

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 January 21st 2025. 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, and Tim Karales. Trustee Doug Thanepohn was absent.

Guests Present were: Molly Krempski, Mike Krempski, Scott Harmon and Daniel Assell.

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

There was a request for a moment of silence for former Township Trustee and Father-in-law of present Trustee Doug Thanepohn, Louis Thurow who recently passed away.

Section III: Sheriff's Deputy Paul Kubinski was unable to be present and Clerk reviewed the Activity report for Kendall Township. No real surprises, in this month's activity. We reviewed the comparison month over month and year over year of the Activity, Citations and Arrests for 2023 and 2024. While there were some variations from month to month (especially depending upon traffic initiatives) over all the years were quite similar. 2024 showed less Activity, but slightly more Citations and Arrests than 2023.

Section IV: Public Comment – (All speakers were provided a copy of our ordinance regarding public comment).

A: Michael Krempski resident of township: In summary, Mr. Krempski recited the Pledge of Allegiance again, and reminded us of the founders of the country and the fears of a democratic society as would self-destruct. He reminded all present of the differences between a democracy, a republic and a constitutional republic and told us America was a Constitutional Republic where elected officials derive their power from the residents and voters of the country, state, county and township.

Molly Krempski resident of township: In summary, Ms Krempski did take issue with our development and entry on the agenda of a Proclamation Policy. She thought it was reactive and she was very disappointed that we did not allow the Special Meeting earlier this month and thought the township's decision was not in the interests of the residents of Kendall Township. She said that while she could move from Kendall Township, we, as elected officials could not escape the fact the supreme law of the land is derived from God.

Section V Reading and approval of December Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from December Monthly meeting were reviewed (they were quite long) and after sufficient time to adequately review, a motion to approve said minutes was made by Don Hirsch and seconded by Carolyn Pottinger. After asking for and hearing no further comments, Role was taken and motion passed unanimously (1 absent)

Section VI: Financial Business:

Prior to approval of the bills, there was an action assignment for a need to do a budget transfer from the contingency line item to Legal services Line item. Due to a number of issues, including various cemetery items we have incurred higher than traditional one-time legal expenses. The amount of transfer is \$4000, increasing the Legal Budget to \$12K. Motion was made by Don Hirsch and Seconded by Tim Karales. After asking for and hearing no more discussion, roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (with 1 absent).

Prior to the approval of the bills, trustees were made aware of 3 social services contracts that had funds (and therefore checks) attached to them. Supervisor Gengler said that in order to follow the agenda, the bills could be approved and if the three contracts were not approved, we would void the checks. All agree to proceed in that manner.

General Funds and Road District bills were individually reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Carolyn Pottinger and seconded by Don Hirsch. Motion was approved unanimously (1 absent).

Reports:

Assessor: Assessor reported the staff is working on normal activity for 2025 at this time of year. She stated for the record there is a proposed new multi-home development going in on the back half of the old "Perfection" driving range. There is still some question about how the buildings will be configured but more to come but as of now it will be 18 buildings with 105 units with a 1 acre parcel in front remaining zoned B-3 general business. Also the business known as Ground Effects has closed and merged with their facility in Aurora. No word of what or who will be in that location. In addition, the former Morris Hospital building off of Saravanos drive has seen activity by AID organization, but not sure of the status of their occupancy at the moment. Their name is on the sign at the entrance.

Highway Commissioner: As reported out last month the old loader tractor did need to be replaced, but the Highway Commissioner was able to find an articulated wheeled Loader at a very good price and thus allowing us to keep the existing tractor and continue to use it for mowing and other projects. In reviewing the options he had presented to the township, the highway commissioner had found this solution to be the best for the township and the trustees agreed. While there is a learning curve in using this new loader, it is a more efficient and effective machine for the job. During the last snow event, the personal vehicle of the Highway commissioner was backed into by a township vehicle and our TOIRMA insurance is covering the damage. It was reported the township has used approximately 300 tons of salt, and just received 150 more tons in today (1/21) in one bay. We still have 25 tons of older salt in the other bay to use first as it becomes harder to spread the longer it is exposed to the elements. It was asked how does that compare to a "typical" year and Highway Commissioner said it really is about normal, but this year has been odd in that there have been no "big" snowstorms, but lots of little events with wind that has caused as much activity as large storms.

