

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 20, 2026. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Steve Gengler. Township officials present were Steve Gengler Supervisor, Highway Commissioner Doug Westphal, Steve Grebner Kendall Township Clerk and Cathy Scalise Assessor. Trustees: Carolyn Pottinger, Doug Thanepohn, Don Hirsch and Scott Harmon were present.

Guests present included Lisa Wolancevich, Historical Society rep and Marty Schwartz, resident

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

Section III: Deputy Kubinski was unable to attend and Clerk Steve Grebner provided the report of Sheriff's activity for MTD January and a wrap of 2025. To summarize the crime rate continues to trend down in Kendall Twp, however the recent STEP grant for traffic enforcement has demonstrated a moderate uptick in incidents, citations and arrests in Dec of 2025 (see attached exhibit A)

Section IV: Public Comment:

- (A) Lisa Wolancevich from Historical Society requested an opportunity to address the board regarding desire to review our old documents on file to see if there was any historical information that could help build out the history of Yorkville. Ms. Wolancevich has worked for many years documenting the historic homes buildings and events of Kendall County and she stated that she has now been provided an intern until April and would like to take advantage of that fact to gather as much information as possible. After questions and much discussion, it was evident the trustees and their families have much to offer and we are going to go forward with both allowing her access to our public documents (on site) and also assist with verbal interviews with many of our older residents that can shed some light on the development of Yorkville and Kendall Township/County. More to come as details are developed.
- (B) Marty Schwartz had called and requested an opportunity to address the Board, and was informed he always could address the board as a resident under public comment. He was given that opportunity to do so and used his time to give a passionate plea for a change in the intersection of Ashley and Walker Roads. He said he lives at that intersection and has seen a tremendous uptick in accidents at that intersection. Visibility isn't an issue nor is signage insufficient, but people still run those stop signs and accidents and injuries and deaths have occurred. He stated that it is an intersection of two township roads and thus the township is in full control of what steps can be done at that intersection. He is requesting a "Round-about" be installed and that has been proven to improve the safety at other intersections. He would like to see a traffic study and a conversation with the county to see what can be done. He thanked the board for their time and listening to his comments.

Section V: Reading and approval of December Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from December Monthly meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Carolyn Pottinger. After asking for and hearing no further comments, roll call was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Section VI: Financial Business

After thorough review of all outstanding bills and settlement sheets and income report, a motion to accept the bills as presented was moved by Carolyn Pottinger and seconded by Scott Harmon. A call for discussion was raised and hearing none a roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Section VII Assessor Report

Our Annual Assessor's meeting held by Andy Nicoletti's office at the county was held on Dec 29. While exact factors are still to be determined, the average increase for Kendall Township looks to be less than 5% this year. It is still a little early to say but there will likely be some neighborhoods that will see increases above that amount.

Senate Bill 642 was signed into law on Dec 12, 2025, creating Public Act 104-0452, which increases the maximum household income requirements for senior citizens to qualify for the senior freeze exemption. Clerk Grebner has published this on our township website. He has also provided a link that Yorkville School District has provided in order to estimate the impact on tax bills if the referendum passes in order to approve the proposed bond

There are some technology changes happening at the county level pertaining to software that is resulting in Kendall County committing to paying for one year maintenance fee for one user license for Kendall Township. I have not heard whether the final decision is that the county will pay directly for this or if it will be paid by the township and reimbursed.

I have submitted the requested budget for fiscal year 26-27 to Supervisor Gengler. There are no changes from last year's budget, as our expenses remain fairly consistent from year to year

Our office staff will be meeting with the Multi Township Assessor's office as well as Little Rock Township Assessor's office on Friday, Jan 23, 2026. This meeting will be in order to coordinate some self-led training. Susie West and myself have done this in the past and have invited Carly Wade to join us

The final draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Kendall and Fox Township Assessor Offices has been prepared by Ancel Glink and is ready for Board Approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Scalise

More detail captured in discussion: There was an additional discussion regarding the information supplied by YSD and the link for calculating the impact to your Property Taxes if the proposed referendum was approved in March ballot. Clerk Grebner validated the location of the link on township website (two places, "About" page and "Assessor" page) as well as the location of the document that explains all of the exemptions referenced above.

