

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 17, 2024. 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 Assessor for Kendall Township, Steve Grebner Kendall Township Clerk and Trustees: Carolyn Pottinger, Don Hirsch, Doug Thanepohn and Tim Karales.

Guests Present were: Fred Dusell (left prior to meeting) Molly Krempski, Mike Krempski, Briggs Krempski, Scott Harmon, Daniel Assell, Chris Assell, Michael Brzoska and Kevin Sterk (Township Attorney).

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

Section III: Sheriff's Deputy Paul Kubinski was present and discussed the transparency report that Clerk Grebner produces every month (See attachment "A") and the fact the STEP grant was received by Kendall County Sheriff's Dept for increased presence for Traffic and Vehicle Safety. Clerk Grebner stated that Deputy Kubinski is the ESO (Elderly Service Officer) and Mental Health contact for Kendall County Sheriff Dept. He also is very involved in the TRIAD for Kendall County and works hard to protect Seniors in our township. Question was raised about staffing and we are short staffed in KCSO and have lost a couple of existing deputies to City of Aurora, but has some new candidates graduating from the Academy and an existing experienced deputy is coming back to full duty soon. Question was asked why people are poaching and it was stated the City of Aurora's pay scale is higher. Aurora is not one of our "comparable" jurisdictions and why so was asked, and Deputy Kubinski replied the county is told whom is our like jurisdictions and while we can't compete on per \$\$ per se, there are other benefits to working in Kendall County as compared to Aurora for example (opportunity to gain greater scope and experience in roles and responsibilities and less crime are just a couple).

Section IV: Public Comment – (All speakers were informed of the 5 minute time limit per speaker (all were provided a copy of our ordinance regarding such.

A: Molly Krempski resident of township: Ms Krempski did read the preamble to the Illinois Constitution wishing to remind the electors and the voters of Kendall Township of the importance of Almighty God and by his blessing we are able to pursue our endeavors.

Michael Krempski resident of township: Mr. Krempski proceeded to reinforce the importance of the responsibility of the elected officials to follow the wishes of the people. The United States of America is a Constitutional Republic, and the authority to govern is granted to the elected officials by and from the citizens of the Country, State, County and Township. He proceeded to quote George Mason, one of the founding fathers of our country with the following 6 unchanging Principles of the Declaration of Independence. (paraphrased)

- 1) There is a Devine Creator
- 2) Our inalienable rights are derived from God
- 3) There is a duty of elected officials to protect those inalienable rights
- 4) There is a Fixed Moral Law – and the Bible is the foundation of Law
- 5) Governmental Powers come from the consent of the people
- 6) People have the right to change their government

Section V Reading and approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- (A) Meeting minutes from the Special Meeting held 11/12/24. Meeting minutes were reviewed and motion was made to accept the Special Meeting Minutes by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Don Hirsch. After hearing no further comments, Roll was called for a vote. Motion to approve Special Meeting Minutes was approved Unanimously.
- (B) Meeting Minutes from November Meeting were reviews and Clerk Grebner stated there were 2 lines in the Supervisor report that were unclearly written and after showing them to the board, it was decided that those two phrases would be struck. Motion to approve those corrected minutes was made. Don Hirsch moved and motion was seconded by Doug Thanepohn. After hearing no additional discussion roll call vote was taken and motion passed Unanimously.

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

Reports:

Assessor: Appeals were finished last week. 20 in person hearings (approximately 150 county wide) and as reported last month we had 28 appeals but only 20 appeared for the in person hearing. While the final count will not be available until February, more than half did NOT get changed during the hearings. In addition, the Countywide assessor annual meeting has already been held. The increases are smaller for assessments, but there remain a few neighborhoods that are not at market value. There are clear differences within neighborhoods and we have more new constructions permits in our township including some very high dollar new constructions in Whitetail Ridge and on Minkler Road. Question was raised about the Timber Ridge Subdivision (between Van Emman and Highway 71) and at the last TIF meeting in Yorkville, it was mentioned they could not expand to more than ~40 lots until the connected sewer and water to the remaining properties and it appears that is occurring.