Clerk's Report:

- A) Statement of Economic Interest forms will need to be completed by any elected or appointed official even though all individuals up for re-election just did one as a candidate. The form needs to be sent back to the County by Feb 3 and each individual must complete their form by May 1st 2025. Clerk will submit form with information on and most likely be informed the website for on line completion will be activated. Upon that activation he will inform all parties on the list.
- B) Clerk Grebner discussed the Resolution defining the parameters of a "proclamation" would be if adopted by the township. The purpose is to provide guidelines and transparency to both the Trustees AND the Electors of the Township as to what is in scope for a governing body. Clerk Grebner explained that he and staff looked for and reviewed many different versions of these and found one the clerk deemed most appropriate for our township. It was asked if it was reviewed by counsel, and the answer was no, it was not as it was in used by other local governing bodies and the changes made were only to reflect Kendall Township instead of the original one. There is an action item under the Supervisor section to decide on this but the Clerk thought it was worthy of discussion under his section.

Follow up from last month:

Kendall County TRIAD Scam presentation – Clerk Grebner did present on Friday December 20th a Scam Red Flag prevention at Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community within our township. There were about 30 seniors present as well as Yorkville ESO Robbie Hart to educate and inform seniors of the seriousness of these and the impact. One item of interest to all parties was the use of "deep fake AI"

voice impersonation and in research the FBI reported that it only takes about 3 seconds of conversation for these scammers to clone your voice and extrapolate your entire vocabulary.

Supervisor:

- (A) Resolution 25-01 Participation of elected officials in IMRF. This resolution formalizes the elected officials that have chosen to participate in IMRF that meet the 1000 hour minimum annual hourly requirement. Motion was made by Carolyn Pottinger and seconded by Tim Karales to approve said resolution. Hearing no more discussion roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. (1 absent).
- (B) Proclamation policy for Kendall Township – Resolution 25-02. This is the resolution regarding the guidelines for the issuance of proclamations by Kendall Township board discussed earlier. After sharing and time to evaluate the resolution, discussion ensued and it was decided to send this to legal counsel for review. Motion was made by Don Hirsch and seconded by Carolyn Pottinger to table this Resolution at time to allow legal counsel to review and advise on this resolution. Roll was taken and motion passed unanimously. (1 absent)
- (C) Resolution 25-03 is a resolution for a policy for payment of Payroll Liabilities. Due to changes in the state of IL payment requirements tax liabilities need to be paid sooner than in years past this resolution is required to stay in compliance with these changes. After this explanation, a motion to approve Resolution 25-03 was made by Carolyn Pottinger and seconded by Don Hirsch. After asking for and hearing no further comments roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.
- (D) Kendall County Food Pantry Social Services Contract and Donation for 2025 calendar year. As in years past Kendall Township has donated to various organizations providing services to the residents of Kendall Township. As a requirement for each both parties must enter into a contract explaining parameters and requirement in order to be eligible for these donations. Motion to approve the Food Pantry Contract was made by Don Hirsch and seconded by Tim Karales. Motion was approved Unanimously
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- (G) Planning Commission Update – Clerk Grebner reported out the summary of the January Planning Commission meeting the previous evening regarding the Ament Road Solar Farm 1 LLC. Please see below the motion approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the above project:

Pending the Kendall County Engineer's approval of the project design and after consideration and acceptance of previous recommendations to the petitioner by the commission, the Planning and Zoning Commission of Kendall Township provides a positive recommendation to the full township board for the approval of the Ament Road Solar Farm 1 LLC project.

Motion was made to reaffirm and approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Ament Road Solar Farm 1 LLC by Don Hirsch and seconded by Tim Karales. Much discussion ensued, and the major points of the discussion was as follows:

- What will the pollution impact be of this when project is decommissioned?
- Is this the best use of farm ground that is 96% on the LESA index.

