

State of Illinois

Kendall County

Town of Kendall

At the regular monthly Town Meeting held in said town and county, in the state of Illinois at Kendall Township Hall on Tuesday August 15, 2023. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Steve Gengler. Township officials present were Steve Gengler Supervisor, Doug Westphal Highway Commissioner, Steve Grebner, Town Clerk and trustees: Carolyn Pottinger, Zach Turnbow, Doug Thanepohn and Don Hirsch. Absent was Cathy Scalise, Kendall Township Assessor.

Supervisor Gengler lead the board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Section III: Sheriff Department Update: Sheriff's Department Rep was unable to attend and Clerk Grebner supplied a written report of Sheriff activity in township for month of August to date. (See Attachment A). Clerk Grebner followed up with response to Trustee Pottinger's inquiry from last month and noted the increased Sheriff' activity and indicated the uptick was resulting from an announced effort for traffic enforcement by the KCSO. Outside of Traffic enforcement, activity in the township was pretty normal year over year.

Section IV: Public Comment - None

Section V: Minutes from July meeting were read. Motion was then made to approve the minutes by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Don Hirsch and motion.

Section VI: Financial Business: General Funds and Road District bills were reviewed and motion to approve was made by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Carolyn Pottinger. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Reports:

Assessor: Assessor was absent due to illness but supplied report See attachment B.

Highway Commissioner: Voter letter of discontent regarding response to perceived slow response to request for patching of a bad spot on East Highpoint Rd was discussed and explanation ensued. Trustee Turnbow had been contacted as well and was satisfied with explanation. Township is in the process of doing a bunch of work on tree management at the intersection of Ashley and Caton Farm Road to improve visibility. Culvert patching and repair on Immanuel Road and East Legion will be done this summer. Next Year plan for repaving is Maple Grove Subdivision, Ament Road East of Rt 47 and Ashley Rd down to Township boundary at Helmar Road. Trustee Pottinger asked question about the potential of a traffic signal at Rt 47 and Legion/Windette Ridge. Highway Commissioner Westphal stated that it had been discussed but is not planned at this time. There was consensus one is definitely needed there and should be revisited.

Clerk's Report: Shared copy of Sheriff's Dept Activity – (as mentioned above). See attachment "A". Clerk Grebner did report the status of TOI hosting of our website. That hosting by TOI will cease in the near future. The alternatives found by Clerk have been significantly higher cost. Clerk Grebner & Trustee Turnbow will work to find additional options but it appears we will have to prepare to increase the line item to keep a website running for the township. Please see attachment "C" for details.

Supervisor:

Action Assignment A: Discussion ensued regarding the Approval of the Annual Audit. Trustee Pottinger inquired why we did not have a representative from the auditing firm attend and review the audit. Supervisor Gengler stated that he had asked if the trustees wanted to have them in attendance to review and got no indication of a desire by a majority of trustees of the desire to do so, and the report itself was quite good with no indications of an issues.

Motion was made to Approve the findings of the Annual Audit by Doug Thanepohn, second by Zach Turnbow no additional discussion was forthcoming and Motion passed by roll call vote unanimously.

Action Assignment B: Lively discussion regarding the dissolution of the Joint Bristol/Kendall Cemetery Board. Clerk Grebner compiled a draft of the timeline of the facts regarding the formation of said board with much assistance from Cemetery Board Member Don Hirsch and Sextant and step by step walk through of timeline and the background occurred. It was very enlightening to some and the question remains, "Are the reasons for the formation of this board still viable?" Trustee and Cemetery Board Member Pottinger was quite upset as this draft was only for discussion purposes and not official, and clerk Grebner apologized for not making that clear on the working document. It was agreed that further study of this should occur and a motion was made by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Zach Turnbow to table any decision on this until next meeting. Additional discussion was requested and hearing none a unanimous voice vote to approve tabling any action on this occurred.

