

2023 Annual Town Meeting

April 11, 2023

Kendall Township 9925B Route 47

State of Illinois

County of Kendall

Town of Kendall

At the 2023 Annual Town Meeting, held in said Town and County in the State of Illinois at the Kendall Township Hall on April 11, 2023 the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by township clerk Steve Grebner. There were 16 voters in attendance including the following officers of Kendall Township:

Supervisor, Steve Gengler, Highway Commissioner Doug Westphal, Assessor Cathy Scalise, Clerk Steve Grebner, Trustees, Carolyn Pottinger, Don Hirsch, Doug Thanepohn. Trustee Zach Turnbow was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Grebner and a motion was made to set the Moderator's salary at \$60. Motion was made Steve Gengler and seconded by Doug Westphal. Roll of attendees was taken and passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Doug Westphal to nominate Ron (Jake) Cooper as the moderator. It was seconded by Steve Gengler. No other nominations were made and a motion to close the nominations was made by Don Hirsch and seconded by Doug Thanepohn. Vocal vote was taken and passed unanimously. Motion carried.

The call for the vote in favor of Nomination of Ron (Jake) Cooper was made and show of hands was unanimous in favor. Motion carried.

Moderator was sworn in by Clerk Grebner and proceeded to run the remainder of the meeting.

First order of business was to set time of 2024 Annual Meeting. Motion as made by Doug Thanepohn, and seconded by Don Hirsch to set meeting time of 7:30 PM on April 9, 2024 - the second Tuesday of April, 2024. Moderator asked for discussion and hearing none, called for a voice vote and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Next order of business was the reading and approval of 2022 Annual Meeting minutes. Clerk Grebner read the meeting minutes. Motion was made to approve minutes by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Don Hirsch. Voice vote taken and approved unanimously. Motion carried.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business:

Amy Peterson, Director of 211 Of Kendall County provided a presentation of the new 211 services available to the residents of Kendall Township. She explained the what, why, and how of the 211 service and provided some handouts to the attendees. She left some for future distribution at the Township building and Clerk Grebner stated that this information is available on our Township website as well.

Moderator Cooper opened floor for comments from the electors and State Representative Jed Davis, who was in attendance, introduced himself and thanked the voters for being active members of local government. His local office is in our township (next to Roadhouse 47). He said the upcoming sessions will be busy but he will do his best to represent the residents of Kendall Township, who now all reside within his district. He asked if there were any comments or questions and one was raised regarding House Bill 2781 (Infrastructure funding bill). As a trained engineer this infrastructure bill will get his attention upon his return to Springfield.

Moderator Cooper asked for any additional comments and after hearing none, we moved on to Township Officials Reports:

Doug Westphal, Highway Commissioner was first and thanked all in attendance for coming and also thanked his staff for their hard work and dedication. He also thanked his wife and family for putting up with the middle of the night calls and being pulled away especially in bad storms for hours at a time although this year was not as bad as in years past. He informed the electors the price of repaving has gone up dramatically, for over \$160 K per mile up from just under \$100K in just the past year or so.

The roads in this plan for 2023 repaving project are Immanuel from Walker Road to Ament and Ament to State Route 47.

The bridge on Wheeler Road is presently under study for planned replacement

A question was raised as to the status of the bridge on Hopkins Road and while it will need to be regouted, it is next on our list to be looked at for replacement. Highway commissioner is in contact with Rieber Construction to work on this bridge repair.

There is a planned capital expenditure, regarding the replacement of our six wheel Snow Plow Truck. Due to supply chain issues, and no slots for the uplifting until 4/24 we will have to coordinate purchase and uplifting with additional equipment necessary in a different manner than we have done in the past.

Commissioner Westphal did also state we did get grants from State for Back up Generator and water and Sewer upgrades for township building. This provided a nice segue to Supervisor Gengler.

Supervisor Steve Gengler was next. Steve also took a moment to thank everyone for coming and the entire staff and elected body for their cooperation and spirit of working together to accomplish the common goal. He also took a moment to thank his wife for all of the support she provides.

Supervisor Gengler then followed up on the Grants provided by the state. While they were a lot of work, they will allow our township building to provide greater services to our voters – as the water system was in dire need of upgrading and having a back-up generator allows for to be a resource for our voters in the event of a disaster.

He also stated the township is looking into replacing all of the window in the township building as a number are rotting and leaking. He is securing competitive bidding and will move to replace them in the most cost effective manner.

Supervisor Gengler also informed the voters we have an agreement with Bristol Township regarding our Cemetery Board and are currently re-evaluating that board to ensure it continues to be in the best interest of our township.

Supervisor Gengler did mention we are presently trying to review and properly handle all of the old records for the township. He and Clerk Grebner as well as staff are going through all documents and categorizing so we can contact the state archivist to review and approve the proper handling of all documents as per the State Statutes.

Steve also announced the Financial Reports are available for review, and while we are NOT required by law (due to the size of our township budget) to have an outside audit, we do actual have one performed for transparency. The accounting firm has given us positive feedback and pleased with our performance. One thing that was mentioned, was the fact we do not have full time staff, all of our support staff is part time but a great group of workers and as of now that seems to be a workable model.

Supervisor Gengler did mention the tax rates for the Township and segued to Assessor Cathy Scalise.

Cathy Scalise Assessor was the final report and she to wanted to thank all parties for the opportunity to serve as the assessor of Kendall Township. She continued the theme of thanking her very hardworking staff whose responsibilities have grown - mirroring the growth of building in our township.

Cathy provided a presentation to the attendees reviewing the growth of our township (see appendix A)

Clerk Grebner took the opportunity to show where on the township website where all of the Assessor Documents are located. Clerk Grebner also took this time to go into a little detail about the website analytics – fully 2/3 of all sessions for Kendall Township website are for the Assessor page.

Cathy again thanked everyone for attending and their time as asked if there any questions. There were none

Clerk Grebner did follow up on website – ensuring people knew it was there and what was on it. There were a couple questions: Regarding the new Logo – what do the items on it represent and that was explained, and two, does the township have a social media presence. The answer was no, not really and that would have to be something voted on by the trustees.

After reports, Moderator Cooper asked for any additional comments from the electors, and after hearing none entertained motion to adjourn and motion was made by Don Hirsch and seconded by Doug Thanepohn. All in favor “aye”. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM and all went on to enjoy the wonderful treats supplied.

Respectfully submitted

Steve Grebner, Kendall Township Clerk