- The taxes generated by this over a 20 year period (as provided by example earlier) would easily be dwarfed by a Development of homes of similar size in Whitetail Ridge or Deere Crossing.
- Has there been any discussion regarding the opportunity to install solar panels on properties already developed (logistic buildings parking facilities) or already in planning (Data Centers)?
- There was an awareness that while the owners have a right to manage their own property, however it is the obligation of the board to protect the best interests of ALL the residents of Kendall Township.

After this additional discussion points, roll call vote was taken and Motion Failed 3 Nays to 1 Aye. Motion Failed. Clerk Grebner said he would inform Kendall County Zoning officials of the planning commission and full board's Vote.

- (H) Cemetery Board Update:** Legal Counsel said that Bristol Board is supposed to review initial offer and we will await to get a response from them as to our next step for dissolution of the Joint Cemetery Board. Trustee Pottinger did inform board that the Lawn Care contract has been paid in full for upcoming year.
- (I) Audit Update:** Supervisor Gengler has identified the cost to perform the annual Audit of Kendall Township. While not required by law due to our population, we have historically done this for transparency for the residents of Kendall Township. It was asked if we could find a cheaper firm, and Supervisor Gengler said he had been looking, but many companies have eliminated their units designed to audit governmental bodies as they have unique requirements. While price has gone up, it is in the supervisor's opinion it is our best option.

XI/XII Other Items/Information: There has been an inquiry as to the potential of having a sponsored social media page (i.e. Facebook) for the township. There was a seminar sponsored by TOI a few years ago that recommended, that unless you have a fulltime social media person the any township should tread lightly in this arena. Clerk Grebner stated that while he doesn't mind managing our website, a full social media presence is NOT something he will do. We can and do provide information pushed out to our residents via our website, and with the availability of email residents can reach out to us with questions. There will be no Official Social Media presence by Kendall Township.

XIII Correspondence

- A) We were all in receipt of a "rebuttal letter" regarding our decision (under advice of counsel) to not have a special meeting. There were some concerns these letters were sent to our home addresses and not to the township office.