Action Assignment C: As per last month's meeting, FiberFin licensing agreement was signed and board voted on the renewal of this agreement. Motion was made, by Doug Thanepohn and Seconded by Carolyn Pottinger and was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Other Items/Information: None

No other items were brought forth and motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Pottinger and Seconded by Doug Thanepohn at 9:50 PM. Approved unanimously by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting September 19, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Township Building.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Grebner Kendall Township Clerk

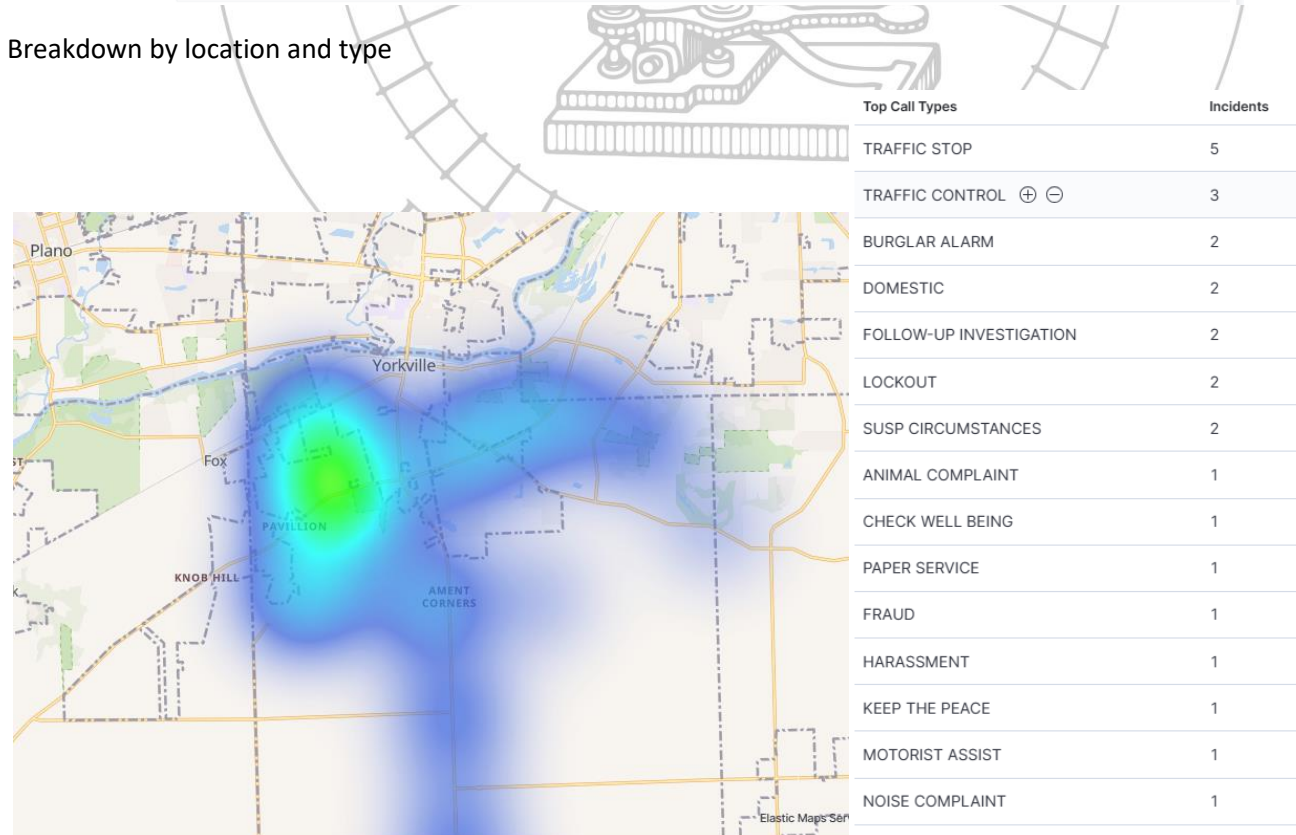
Attachment A

Kendall County Sheriff's activity for August (MTD)