Section VIII: Highway Commissioner Report

HC has contacted "Purple Wave" (on line auction site) to get our older truck listed and sold. He is also starting the process to replace our other older Single axle truck replaced as well. While supply chain issues have improved, the age of the truck (2008 vintage) requires us to start the process in order to plan and budget effectively. HC provided the budget as an FYI only – to show we are on plan and efficiently managing our income and expenses.

Section IX: Clerk Report

Clerks report was short – Senior Services first informational event was held last Thursday at our building and had one attendee. Senior services staff was happy with the type of questions felt it was very effective. We need to get more word out and Clerk Grebner said he was going to local churches in the area to request they mention the opportunity. Clerk Grebner asked if both the HC and Supervisor did return their Levy Confirmation report to the County Clerk and they both indicated they did. Clerk Grebner informed the Board the County Resolution 25-23 was passed by the County Board earlier that day (rezoning of parcel at Caton Farm and Rt 47 – our planning board voted in favor of it).

In addition, Clerk reported that he had recently worked with Wreaths Across America to remove the wreaths from Abraham Lincoln Cemetery and would like to identify the Veterans in Pavillion Cemetery to see what the cost would be to do this event at OUR cemetery next year. Matt Dickson said he had some idea of those in the newer section and the Historical Society person said she could assist with that information as well.

Section X Supervisor Report

(A) Announce and vote to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Fox Twp

After receipt and review of the IGA referenced above (Assessor duties) this was discussed and a change in span of time was made to original to match the reference in the recital cover the entire term of Assessor contract. Because of this change a request was made to read the entire IGA as to ensure everyone was clear on the content. The clerk did as requested, and read the IGA in its entirety. A motion was made by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Don Hirsch to approve as read the Intergovernmental Agreement between Kendall Twp Kendall County IL and Fox Twp Kendall County IL regarding the Assessment Services and Equipment. After calling for more discussion and resolving any questions, roll call vote was called and Motion Passed Unanimously. Fox Township will vote on this at their next regular meeting but due to the timing of the receipt of this and their monthly meeting this will have to be voted in by them in February.

(B) Announce and vote to approve Kendall Township Cemetery Manager Agreement

After much effort to complete the dissolution of the Joint Cemetery Committee this is one of the final steps to bring this to fruition. An employment contract was written to provide Matthew Dickson to be an employee of Kendall Twp as the Sexton of our Pavillion Cemetery. This was provided for review at the last township meeting so the Trustees could adequately review and formulate any questions. Some discussion ensued regarding frequency of physical presence at township meetings as the township has decided to improve efficiency and manage the cemetery directly by the board of trustees as is allowed by the statute. A review of the Rules and regulations ensued to ensure all board members were in agreement and a motion to approve the Kendall Twp Cemetery Manager Agreement was made by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Don Hirsch. A request for more comments was made and on hearing none a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Section XI: Other Items: None were presented.

Section XII Information: No additional information was provided

Section XIII: Cemetery: The first act of the board for the Pavillion Cemetery was to approve the Lawncare Contract presented by Sexton. The contract was presented and reviewed. It was noted that it was a two-year contract and sexton provided reasoning it was locking in a price for two years and he has been VERY happy with the quality of work provided by this company and he believes by doing a two-year contract and locking in rates will save us \$\$ in the long run. Motion was made by Doug Thanepohn and seconded by Don Hirsch and roll call vote was taken after asking for any additional comments and motion passed unanimously.

Section XIV: Correspondance No additional correspondence other than those items voted on in the earlier proceedings.

