

State of Illinois

Kendall County

Town of Kendall

At the regular monthly Town Meeting held in said town and country, in the state of Illinois at Kendall Township Hall on Tuesday November 15, 2022. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Steve Gengler. Township officials present were Steve Gengler Supervisor, Doug Westphal, Highway Commissioner, Cathy Scalise, Kendall Township Assessor, Steve Grebner, Town Clerk and all trustees: Carolyn Pottinger, Zach Turnbow, Doug Thanepohn and Don Hirsch. Deputy Paul Kubinski was also present.

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

Sheriff Department Update: Dep Kubinski presented an update to the “988” / “211” 24/7 crisis lines. 988 is for Suicide Prevention and 211 is for information and referrals. These are dependent upon the SESSA act and while functioning at this time, they are 3-4 years out before being fully enacted. Discussion ensued about the future of this program and how we in the township can support and spread the word. Clerk Grebner will secure additional flyers to be available for handouts as well as continue to post updates on the Township website.

Additional follow up questions from last month were broached regarding the License Plate reader cameras in the county. While there are none in our township these are NOT speed or redlight cameras, but cameras to read license plates in the event of a crime or alert to assist in location vehicles subject to a “BOLO” (Be On the Look Out).

Sheriff’s Department is still short staffed but actively hiring. Also replacing older squads has been put on hold – while funds are there, availability and ability to upfit them for duty has some major lead time issues.

Minutes from October meeting were read and amended to replace “tax bills” verbiage with accurate “tax assessment” verbiage. Motion to amend and approve minutes was moved by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Carolyn Pottinger and motion passed with an abstention by Trustee Hirsch (as he was not present at the previous monthly meeting).

General Funds and Road District bills were reviewed and motion to approve was made by Don Hirsch and seconded by Zach Turnbow. Motion was approved unanimously.

Reports:

Assessor: Final number of 2022 assessment appeals filed for the township is only 7, 3 of which Assessor has to appear at the appeal hearing. One is a rather large one at the corner of Rts 71 and 47 due to vacancy.

Next year is our Quadrennial reassessment year. By law, each property other than farmland, must be viewed, inspected and revalued once every 4 years, which means we need to reexamine all properties that have NOT been reviewed and validated in the past 3 years. While assessor’s office has done a great

job in keeping all assessments current, due to the growth of the township an additional drawing license has been purchased and the Assessor anticipates that we will require an additional license for the VPams software program for next fiscal year. Assessor will keep board updated as we move closer to this event.

Highway Commissioner: We finally got confirmation of salt bid for upcoming season two weeks ago. While an increase, it was not as high as feared. Last year of cost per ton was \$63, this year it is \$82/ton. 750 ton of salt was ordered. We did survive our first snowfall of the season with a few complaints. County has let bids out for our future projects, and as an awareness, Highway Commissioner informed board of the marked increase in asphalt costs – from \$74/ton to \$120/ton for the upcoming season. Wheeler Road project (bridge) will most likely be in the 2025 budget year.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Grebner showed the two versions of the Township Seal as developed by the graphic artist agreed upon at last month's meeting. Trustees really liked them – a Black and White version as well as a full color version. (vote to approve seal and payment for them is in Action items below)

Also as promised in the previous meeting- Clerk Grebner reported on his conversation with Matt Kellogg from the County Board on the reasoning behind the denial of our grant request for Back-up Generator for township building from the ARPA funds supplied by Feds. Board thought it was a good request and supported it as it moved through the process, but it was denied by the Kendall County State's Attorney. When pressed it was said that that request did not meet the parameters of the grant and the Federal Government denied the States Attorney's request.

Supervisor: Both the Road and Town Levy (Ordinances 22-13 & 22-14) increases came in at 4.9% (1.049) which is inside the allowable limit that does not require a hearing under the Truth in Taxation statute. The Levy reallocated \$100K from the Hard Road Budget to the Special Bridge in Ordinance 22-13.

In addition discussion ensued regarding discussion item (C) the temporary easement of the ~180 square feet of frontage to allow the IDOT to proceed with the widening of Rt 47. The terms of this easement township will receive \$300 for this property and the temporary easement agreement is to last no more that 5 years or when the project is completed (which ever occurs first). See action assignment below.

It was decided due to table the voting on the Ordinances 22-10, 22-11 and 22-12 until December meeting due to time and to ensure the content reflects the current environment. They will be voted on in the December meeting.