Highway Commissioner: Salt Dome rent is increasing but \$/ton of salt price is down from last year. New Truck is done and question was raised as to what are we doing with Old one. Highway Commissioner stated that there are some significant repairs that must be done, and we will complete them (in the most cost efficient manner) and will see what the season brings and keep for season or sell (what ever makes the most sense). We cannot sell it in its present condition however. There was a need to repair the DEF quality control Sensor and the other truck but we are lucky, our Highway Commissioner can do much of the repair work himself, and thus save the township money. The Loader tractor is working, however we will have to see if it makes sense to continue its dual purpose.

Clerk's Report:

- A) Clerk informed new Trustee Tim Karales he must complete the OMA training within 90 days of appointment and clerk reminded all elected officials that ALL elected officials must take the class again after election. Clerk Grebner stated he would provide the link to the AG site for Trustee Karales to meet his obligation.
- B) Clerk Grebner stated he was informed by IMRF that our submission was approved, and we will be contacted after the first of the year by our representative for training and any additional information we need to provide.
- C) Kendall County TRIAD Scam presentation – Clerk Grebner will be presenting on Friday December 20th a Scam Red Flag prevention at Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community within our township. This is one of many services the TRIAD provides for county and township residents throughout the year.
- D) Clerk Grebner inquired of trustees their opinion of a cooperative event held with the County Coroner's office to have a document shredding and Rx drug take back event. It was also mentioned that we could include an Electronics disposal event as well. It was the opinion of the board the clerk should proceed with gathering cost and other logistics of this type of an event – but to NOT include electronics pick up. Clerk Grebner said he would proceed as the coroner usually has an event in April and October, and if we would be interested in doing this perhaps we look at sometime Mid Summer. Clerk Grebner stated the document shredding would have a cost

associated with it but perhaps we could partner up with a bank, or other business to offset the cost somewhat. He will report out findings at a future meeting.

Supervisor:

- (A) Announce and Vote to approve Levy – Road – Ordinance #24-06. Point was made to all parties in attendance there was no change from the tentative one passed last month. Motion was made by Doug Thanepohn and Seconded by Don Hirsch. Role was called and Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Grebner will file approved Levy, Certification, and Truth in Taxation forms with County Clerk on Wed AM.
- (B) Announce and Vote to approve Levy – Township – Ordinance #24-07. It was noted there was no change made from the tentative levy passed last month. Motion was made by Don Hirsch and seconded by Tim Karales. Role was called and Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Grebner will file approved Levy, Certification, and Truth in Taxation forms with County Clerk on Wed AM.
- (C) Vote to amend the Assessor’s employment Contract. The Assessor term is different than that of the other members of the board, as it goes January to December. This contract was written prior to the approval by the electors to allow the assessor to participate in IMRF. An amendment to the multiyear contract needed to be considered due to that substantive change. After discussion on the best manner to accomplish this it was agreed and motion was made by Don Hirsch and seconded by Doug Thanepohn to amend the Assessor’s contract by striking the word “not” from line 3D in existing contract. After calling for and hearing no additional Comments, roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.
- (D) Motion to vote on Ordinance 24-09 PLAWA (Personal Leave All Workers Act) as required by State Statute. This is a new law requiring all Employers in the state of Illinois to offer this act. This act requires the employer to provide 1 hour of PTO (paid time off) for every 40 hours worked by any (full or part time) employee (please see document on township website). Questions from Trustees about clarification of how it would apply to our staff were asked and answered and it was stated that there are certain employers within state exempted (counsel Sterk supplied some guidance) but we have no choice but to have a policy in effect – and must be in effect before end of 2024. Motion to approve Ordinance #24-09 PLAWA was made by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Don Hirsch. After asking for and hearing no more questions from the trustees roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.
- (E) Motion to approve 2025 Monthly meeting dates for Kendall Township. As required, The Kendall Township Board must approve and in turn post the meeting dates for calendar year 2025. The dates are the third Tuesday of each month and the starting Time is 7:30 PM. Clerk Grebner stated that if approved they will be published in the newspaper (Kendall County Record) twice and posted on our Township Website for electors to see. After hearing no other comment, the motion was made to approve the dates for Kendall Township Monthly Meeting Dates and Times by Doug Thanepohn and Seconded by Don Hirsch. Roll call vote was taken and Motion passed Unanimously.
- (F) Request for Special Electors Meeting. The Township board was in receipt of a request for a special Electors meeting by Michael Krempski. As required by Statute the notification must possess a minimum of 15 registered voters of Kendall Township along with a stated purpose/agenda for the meeting. Upon review of the documents and in turn a question if the stated purpose was within the scope of the elected officials of the township, Kendall Township consulted its legal counsel. It was advised that the purpose of the meeting was NOT in the scope of the elected officials and a Representative of Ancel & Glink provided in writing that opinion to the individual who requested the special meeting. At this time questions came from the guests present and legal counsel reiterated the statement contained within the document. Additional comments continued and Legal Counsel stated that public comment was completed and he did not yield his time to anyone for comment. It was then reiterated by the supervisor there would be NO special meeting as advised by Legal Counsel.