Section XV Adjourn:

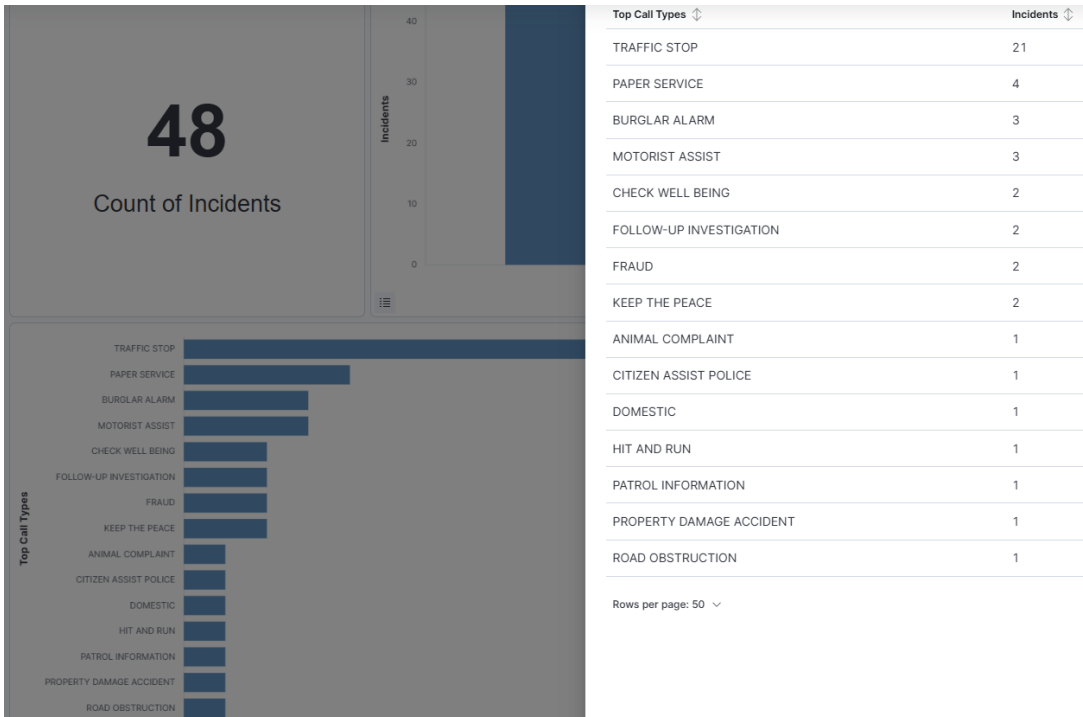
No other items were brought forth and motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Pottinger and Seconded by Scott Harmon at 9:44 PM. Approved unanimously by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 7:30 PM at Township Building.

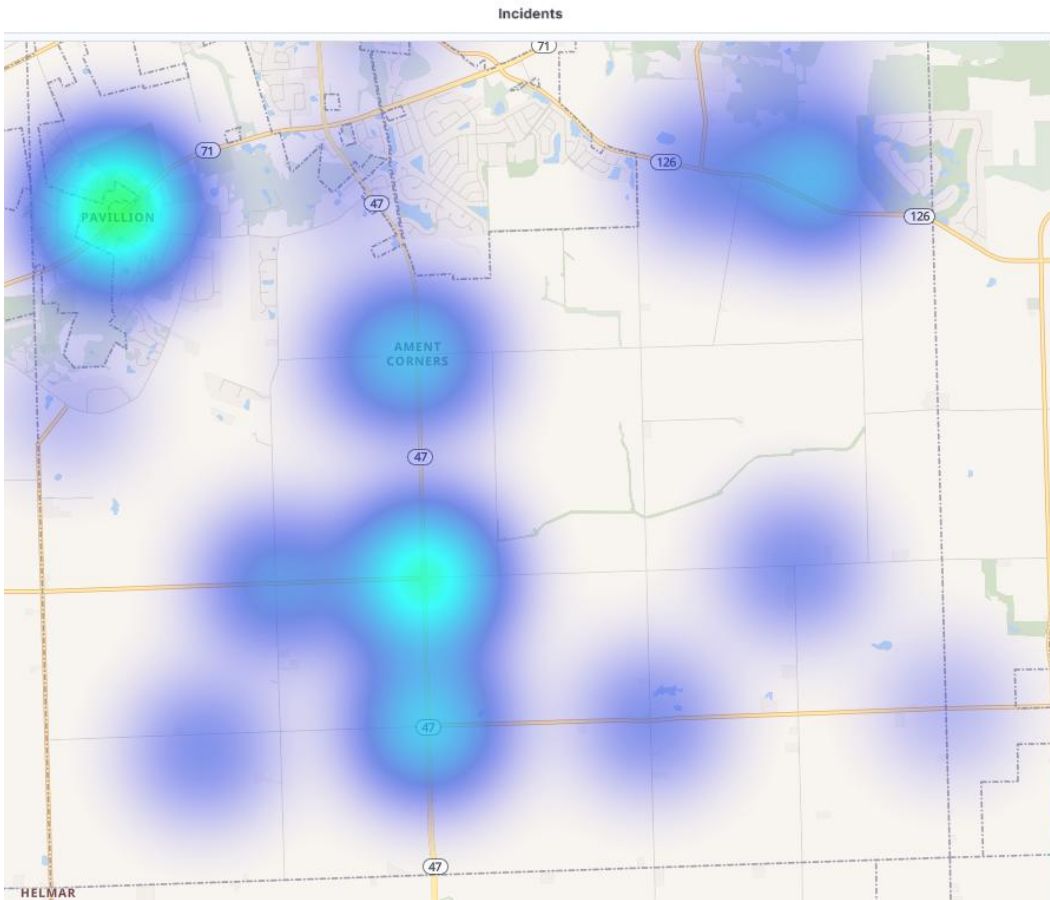
Respectfully submitted by Steve Grebner Kendall Township Clerk