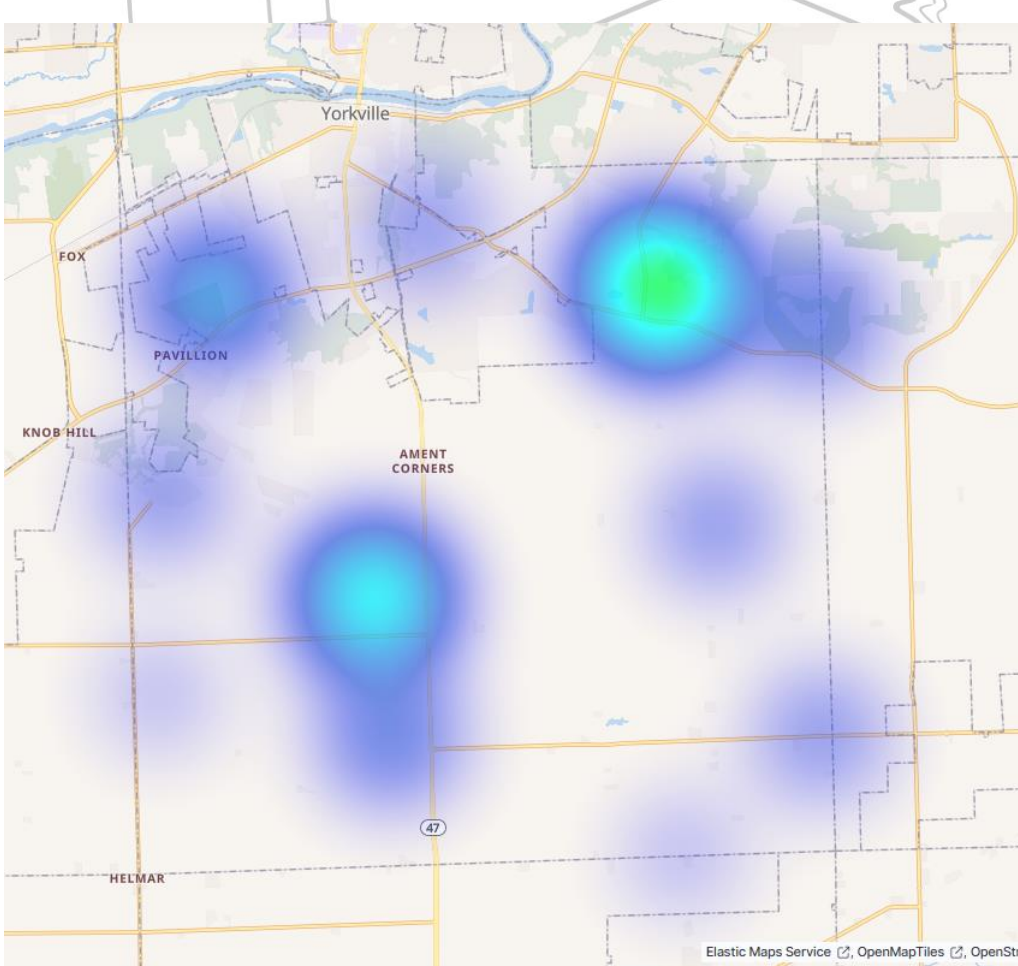
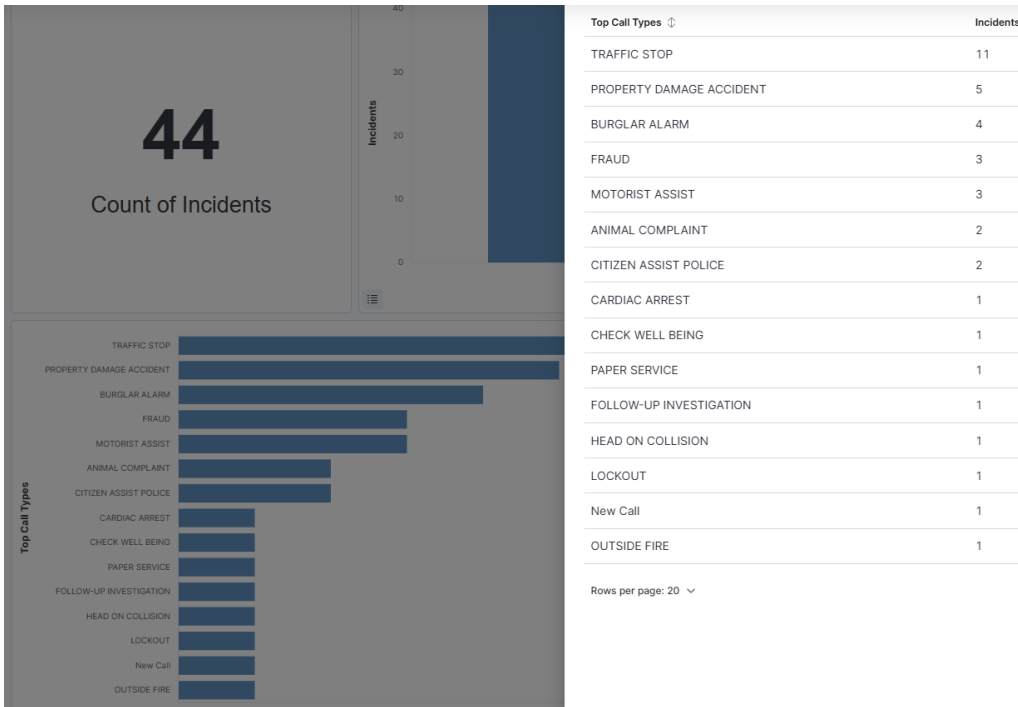
No other items were brought forth and motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Pottinger and Seconded by Tim Karales at 9:26 PM. Approved unanimously by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday February 18th at 7:30 PM at Township Building.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Grebner Kendall Township Clerk

