

KENDALL TOWN BOARD
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Kendall Town Hall – 1873 Kendall Road, Kendall, New York 14476

Supervisor Cammarata called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Bentley	present
Councilwoman Flow	present
Councilman Jennings	present
Councilman Martin	absent
Supervisor Cammarata	present

SUPERVISOR’S REMARKS

The town board has been working on many projects.

Sewer District: Open House, and engineering team in the process of mapping the district, and National Grid is working with LaBella at pump station #3, at Hamlin Beach State Park.

Water District 11: waiting on letter from G&G Marketing to submit to USDA. Also waiting on Grant award from Senator Schumer's Office, of \$1M Dollars.

Ambulance meeting scheduled for next Monday for review of bids and next steps in the process.

The minutes of June 18, 2024 were accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation letter from Dave Strassenburgh

Ambulance service public notice

Orleans County Department of Health – new septic system inspection passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patty Ferguson stood to thank the Highway Department, and specifically Superintendent Maxon, for the excellent job completed on the culverts on Center Road. Mrs. Ferguson and her neighbors are very appreciative.

Truda Slocum asked to be notified as soon as a decision is made as to what parcels will be included in Water District Eleven. Councilwoman Flow explained the process and assured Mrs. Slocum they will let her know when a decision is made.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Standing Committees

Public Safety/Emergency Services & Occupational Safety – Martin
Buildings & Grounds – Martin
Highway – Martin
No report submitted

Community Relations – Flow
Field Days were fun and successful.
Community Worship Service is scheduled for August 4th at the gazebo. All plans are in place.
Culture & Recreation – Flow
Information Services – Flow
The phones and printers at the Highway Department are all in working order.

Human Resources and Ethics – Bentley
No report
Employee Benefits – Bentley
A deferred compensation meeting is scheduled for the Highway Employees.

Planning, Zoning & Agriculture – Jennings/Bentley
A situation, and not the first, has come up recently where the standing lakefront-specific codes were designed with the small lot sizes in mind, and can be too restrictive for those property owners with larger parcels. This case involves an accessory not being allowed, although the piece of land is 26 acres.
The Planning Board will be reviewing the mobile home policy.
“Wetlands” has been redefined by NYS. The new definition is far too broad.
Mitigation of the effects of this change is being studied by towns across the state.

Finance, Taxes & Special Districts – Cammarata
Budget time has begun.

Orleans County Legislature – John Fitzak
Affordable housing is being heavily pushed by the State. Governor Hochul wants HUD housing pushed into towns. If towns do not sign up, they will not qualify for certain grants. Information is being gathered.
Great Lakes Caucus has been formed.
Personal Safety Training will be offered by the county.

The county will be taking over some parks. A “friends group” can be set up, as a 501C, to help with maintenance and to apply for grants.

NYS has changed some rules for what must be included in an LWRP. The cost estimates for having the LWRP updated by outside companies will be very high.

Boards

Planning Board – B. Newell, Chair – no report submitted

Zoning Board – P. Bolton, Chair – no report submitted

Department Heads

Assessor – L. Hewitt – no report

Code Enforcement – P. Hennekey

Reporting for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Hennekey said there are public hearings scheduled for consideration of applications for an arms dealer business (which will also be reviewed by the County Planning Board), and for an area variance to expand a building on the lumber yard business on Sand Road.

It is CEO Hennekey’s recommendation that rather than be reactive to NYS mandates regarding “affordable housing”, the Town Board needs to be proactive. The Comprehensive Master Plan update has been discussed for an extended time, but no action has been taken at public meetings to review the Plan and decide on changes necessary. The Zoning Codes need to be updated to reflect and protect the desired future of Kendall. This is the Town Board’s responsibility.

A change in the zoning codes regarding accessory structures allowed on lake front and lake view properties may be necessary to account for those property owners who have large parcels. As written now, even those owning large acreage cannot add certain structures without variances.

Highway – E. Maxon

The culverts along Water District Eight have been cleared.

The ditch along Center Road has been redone.

Paving of Norway and Carto Roads is in process.

Cemeteries’ mowing is constant.

A ditch on West Kendall Road has been improved.

Stone-hauling for road work has been a lot of work.

The bridge on Thompson Drive will be started as soon as weather permits.

Historian – L. Richardson – no report

Recreation – M. Werth / E. LaMay – no report

Town Clerk A. Richardson – written report submitted

Town Justice – D. Kluth – written report submitted

Supervisor – A. Cammarata – written report submitted

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Jennings made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilman Bentley:

RESOLUTION 68-0724 MORTON UNION CEMETERY CARETAKER

Whereas, David Strassenburgh, the caretaker of Morton Union Cemetery, has tendered his resignation, effective July 31, 2024, and

Whereas, Steven Giverson, the caretaker of the other town cemeteries, has agreed to take this responsibility; so then

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board does accept, with regret, Mr. Strassenburgh's resignation, and expresses its gratitude for his years of service and his support in the transition of the Morton Union Cemetery to the Town, and also

Resolved, to appoint Steven Giverson to the position of Caretaker for Morton Union Cemetery, effective August 1, 2024.

Supervisor Cammarata called for a vote, which resulted in all ayes, and declared the motion carried.

Councilman Bentley made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Flow:

RESOLUTION 69-0724 BUDGET TRANSFER

Be It Resolved, to decrease General Expense Account A1440.40, Engineering Contractual, by \$4,000, and increase General Expense Account A1620.40, Buildings Contractual, by \$4,000.

Supervisor Cammarata called for a vote, which resulted in all ayes, and declared the motion carried.

Councilwoman Flow made a motion to pay the claims as presented on Abstract 7. Motion seconded by Councilman Jennings. All in agreement.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

General Fund	Abstract 7	\$ 19,431.89	Vouchers 361-393,406,412-420
Highway Fund	Abstract 7	\$ 12,134.93	Vouchers 362,391,394-405,411
Light District One	Abstract 7	\$ 359.57	Voucher 406
Light District Two	Abstract 7	\$ 227.55	Voucher 406
Light District Three	Abstract 7	\$ 112.33	Voucher 406
Water District Six	Abstract 7	\$ 843.49	Vouchers 392,407,408
Sewer District One	Abstract 7	<u>\$ 811.56</u>	Vouchers 409,410
	TOTAL:	\$ 33,921.32	

PENDING ISSUES

Morton Union Cemetery – a letter has been sent to Fiscal Department of NYS to track the missing funds.

Sewer Project – still collecting easements

Community committee formation for Curtis Park utilization – a meeting will be set for September.

Semiquincentennial (250 year) Celebrations – Fireworks display by Young Explosives is being reserved. A solid date will be determined. Community groups will be notified and asked what participation they desire.

Beechwood Chapel restoration – Jeff Miller will be submitting his quote for repairs. There may be grant money available for this project. The historic value of this chapel is significant. Repairs need to be in keeping with its era of build.

Newsletter – the first one should be done in October. A local business directory will be included.

NEW BUSINESS

The sidewalk near Dollar General will cost over \$30,000, just for engineering. There may be some grant money available. It is so expensive because being along a state road requires additional engineering.

Councilman Bentley asked if there was an update about the Comprehensive Plan money from the State.

Supervisor Cammarata said an 85 page contract from NYS to receive money toward it came in, and was forwarded to the Town Attorney.

Councilman Jennings will be meeting with the energy auditors at the Highway Building. The contract with NYSERDA has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney for the Town.

With no further business being brought forward, Councilman Jennings made a motion for adjournment. It was seconded by Councilwoman Flow. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy K. Richardson,
Kendall Town Clerk