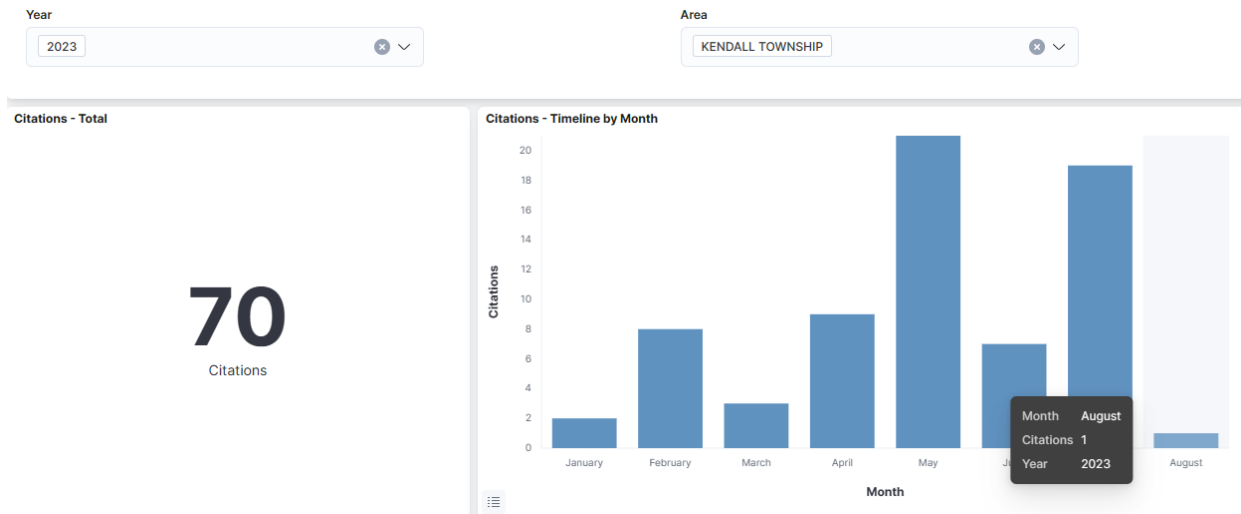
Incidents



Breakdown by location and type



Citations for 2023



Arrests

1 for August for an In State Warrant at 126/71 during a traffic stop.

Comparison year over year (July)

2022

Type of Incident	Number	Total	Percent of total
Traffic	13	56	23%
Motorist Assist	6	56	11%
Burglar Alarm	3	56	5%

2023

Type of Incident	Number	Total	Percent of total
Traffic	68	117	58%
Follow up	9	117	8%
Motor Assist	5	117	4%
Burglar Alarm	4	117	3.5%

Attachment “B”

August 2023 Assessor’s Report

2023 Assessments have been turned into the county.

We came in at a little over \$400 million this year

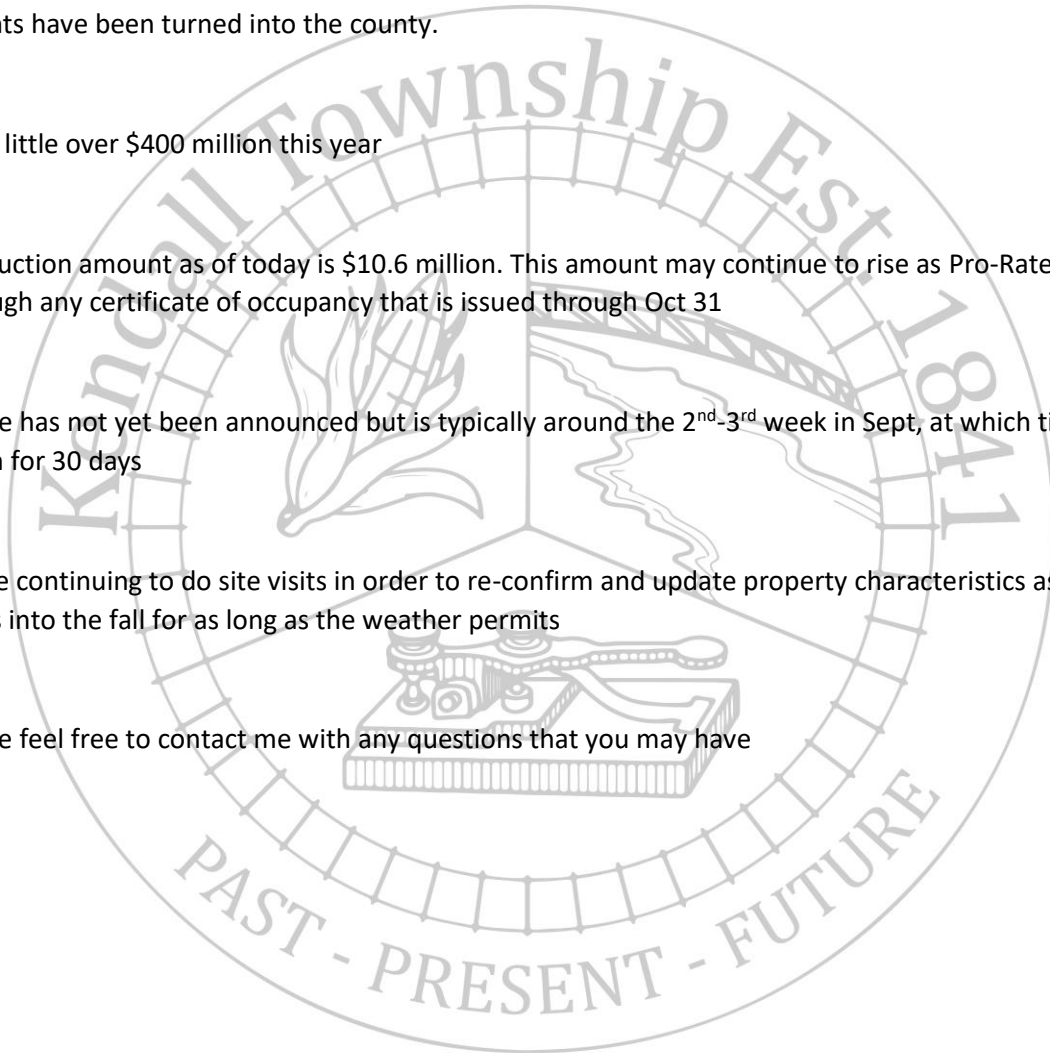
Our New Construction amount as of today is \$10.6 million. This amount may continue to rise as Pro-Rated assessments are valued through any certificate of occupancy that is issued through Oct 31

