

KENDALL TOWN BOARD
Tuesday, August 20, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Kendall Town Hall – 1873 Kendall Road, Kendall, New York 14476

Supervisor Cammarata called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

SUPERVISOR’S REMARKS

The Town of Kendall is in a wait-and-see status.
Let me dig deeper into this statement.

Morton Union Cemetery:

We have been waiting for over a year to receive the dollars owed us from the State to complete the fencing around this cemetery. We anticipate a resolution next month. Seeing is believing.

Water District 11:

Letter sent to USDA requesting its approval to accept our income survey analysis and their approval to proceed. In addition, we're waiting for approval from Senator Schumer's Office for \$1,000,000 for this project. If approved, this will be the largest water district in Kendall.

Again, waiting and hoping for funds to proceed.

Councilman Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of July 16, as accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Jennings. All were in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Truda Slocum, Lakeshore Road – asked if LaBella is working on which areas will be getting water with the potential new district.

Supervisor Cammarata said the USDA approval has to be before district formation and engineering money is spent. The hope and expectation is that this will be a large district and will provide public water to the majority of homes without it.

Councilman Jennings sympathized with the frustration the delays cause, but so much of the project relies on outside funding sources that the Town Board cannot move faster.

Mrs. Slocum wanted to publicly thank Eden LaMay for her patience and diligence in getting all the Methodist Church changes onto the website. Supervisor Cammarata acknowledged her value to the town, and will pass on the compliment.

Mike Furness, President of the Morton Fire Company, said he came to lodge a complaint about the unkempt appearance of Curtis Field, but seeing that a committee is meeting to discuss the park, he will wait until after that meeting to officially complain.

Supervisor Cammarata said a first meeting of that committee will be held on September 18th. Signage, naming, and surveying will be addressed, as well as future use ideas. Councilwoman Flow is the lead on the project. A public outreach will be done to get as many ideas as possible.

Councilman Martin said that he is soliciting surveyors to map the field, before anything else is decided. Upkeep has fallen by the way. The Highway Department will be contacted. Jason Hardenbrook has cut the hay there earlier in the year.

Mr. Furness said that the survey was provided to the Attorney for the Town upon closing. A new one is not necessary. It was handed to Supervisor Cammarata with all documentation.

Councilman Martin said he will check with the attorney to obtain a copy of that survey.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Standing Committees

Public Safety/Emergency Services & Occupational Safety – Martin

Buildings & Grounds – Martin

Highway – Martin

State Aid is expected, which will help with highway building improvements.

Community Relations – Flow

The community church service was well attended.

Culture & Recreation – Flow

The Scarecrow festival is scheduled for October 5th this year. Signs will be hung to advertise that. The final Farmers' Market is also that day.

Information Services – Flow

Human Resources and Ethics – Bentley

Employee Benefits – Bentley

No report

Planning, Zoning & Agriculture – Jennings/Bentley

The county planning board has recommended approval of firearms dealer's application.

The Town of Shelby has passed a moratorium on new wind power applications.

The business on Sand Road had a variance approved for additional out buildings.

The Comprehensive Master Plan is not being worked on until funding for outside writers can be obtained. A steering committee is being formed.

Finance, Taxes & Special Districts – Cammarata

The Justice Court audit has been finalized.

2025 budgeting process has started.

Orleans County Legislature – John Fitzak

In regard to Comprehensive Master Plan – the State buzzword is “affordable housing”, to be included in any local plan. This may be the best way to avoid interference from NYS, by formulating the correct wording. Manufactured homes are being heavily pushed, for instance.

Not stepping in line with the pro-housing and clean energy goals of the State can inhibit grant procurement. There are current public relations campaigns going on, but the reality is that there are so many restrictions to receiving grants that these are deceiving.

The office moves at the county buildings is nearly complete.

The 2025 budget will be very tight. The State mandates are crushing.

