

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 December 19, 2023. Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Supervisor Steve Gengler. Township officials present were Steve Gengler Supervisor, Doug Westphal Highway Commissioner, Steve Grebner, Township Clerk, Cathy Scalise, Kendall Township Assessor and trustees: Carolyn Pottinger, Zach Turnbow, Doug Thanepohn and Don Hirsch.

Public Guests included Linda Gengler, Amy Westphal, Naomi Sweeney Dan Kramer, attorney, Bobby & Cassidy Schwartz, owners of AB Schwartz LLC who are requesting a zoning change and wanted to present to the Township Board.

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

Section III: Sheriff Department Update: Sheriff's Department Rep Deputy Paul Kubinski was in attendance and shared information regarding the number and locations of the Crisis Intervention requests the Sheriff's Dept has responded to over the past year – Not just in our township but the entire county – over 300. He also discussed the potential for taking the Town Hall meeting concept out on the road to the more rural areas of our county (of which the southern part of Kendall Township fits that description) and the need for reaching out to family members for actively assisting is helping identify cases of neglect, mental health issues as well as people taking advantage of our seniors. Clerk Grebner supplied a written report of Sheriff activity in township for month of December to date as well as a wrap up of November. (See Attachment A.) Clerk Grebner mentioned again there is a link on our website to the County Sheriff's transparency page where all this information is available as well as a tutorial on how use the site.

Section IV: Public Comment – Dan Kramer presented followed up last month's meeting with an update to the proposal to the board requesting a zoning change for the property known as Grainco FS from A-1 (Ag) to M-3 Light Manufacturing. Attorney Kramer reviewed the timeline and the changes since the last meeting (County appeals and planning boards have approved this change unanimously, but still awaiting City of Yorkville and BKFD responses. Discussion and questions ensued regarding the change in classification from Transportation Corridor to a Mixed Use Classification. This was also required as the Proposed new use (Contractor) is NOT approved for a Transportation Corridor. There were additional questions regarding the "Legal but Non-Conforming" term as well as what other businesses could be included under the M-1 Classification Mr. Kramer indicated these same questions were broached at the County meetings and were clarified there to the satisfaction of the board), but in summary, if there were substantive changes made in tenants, there are existing zoning or building committees that would be engaged prior to ability to make those changes and the Township would be informed. Additional questions regarding access after widening of RT 47 as well as set back issues were addressed to the satisfaction of the board. Mr. Kramer there will be at least 9 meetings of different committees/boards that must approve this request before it is approved.

It was decided to vote on this action item (Section X sub set (C) now while discussion was fresh. Motion was made by Trustee Turnbow and Seconded by Trustee Thanepohn to approve this zoning petition. Roll was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Section V: Minutes from November meeting were read. Motion was then made to approve the minutes by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Carolyn Pottinger and motion was approved unanimously.

Section VI: Financial Business: General Funds and Road District bills were reviewed and motion to approve was made by Carolyn Pottinger and seconded by Zach Turnbow. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Reports:

Assessor: Hearing for Assessment appeals are complete with several being tabled by the County Board (this means no decision was made at that time, but will be made at a later date). Question was asked as to what are the potential outcomes of these hearings. Assessor stated there are really 4 outcomes: Agree with the appellate; Hold for the Assessor (agreeing with Assessor' findings); Compromise; or Table. Majority number of the appeals were found in favor of the assessor (Hold for Assessor).

January 28th is the assessor meeting for the county that is open to the public. Assessor staff is using this time during the holidays to get all records electronically scanned and that led to discussion regarding record retentions requirements for paper vs electronic documents.

Highway Commissioner: It was agreed our Truck Chassis will be held here inside out of the weather until Upfitted by Bonnells. However, there is still the question of who will take responsibility for final inspection/approval of rig when completed. Highway commissioner is still in conversation with Manufacturer as well as Upfitter and will get that agreed to. We are also planning on selling our old 6 wheeler, we will use our existing plow with our new Truck when complete and will sell our OLDER plow with our Old 6 wheeler.

Clerk's Report: Shared copy of Sheriff's Dept Activity – (as mentioned above). See attachment "A"

Clerk Grebner informed board the new site is up and running, optimized for all types of equipment – phones, tablets as well as laptops and desktops. There was one issue with iPhones, and clerk Grebner reached out to developer and that issue has been resolved. Clerk Grebner did ask if any of the trustees would like to send him their photos for inclusion in the website.

Supervisor:

Action Assignment A: Discuss and Vote on Approval of Road District Levy. Review and vote on the approval of the Road District Levy Ordinance #23-05. Motion was made to approve by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Don Hirsch. Request for discussion was made, hearing none, a roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. Clerk Grebner will deliver to County Clerk on Wed Dec 20th for official filing as per statute

Action Assignment B Discuss and Vote on Approval of Township Levy. Review and vote on the approval of the Township Levy Ordinance #23-06. Motion was made to approve by Don Hirsch and seconded by Zach Turnbow. Request for discussion was made, hearing none, a roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. Clerk Grebner will deliver to County Clerk on Wed Dec 20th for official filing as per statute

Action Assignment C: See above this was the Discussion and vote on the proposed Zoning Changes.