XI/XII Other Items/Information: There were other items brought forth – both as updates to discussions in previous meetings. The Bristol Kendall Joint Cemetery Committee should be resolved in near future. The offer to dissolve the joint committee has been provided to Bristol township (as per their request) and we are awaiting their response. As stated in earlier meetings both Township bodies agree in principle the original reason for the formation of this committee no longer exists. We hope to bring this to resolution in first quarter of 2025. Trustee Pottinger reiterated her position the Pavillion Cemetery will not support itself by sufficient plot sales. However, it still remains the opinion of the majority of the board that the amount of \$ provided to the Joint Committee will more than cover the costs of Pavillion Cemetery.

Also QuickBooks is eliminating the client based program presently in used by Kendall Township. It is being replaced by a Cloud based model that while slightly more expensive, provided enhanced features such as auto back up and simultaneous users. It was asked if there were any alternatives and while there are a few, the transition issues and investment in retraining would more than offset the cost difference.

In addition, Supervisor Gengler attended training at TOI earlier this month. It was regarding General Assistance, and residency in Kendall Township in order to be eligible for General Assistance. He was told there is in the works a database that would allow more expedient validation of residency as well as improved checks and balances to protect the voters of Kendall Township again fraud. Question was raised by the board that given the strict privacy of information in General Assistance, how would that database work in order to address the PII and privacy concerns. Supervisor had no answers for that specific question and assumed that would be addressed as it would get closer to implementation. Furthermore, they (TOI) are coming out with new manuals and there was no discussion on how to address the balance amount of various townships' General Assistance Funds.

Supervisor Gengler was approached by the Soil and Water Conservation board about holding a meeting at the township building. However, they requested food to be served and the building does not possess any facilities to provide this and thus he politely refused the request.

XIII Correspondence

- A) FOIA – We were in receipt of a FOIA request from Mike Krempsi requesting a *copy of the Affidavit from Joe McElroy*. We were in compliance of this request.
- B) We received a reply from New Leaf Energy regarding the Boards question regarding answers to our questions concerning the Ament Road Solar Farm 1 LLC. Clerk Grebner did update full board as to the previous night's Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning board is taking their responsibility seriously and will continue to do so. Clerk Grebner stated the dates of the various upcoming meetings. The next Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting in Kendall Township will be held Monday January 20th, and our next Full Board Meeting will be Tuesday January 21st and then the Next COUNTY zoning meeting will be Wednesday January 22nd; so it would appear we will be able to secure the additional answers to our questions, vote to approve or deny the SUP prior to the next County Zoning Board Meeting.

No other items were brought forth and motion to adjourn was made by Don Hirsch and Seconded by Tim Karales at 9:34 PM. Approved unanimously by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned.

