
		Unmapped

The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 10/23/2025 at 5:20 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

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Is this project a bondable capital improvement?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Resolution Type

Supplemental

Resolution Number

3

Section Number

14-00009-00-BR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board

Governing Body Type

of the Village

Local Public Agency Type

of Kirkland

Name of Local Public Agency

Illinois that the following described street(s)/road(s)/structure be improved under

the Illinois Highway Code. Work shall be done by Contract

Contract or Day Labor

For Roadway/Street Improvements:

Name of Street(s)/Road(s)	Length (miles)	Route	From	To

For Structures:

Name of Street(s)/Road(s)	Existing Structure No.	Route	Location	Feature Crossed
Pearl Street	019-4008	6090	Pearl Street on both sides of bridge crossing	S.B. Kiswaukee River

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. That the proposed improvement shall consist of

Construction costs and remaining CE costs associated with the removal of existing structure (SN 019-4008) and construction of a new structure (SN 019-6500). This improvement also includes pavement removal, HMA pavement and shoulders, approach slabs, guardrail, erosion and sediment control, pavement marking, and landscaping, and all incidental and collateral work necessary to complete the project.

2. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of Six Hundred, ten thousand five hundred and 00/100

Dollars (\$610,500.00) for the improvement of

said section from the Local Public Agency's allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified originals of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

I, Leslie R. Scidmore

Name of Clerk

Village

Local Public Agency Type

Clerk in and for said Village

Local Public Agency Type

of Kirkland

Name of Local Public Agency

in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by

statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete original of a resolution adopted by

Board

Governing Body Type

of Kirkland

Name of Local Public Agency

at a meeting held on December 01, 2025

Date

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of December, 2025

Day

Month, Year

(SEAL, if required by the LPA)



Clerk Signature & Date

Leslie R. Scidmore 12/1/25

Approved

Regional Engineer Signature & Date
Department of Transportation

Instructions for BLR 09110 - Page 1 of 2

NOTE: Form instructions should not be included when the form is submitted.

This form shall be used when a Local Public Agency (LPA) wants to construct an improvement using Motor Fuel Tax(MFT) funds. Refer to Chapter 9 of the Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Manual (BLRS Manual) for more detailed information. For signature requirements refer to Chapter 2, Section 3.05(b) of the BLRS Manual.

When filling out this form electronically, once a field is initially completed, fields requiring the same information will be auto-populated.

Is this project a bondable capital improvement?

Check Yes if the project was a bondable capital improvement, check no if it is not. An example of a bondable capital project may include, but is not limited to: project development, design, land acquisition, demolition when done in preparation for additional bondable construction, construction engineering, reconstruction of a roadway, designed overlay extension or new construction of roads, bridges, ramps, overpasses and underpasses, bridge replacement and/or major bridge rehabilitation. Permanent ADA sidewalk/ramp improvements and seeding/sodding are eligible expenditures if part of a larger capital bondable project. A bondable capital improvement project does not mean the LPA was required to sell bonds to fund the project, however the project did meet the criteria to be bondable.

Resolution Number

Enter the resolution number as assigned by the LPA, if applicable.

Resolution Type

From the drop down box choose the type of resolution:

- Original would be used when passing a resolution for the first time for this project.
- Supplemental would be used when passing a resolution increasing appropriation above previously passed resolutions.
- Amended would be used when a previously passed resolution is being amended.

Section Number

Insert the section number of the improvement the resolution covers.

Governing Body Type

From the drop down box choose the type of administrative body. Choose Board for County; Council for a City or Town; President and Board of Trustees for a Village or Town.

LPA Type

From the drop down box choose the LPA body type. Types to choose from are: County, City, Town or Village.

Name of LPA

Insert the name of the LPA.

Contract or Day Labor

From the drop down choose either Contract or Day Labor.

Roadway/Street Improvements:

Name Street/Road

Insert the name of the Street/Road to be improved. For additional locations use the Add button.

Length

Insert the length of this segment of roadway being improved in miles.

Route

Insert the Route Number of the road/street to be improved if applicable.

From

Insert the beginning point of the improvement as it relates to the Street/Road listed to the left.

To

Insert the ending point of the improvement as it relates to the Street/Road listed to the left.

Structures:

Name Street/Road

Insert the name of the Street/Road on which the structure is located. For additional locations use the Add button.

Existing Structure No.

Insert the existing structure number this resolution covers, if no current structure insert n/a.

Route

Insert the Route number on which the structure is located.

Location

Insert the location of the structure.

Feature Crossed

Insert the feature the structure crosses.

1

Insert a description of the major items of work of the proposed improvement.

2

Insert the dollar value of the resolution for the proposed improvement to be paid for with MFT funds in words followed by in the same amount in numerical format in the ().

Instructions for BLR 09110 - Page 2 of 2

Name of Clerk	Insert the name of the LPA clerk.
LPA Type	Insert the type of clerk based on the LPA type. Types to choose from are: County, City, Town or Village.
Name of LPA	Insert the name of the LPA.
Governing Body Type	Insert the type of administrative body. choose Board for County; Council for a City or Town; President and Board of Trustees for a Village or Town
Name of LPA	Insert the name of the LPA.
Date	Insert the date of the meeting.
Day	Insert the day Clerk is signing the document.
Month, Year	Insert the month and year of the Clerk's signature.
Seal	The Clerk shall seal the document here, if required. If a seal is required, electronic signatures should not be used.
Clerk Signature	Clerk shall sign here.
Approved	The Department of Transportation shall sign and date here once approved.

A minimum of three (3) certified signed originals must be submitted to the Regional Engineer's District office OR email PDF completed form with electronic signatures to your local District LRS office.

Following IDOT's approval, distribution will be as follows:

- Local Public Agency Clerk
- Engineer (Municipal, Consultant or County)
- District

Resolution 2025-04

Adoption of The Central South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed-Based Plan

WHEREAS, healthy watersheds are essential to sustaining clean drinking water, protecting wildlife habitats, supporting agriculture, and providing recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, watershed-based planning recognizes that land use, water quality, and ecological health are interconnected across municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, adopting a watershed-based plan will allow the community to:

- Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions and agencies
- Reduce flooding risks and improve stormwater management
- Protect and restore streams, wetlands, and groundwater recharge areas
- Promote sustainable development practices that safeguard water resources

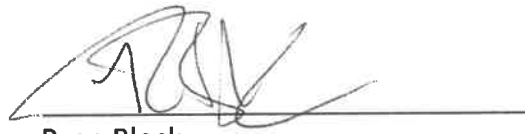
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Kirkland hereby adopts the Central South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed-Based Plan as a guiding framework for local decision-making; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Kirkland commits to:

- Integrating watershed goals into land use, zoning, and infrastructure planning
- Supporting public education and community engagement on watershed stewardship
- Pursuing funding and partnerships to implement priority projects identified in the plan
- Monitoring progress and reporting annually on watershed health indicators

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution affirms the community's dedication to protecting water resources for current and future generations.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Village of Kirkland, Illinois, at a regular meeting held on December 1, 2025, and approved by me as President.



Ryan Block
Village President

ATTEST:



Leslie Scidmore
Village Clerk

VOTE:

**VILLAGE OF KIRKLAND
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC COMMENT
SIGN-IN-SHEET**

DATE: 12/1/25

Please PRINT clearly.

Name:

Group or Organization:

Issue to Discuss:

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