Action Assignment D: Discussion and vote to approve the 2024 Meeting dates. It was identified by Trustee Pottinger that in one instance the year was not changed from 2023 to 2024 and appropriate change was made in public notice document and then motion was made to approve the now amended 2024 Monthly Meeting document by Don Hirsch and seconded by Zach Turnbow. Request for further discussion was made and hearing none roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. Clerk Grebner will post these documents in 3 public locations in the township (as well as on the township building bulletin board) promptly. It will also appear in the Kendall Record in the next two editions as well as on our new Township Website.

Action Assignment E: Supervisor wanted to bring to the board's attention the latest update on the Bristol Kendall Townships Joint Cemetery Committee and spirited discussion ensued. Trustee Pottinger was upset that there were discussions with the Sextant of the cemetery that she was not part of. Supervisor Gengler stated that the Sextant had called and asked if he could review the content of the letter that was sent to the Bristol Members of the joint committee and he agreed to meet with him. Trustee Pottinger wanted to know who wrote that letter and Clerk Grebner stated that

he did, and it was simply a collection of a timeline of events and a documentation of facts that were found in research by Cemetery Board member Hirsch and others. She was upset that this was appearing to be done behind her back and that it was a violation of the open meetings act. It was the position of the supervisor it was not, as he is NOT on the Cemetery board, and neither is the Sextant and the only reason for the meeting was a clarification of facts and next steps. Clerk Grebner was in attendance at that meeting as the author of the letter, so to answer any questions regarding it's content and is neither on the Cemetery Committee nor a voting member of the Township board and was in attendance only as resident of Kendall Township. Joint Committee Member Hirsch was there to answer any questions as to the research he did. This letter was discussed in August Monthly Meeting as well as additional discussions were had regarding the Joint Cemetery committee in the September Monthly Meeting. It was the purpose of this meeting's Discussion and pursuant Action Item to ensure all information is out for the entire board to see, as finding out the details of the why things were done over 30 years ago are difficult. Reports regarding the Cemetery Committee are sparse but they fulfill the requirement, per statute. With the recent death of Dave Matlock, member of the Joint Cemetery Committee, the Supervisor has the authority to appoint a replacement to complete the term of the late member. Supervisor Gengler will pursue that action and attend the next Cemetery Meeting on January 10th 2024.

Trustee Hirsch said that he had gotten a lot of information at the State TOI meeting regarding Cemetery Commissions, and that presentation was shared at the last meeting. Clerk Grebner said he had found the Township Code 60 ILCS 1 Art. 135 that dealt with the formation of Joint Township Committees/Boards. See Link [Joint Cemetery Board Statute](#)

Trustee Pottinger requested that this all be pushed into 2024 as the service contracts for cemeteries have been signed, but it was stated that to make any changes in the structure, both townships' Annual Meeting must have the same resolution and both be passed by the voters in each township. So, in order to do that, the Kendall Township supervisor wanted to get permission from the board to act on its behalf when discussing the future of the Joint Committee, in order to have any hope to come to an agreement in principle with Bristol Township prior to 2024's Annual Meeting. With that a Motion was made.

Action Assignment F: Motion was made by Zach Turnbow and seconded by Doug Thanepohn for the following: *"To authorize and allow Kendall Township Supervisor and identified representatives to present Kendall Township's position regarding the Bristol Kendall Joint Cemetery Committee to the Committee"*. When asked for additional comments, Trustee Thanepohn stated that there are a lot of good reasons to get this clarified for the future and everyone agreed with that. Roll was taken and motion was passed Unanimously.

Other Items/Information: None

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

Next meeting January 26, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Township Building.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Grebner Kendall Township Clerk

Attachment A

Kendall Township December Incidents - MTD



Top Call Types	Incidents
TRAFFIC STOP	8
911 HANGUP	3
MOTORIST ASSIST	2
PATROL INFORMATION	2
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT	2
911 MISDIAL	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1
BURGLAR ALARM	1
CHECK WELL BEING	1
CITIZEN ASSIST POLICE	1
DISTURBANCE	1
FRAUD	1
HARASSMENT	1
HEAD ON COLLISION	1
NOISE COMPLAINT	1

Total of 2023 November Incidents



Top Call Types	Incidents
TRAFFIC STOP	21
BURGLAR ALARM	7
MOTORIST ASSIST	4
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	3
DOMESTIC	3
HIT AND RUN	2
LOCKOUT	2
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT	2
911 HANGUP	1
911 MISDIAL	1
BURNING COMPLAINT	1
CARDIAC ARREST	1
CHECK WELL BEING	1
DETAIL	1
FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION	1

Year over Year comparison of Sheriff Activity in Kendall Township

May, June, July increase due to Traffic Initiative for those 90 days in Kendall County

Sum of Incidents	Column Labels			
Row Labels		2022	2023	Grand Total
January		71	52	123
February		54	59	113
March		67	51	118
April		50	63	113
May		35	129	164
June		50	95	145
July		56	117	173
August		78	69	147
September		71	60	131
October		83	83	166
November		64	62	126
December		48	30	78
Grand Total		727	870	1597