The ambulance situation has been discussed. If grant money could be obtained to help pay the cost of staffing a county-wide ambulance service, it may be a possibility, but not at least until 2026.

Unfunded mandates are causing so much pressure on counties, that services will have to be cut, or the rate will not be able to stay under the tax cap.

Supervisor Cammarata wanted it on record that the Town has NOTHING to do with school tax bills or rates. The Town Board will continue to try to keep the tax rate low. It is currently the lowest tax rate in Orleans County.

Boards

Planning Board – B. Newell, Chair – no report

Zoning Board – P. Bolton, Chair – no report

Department Heads

Assessor – L. Hewitt – no report

Code Enforcement – P. Hennekey – no report

Highway – E. Maxon

The Water District Eight punch list has been completed.

Carton and Norway Road have been sealed. A darker color may help to melt snow.

The Thompson Drive culvert will be addressed in September.
The ditch behind Pieniaszek's property will be done tomorrow.
Equipment repair has been done.
Snow equipment has been sent to be prepared for winter.

Historian – L. Richardson – no report

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

Town Clerk A. Richardson – written report submitted

Town Justice – D. Kluth – no report submitted

Supervisor – A. Cammarata – written report submitted

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION 70-0824 ADOPTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Kendall wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the town of Kendall is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Kendall has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Town of Kendall by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored way of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirements;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Kendall hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of the Town of Kendall are authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

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

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

RESOLUTION 71-0824 BUDGET TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, to decrease General Expense Account A1355.12 Assessor Extra Help, by \$31.38 and increase General Expense Account A1355.40 Assessor Contractual Expense, by \$31.38, also

To decrease General Expense Account A1440.40 Engineer, by \$2,000.00 and increase General Expense Account A1620.20 Buildings Equipment, by \$425.84 and increase General Expense Account A620.40 Buildings Contractual, by \$1,574.16, and

To decrease Water District Six Expense Account SW6 8310.40 Administration Contractual Kendall, by \$150.00, and increase Water District Six Expense Account SW6 8310.41 Administration Contractual Murray, by \$150.00.

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

Councilman Jennings motioned for the claims to paid as presented on Abstract 8. Councilman Martin seconded the motion. All in agreement.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

General Fund	Abstract 8	\$ 18,542.32	Vouchers 421-441,443-467
Highway Fund	Abstract 8	\$ 115,352.88	Vouchers 423,466,468-486
Light District One	Abstract 8	\$ 370.63	Voucher 449
Light District Two	Abstract 8	\$ 234.57	Voucher 449
Light District Three	Abstract 8	\$ 116.03	Voucher 449
Water District Two	Abstract 8	\$ 1,783.03	Vouchers 487,488
Water District Three	Abstract 8	\$ 3,988.60	Vouchers 487,488
Water District Four	Abstract 8	\$ 15,892.43	Vouchers 487,488
Water District Five	Abstract 8	\$ 5,646.77	Vouchers 487,488
Water District Six	Abstract 8	\$ 35.80	Voucher 467

Sewer District One	Abstract 8	\$ 65,009.49	Vouchers 490,491
Capital Project-WD11	Abstract 8	<u>\$ 10,946.30</u>	Voucher 489
TOTAL:		\$ 237,918.85	

PENDING ISSUES

Morton Union Cemetery – no updates

Sewer Project – EFC approval is in place; two streets in Monroe County will be included.

Community committee formation for Curtis Park utilization – Meeting September 18th.

Semiquincentennial (250 year) Celebrations – work continues; community will be involved.

Beechwood Chapel restoration – new estimates for restoration have been sent to Gabrielle Barone.

Newsletter – Still collecting names

Sidewalk by Dollar General – a grant is necessary to afford

Energy Audit at Highway Building – a representative from NYSERDA came and did an inspection, and a report is pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Calendar review – discussion of dates occurred.

With no further business coming before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy K. Richardson,
Kendall Town Clerk