A publishing date has not yet been announced but is typically around the 2nd-3rd week in Sept, at which time the appeal season will open for 30 days

Our office will be continuing to do site visits in order to re-confirm and update property characteristics as well as updating photos into the fall for as long as the weather permits

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have

Cathy Scalise



Attachment "C"

Summary of New TOI Website Proposal:

The existing hosting arrangement with TOI was originally done in 2005 and has not been updated in technology or price since 2009. It is not ADA compliant nor does it possess the much higher functionality of the newer websites. ADA compliant means there is alternative code that allows blind people to use the website.

TOI has investigated retaining the control and hosting of the township sites and it was found to be cost prohibitive. So they have outsourced it to a company called Arthur Agency and they formed TotallyTownships.com to host and administer the new township websites.

They have 3 distinctive price points:



Features	Basic \$69.99/mo w/ \$299.99 one-time setup fee	Pro \$99.99/mo w/ \$499.99 one-time setup fee	Pro+ \$179.99/mo w/ \$499.99 one-time setup fee
7 Page Base Site	✓		
Individual Pages for Key Officeholders		✓	✓
Unlimited Services Pages		✓	✓
Meetings & Events Calendar	✓	✓	✓
Minutes PDFs	✓	✓	✓
Content Management System	✓	✓	✓
Custom URL	✓	✓	✓
Totally Townships Responsible for Updates			✓
PDF Documents Library	✓	✓	✓
Custom Colors	✓	✓	✓
Single Image Home Page Header	✓		
Multi-Image Slider Home Page Header Option		✓	✓

The bad news is we have so much content already that we would exceed the base price point of the basic \$99/month plan. We would need the Pro or Pro+ plan. The only thing the Pro+ plan does is to pay for all updates to site to be done by the vendor – we only send them the content and they post it.

I was able to negotiate the set up fee from the higher plans to the basic plan fee (\$200 savings) but I won't kid anyone, the price from \$175/year to \$1200/year is steep – nearly 6X the old rate.

I have looked at some other competitors, and for government bodies they are driven by size of constituency, and at the one I checked, it would be \$185/month. So it may be the \$99 price would still be the best price available. I know there are other site builders companies, GoDaddy, Weebly, etc., but due to the nature of our local government site, I am not sure I am completely comfortable using those.

I have reached out to other townships not currently using TOI's hosting (Oswego and Bristol- Thank you Cathy) but yet to hear back from them.

We do have time, as while the TOI leadership would like to get their site turned down by the end of October, I told them that is not realistic and I would require time to do my due diligence and we of course would need to have trustees vote and either approve or deny motion.