Action Items:

- (A) IDOT temporary construction easement – Motion was made by Doug Thanepohn and Seconded by Don Hirsch to approve this easement. After asking for any additional discussion and hearing none, motion passed unanimously.
- (B) Postponed to Dec. Meeting
- (C) Postponed to Dec. Meeting
- (D) Postponed to Dec Meeting
- (E) Approval of Township Seal and payment to artist. As mentioned in Clerk's report discussion was very positive – and motion was made by Trustee Don Hirsch and seconded by Trustee Carolyn

Pottinger to approve the seals and authorize payment to artist. After asking for discussion and hearing none vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

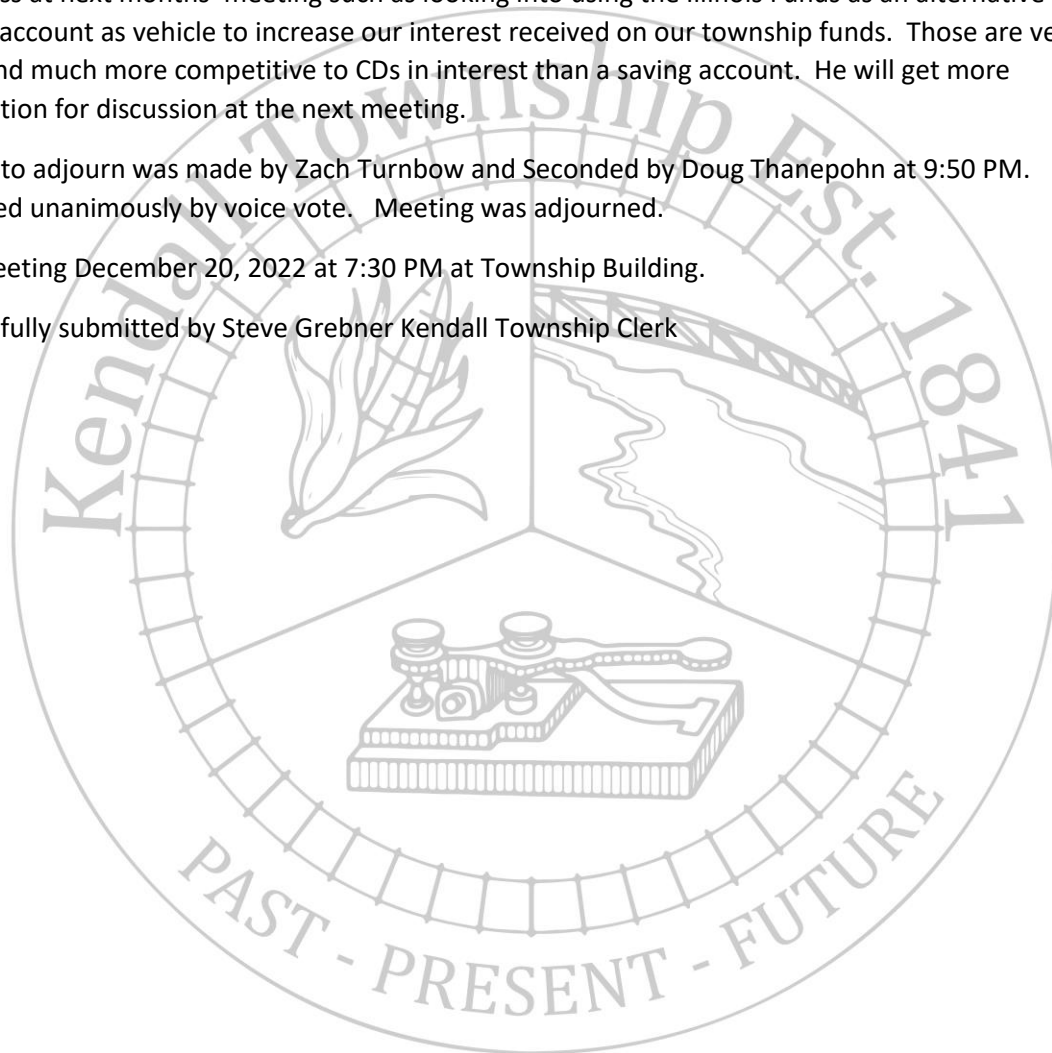
Other Items:

Supervisor attended the State Township meeting in Springfield and brought back some additional ideas to discuss at next months' meeting such as looking into using the Illinois Funds as an alternative to savings account as vehicle to increase our interest received on our township funds. Those are very liquid and much more competitive to CDs in interest than a saving account. He will get more information for discussion at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Zach Turnbow and Seconded by Doug Thanepohn at 9:50 PM. Approved unanimously by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting December 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM at Township Building.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Grebner Kendall Township Clerk



Appendix A Sheriff's Rep written report:

I don't really have much to present at this time except to extend an invitation to any seniors from the Lisbon and Kendall Township areas who might want to be involved in our local Triad. The Kendall County Triad meets on the second Monday of every month at 0900 at the Beecher Center in Yorkville and the participation on the board from our seniors has declined over the last couple of years. Below is a link to the State Triad info as well as a brief description of the Kendall Triad.

<https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/seniors/triad.html>

The Kendall County TRIAD is a joint effort by Law Enforcement, Seniors in the Community and Senior Providers of the Community. The TRIAD empowers senior citizens to become more involved in community programs, including crime prevention programs, educational seminars and implementing means to make the community a safer place for senior citizens. The ultimate goal of TRIAD is to increase awareness of crimes against seniors.

The Kendall County TRIAD is always looking for community Seniors to participate in our program. The Kendall County TRIAD meets at 0900 on the second Monday of the month at the Beecher Center, 908 Game farm Rd, Yorkville. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the Senior Service Center at 630-553-5777.