Attachment A

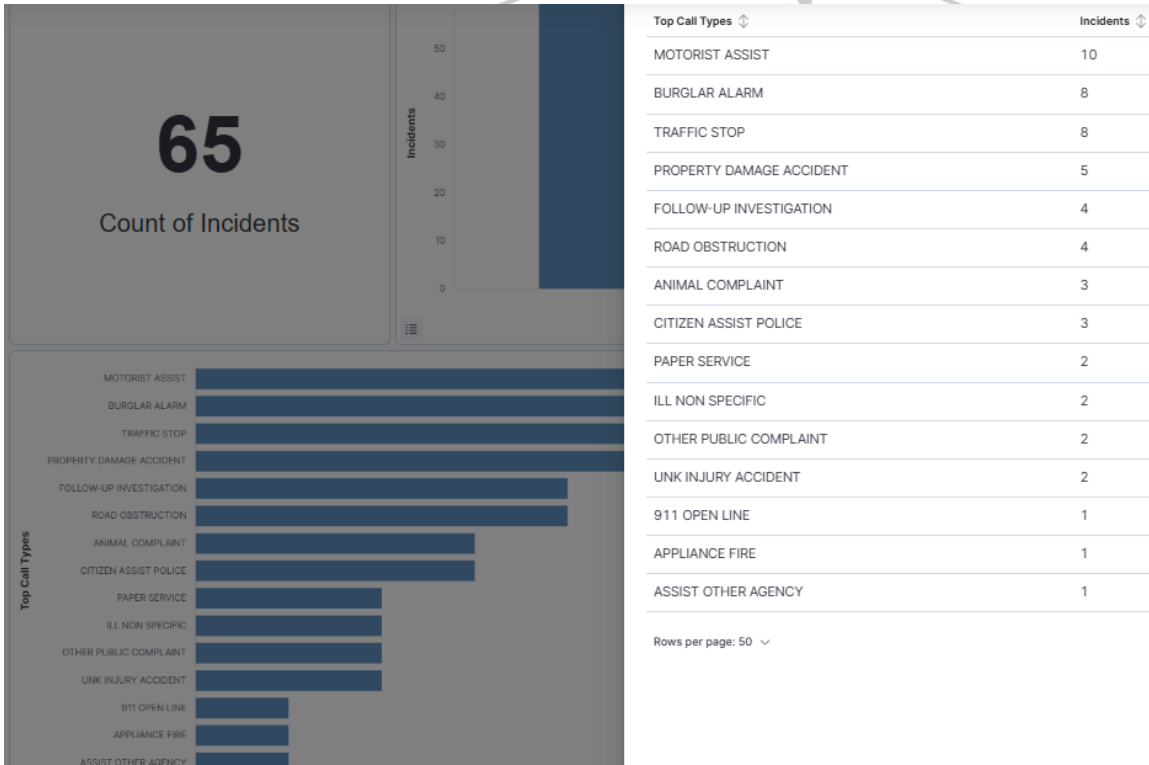
January MTD Sheriff Incidents (1/20/26)