Attachment A

January MTD



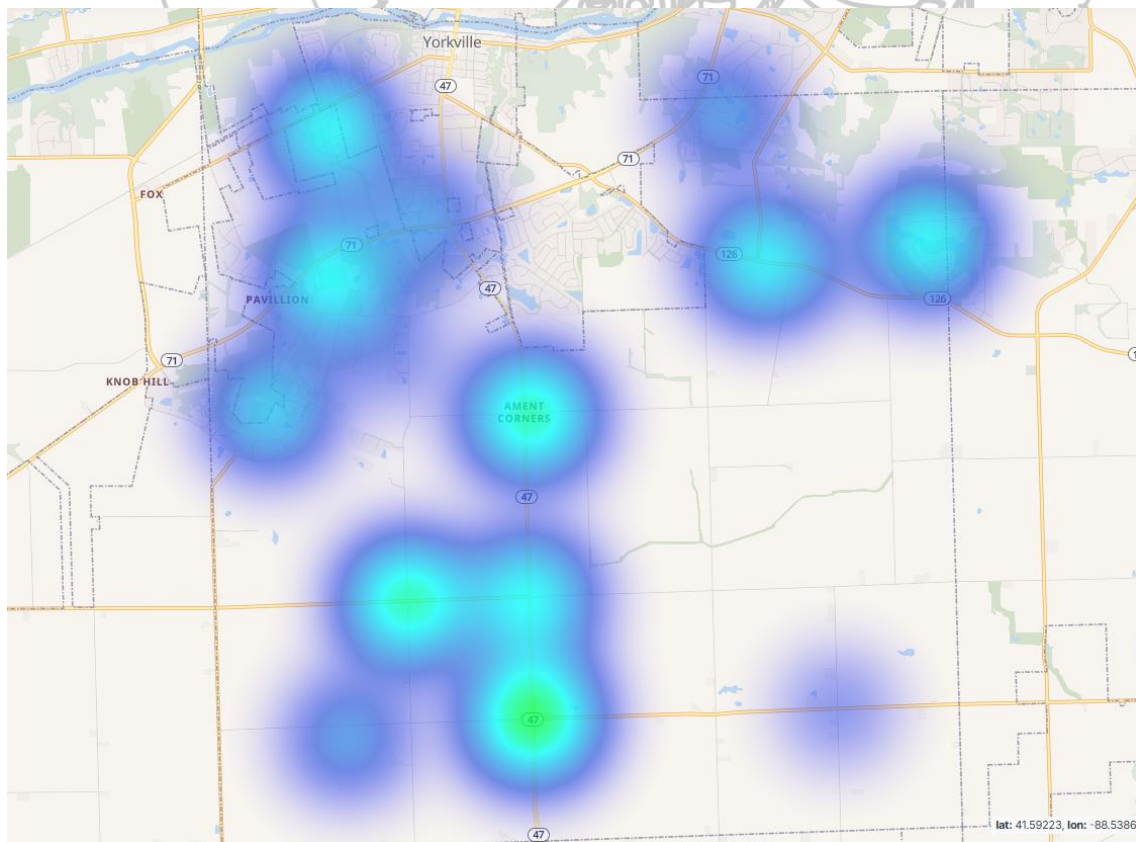
December 2024 total



Top Call Types	Incidents
TRAFFIC STOP	11
MOTORIST ASSIST	4
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	3
FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION	3
FRAUD	3
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT	3
CHECK WELL BEING	2
KEEP THE PEACE	2
PATROL INFORMATION	2
PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENT	2
SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES	2
911 MISDIAL	1
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1
BURGLAR ALARM	1
CITIZEN ASSIST POLICE	1

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Comparison Month over month for Incidents, Citations and Arrests in Kendall Township (December as of 1/20/25)

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	47	December	14	8	December	2	0
Totals	894	865	Totals	112	117	Totals	30	34