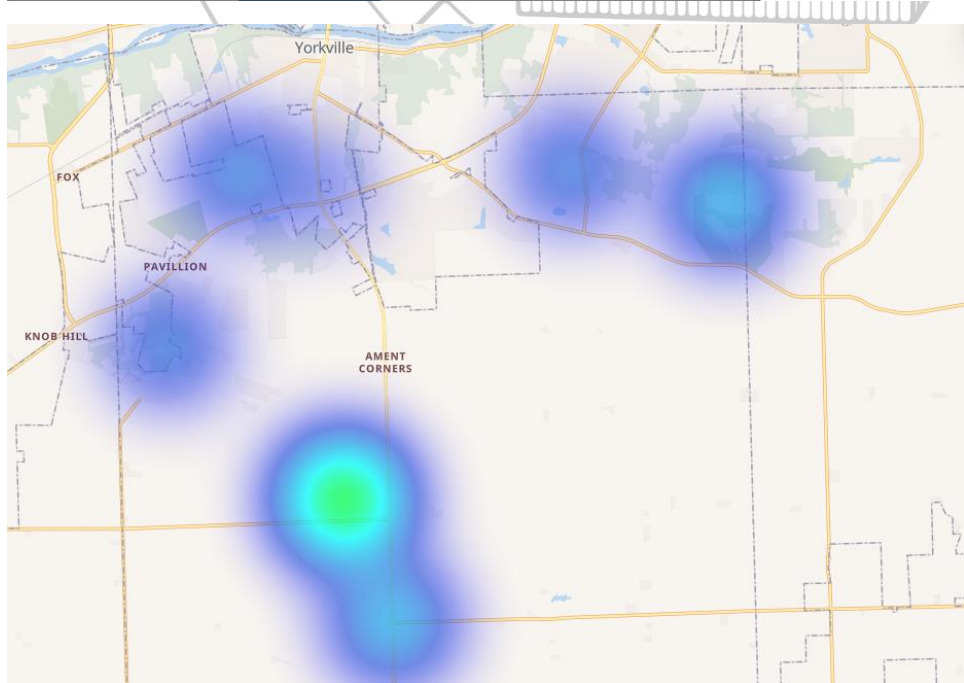
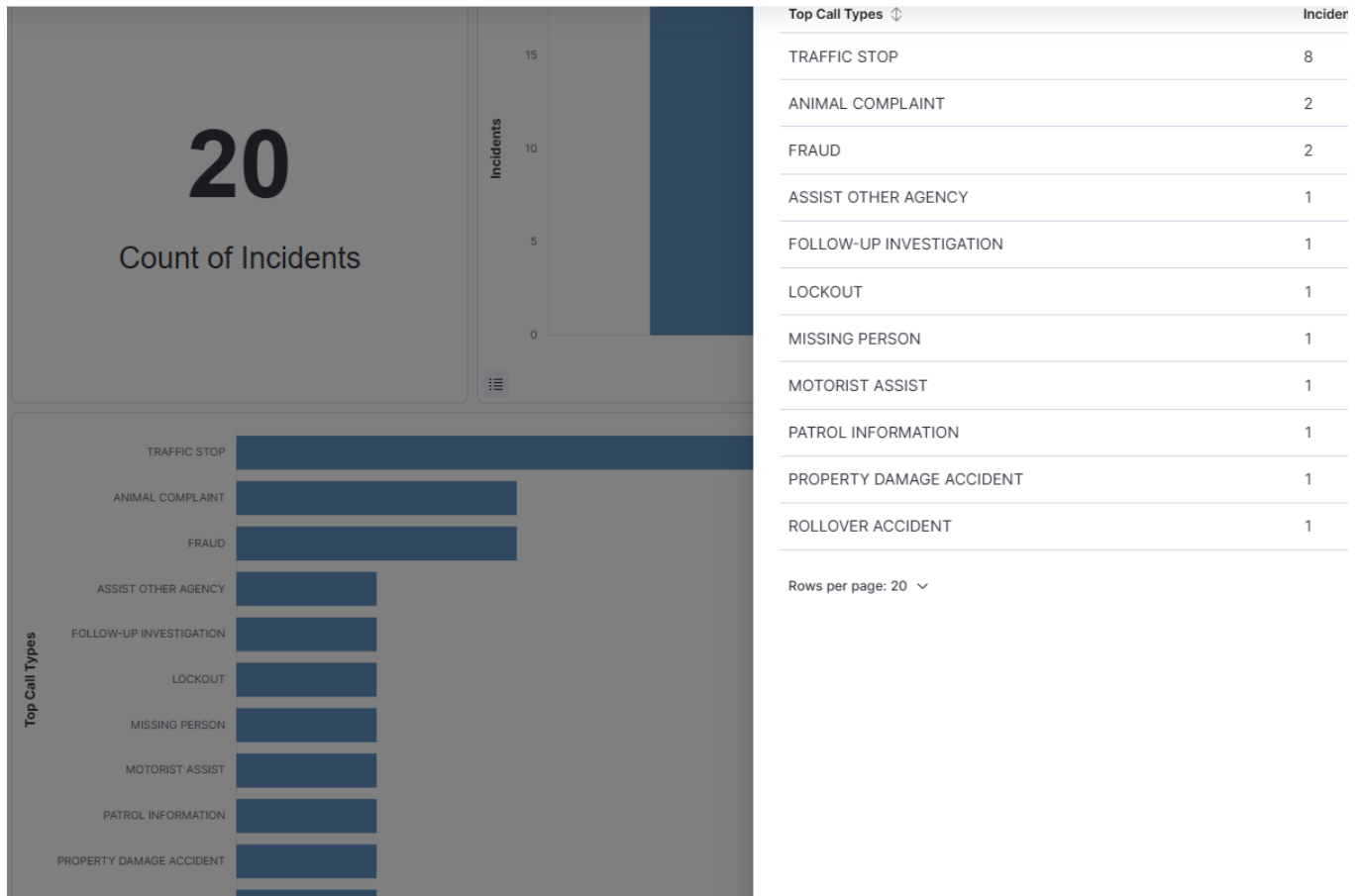
Next meeting Tuesday January 21st at 7:30 PM at Township Building.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Grebner Kendall Township Clerk