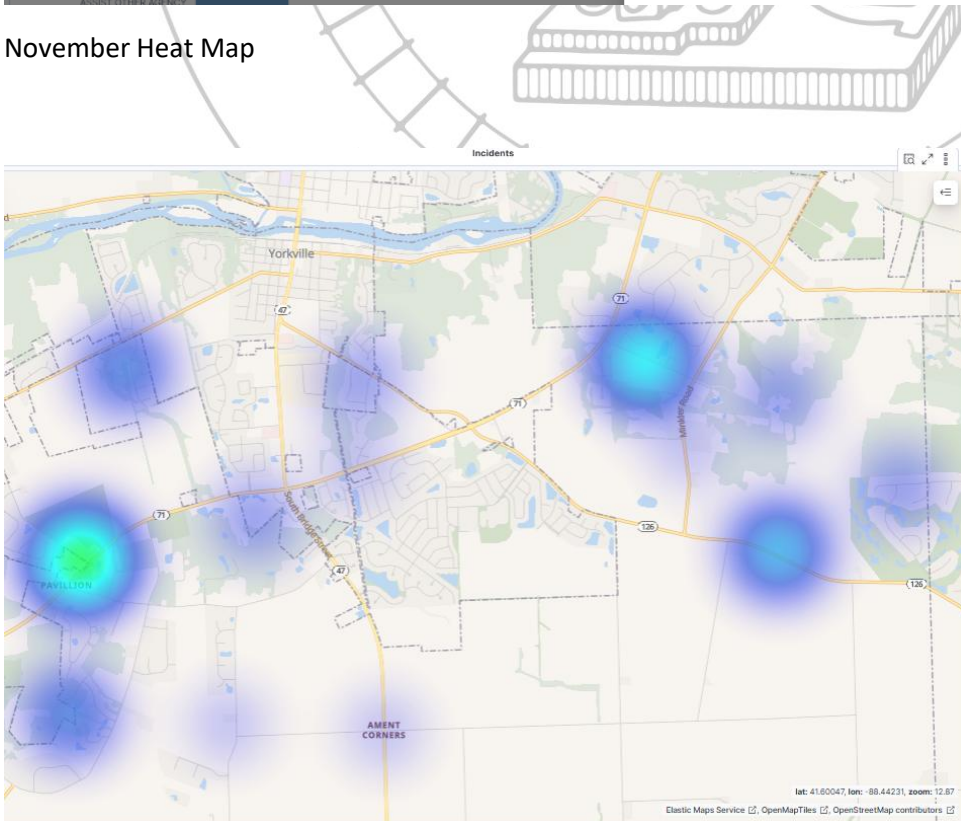
Heat Map for January



December Full Month Incidents



November Heat Map



Year over Year comparison

Incidents					Citations					Arrests				
Month	Year				Month	Year				Month	Year			
	2023	2024	2025	2026		2023	2024	2025	2026		2023	2024	2025	2026
January	52	84	65	48	January	2	1	6	16	January	0	4	0	6
February	59	63	68		February	8	11	11		February	4	2	2	
March	51	93	58		March	3	6	2		March	2	2	3	
April	63	81	68		April	9	6	14		April	3	0	1	
May	129	57	65		May	21	3	8		May	5	6	5	
June	95	87	55		June	7	10	10		June	3	3	1	
July	117	111	76		July	19	37	12		July	4	8	2	
August	69	36	66		August	4	5	0		August	1	3	2	
September	60	58	76		September	5	8	11		September	3	5	3	
October	83	80	58		October	13	11	3		October	2	1	0	
November	62	68	60		November	7	10	26		November	1	0	5	
December	54	47	65		December	14	8	2		December	2	0	1	
Totals	894	865	780	48	Totals	112	116	105	16		30	34	25	6

Half January Citations (8) were speeding tickets. 1 each was for no insurance and illegal lane usage. The rest were DUI (drugs or alcohol). Arrests were 3 for Speeding and 3 for DUI (drugs or alcohol) Speeding was cited and the others were actually detained. I believe the uptick in citations are a direct correlation to the STEP grant and increased traffic enforcement.

