

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
WORK SESSION**

February 24, 2026

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham
Councilmember Marc Latini
Councilmember Katie Legg
Councilmember Sandy Wasson

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk
Duane Travis, Zoning Board Chairman
Karen Ferguson, Historian

Absent: Poe Williams, Highway Superintendent

- 1. Discussion – Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Broome County for Court Security for a term of September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026, in accordance with the attached agreement. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham reported that this is a standard agreement every year with Broome County for Court Security, the price was increased slightly this year.

- 2. Discussion – A Resolution authorizing the Expenditure of up to \$134,540.00 from the Repair and Improvement of Facilities Reserve Fund of Sewer District No. 1, in accordance with the attached resolution. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham explained the items needed will be paid for out of Facilities Reserve Fund of Sewer District No. 1, which is a fund account that will eventually be closed with the upcoming consolidation of the sewer districts. The items listed in the resolution are a muffin monster, also known as a grinder pump for the sewage pumping station, two pumps that need to be replaced at the Corporate Drive sewer pump station, and new valves for the Colesville Road pump station.

- 3. Discussion – Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Excellus Health Plan, Inc., doing business as Excellus BlueCross BlueShield regarding the SimplyBlue Plus Platinum 2 health insurance plan, in accordance with the attached agreement. (LCG)**

This agreement will cover health insurance for Town employees.

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- 4. Discussion – Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Excellus Health Plan, Inc., doing business as Excellus BlueCross BlueShield regarding the Dental Blue Option dental insurance plan, in accordance with the attached agreement. (LCG)**

This agreement will cover Dental coverage for Town employees.

- 5. Discussion – Resolution designating April 20-22, 2026 as Municipal Cleanup Days in the Town of Kirkwood, materials accepted are bulk items, white goods, scrap metal, wastes from illegal dump site cleanups, and other waste as may be collected through the special cleanup day efforts, with delivery to the Broome County Landfill on April 23, 2026. (PW)**

After a back-and-forth discussion on the dates and whether or not the “drop off” timeframe was long enough, it was decided to keep the dates as is, like it has been done in the past. Supervisor Grubham is going to look into the section of the resolution that states, “wastes from illegal dump site cleanups”.

- 6. Discussion – Resolution supporting Home Rule and Restoration of Municipal Standing and Standards in the Siting of Major Renewable Energy and Electric Transmission Facilities, in accordance with the attached resolution. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham explained that another town presented this resolution to Kirkwood. This is in relation to the State trying to take away Kirkwood’s (and all town’s) Home Rule Rights so the State would be in control of all the solar energy, electrical projects, and battery energy projects and towns would have no say about it. Right now, each town has the right to take care of these projects. If this resolution is approved, Kirkwood would sign it and send it in, along with all the other towns to present to the State and try to stop them from taking over.

- 7. Audit of Claims.**