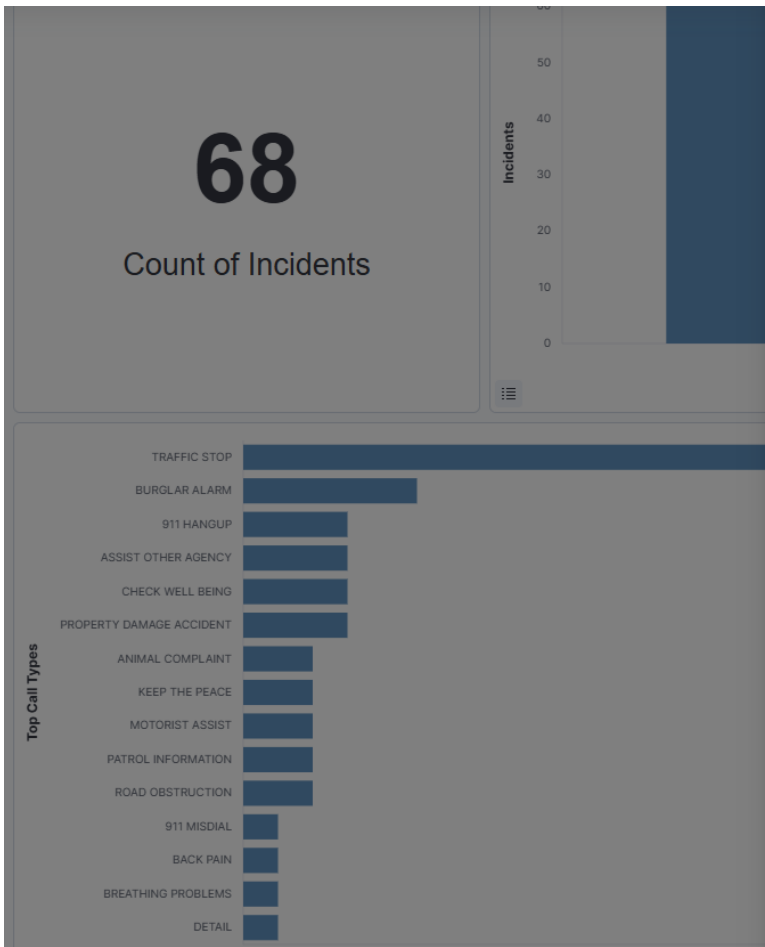
Attachment A

Sheriff Activity

December MTD



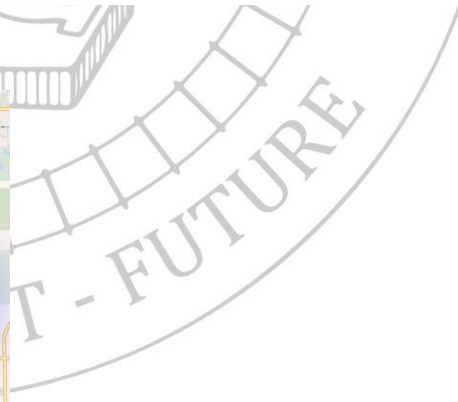
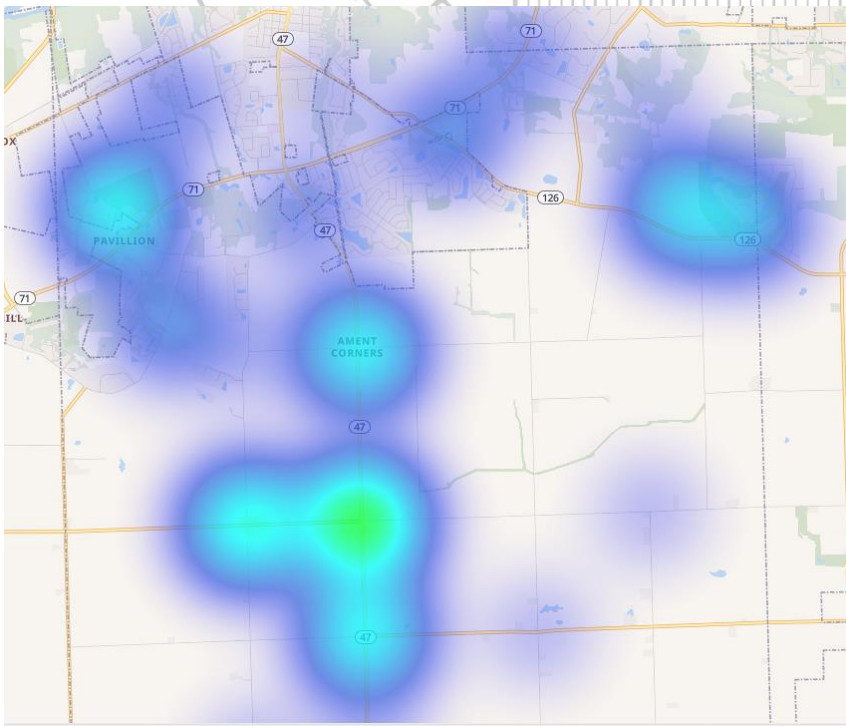
November 2024 total



Top Call Types	Incidents
TRAFFIC STOP	33
BURGLAR ALARM	5
911 HANGUP	3
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	3
CHECK WELL BEING	3
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT	3
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	2
KEEP THE PEACE	2
MOTORIST ASSIST	2
PATROL INFORMATION	2
ROAD OBSTRUCTION	2
911 MISDIAL	1
BACK PAIN	1
BREATHING PROBLEMS	1
DETAIL	1

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Nov Map



Comparison Month over month for Incidents, Citations and Arrests in Kendall Township (December as of 12/16/24)

Incidents			Citations			Arrests		
Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year	
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024
January	52	84	January	2	1	January	0	4
February	59	63	February	8	11	February	4	2
March	51	93	March	3	6	March	2	2
April	63	81	April	9	6	April	3	0
May	129	57	May	21	3	May	5	6
June	95	87	June	7	11	June	3	3
July	117	111	July	19	37	July	4	8
August	69	36	August	4	5	August	1	3
September	60	58	September	5	8	September	3	5
October	83	80	October	13	11	October	2	1
November	62	68	November	7	10	November	1	0
December	54	20	December	14	5	December	2	0
Totals	894	838	Totals	112	114	Totals	30	34

