

Election 2007: Kendall supervisor

Jack Gillman Kendall Supervisor

Office sought: Town supervisor. Endorsed by Democrats. Two-year term.

Pertinent information: Jonathan (Jack) Gillman, 16822 Roosevelt Hwy., Kendall, 63. Four grown children, 6 grandchildren, and a grandchild on the way. Telecommunications field specialist. Ran for supervisor in 2006. Restores classic cars, former scout leader.



William Vick Kendall Supervisor

Office sought: Supervisor, Town of Kendall. Endorsed by the Republican Committee. Elected in the 2005 elections to serve a two year term as town supervisor and presently completing that term.

Pertinent information: William Vick, 15963 Ed Rose Shores, Kent, 68. Education: Kendall High School and R. I. T. graduate. Employment: Along with wife, Sheryl, operated Vick Hardware & Equipment and Vick Water & Heating Systems for 15 years. Before involvement in these businesses, spent 25 years in the fields of engineering and executive management for major U. S. corporations including Borg-Warner, Itek, Xerox, and AM International including assignments in South America and Europe. Continuing to serve in occasional project management roles as a private contractor since retirement in 1997. Married 49 years. Wife (Sheryl) and four adult children, twelve grandchildren. Previously held elected or appointed positions: Past Kendall Fire District Commissioner, 4 years as Kendall Town Councilman, Past Republican Committee Person, 6 years as Orleans County Legislator, 2 Years as Chairman of the Legislature. Volunteer and Community Service: Kendall Fire Department – 49 years, Past Kendall Fire District Commissioner. Lifetime member of Concordia Lutheran Church, member Kendall Lions Club, past member BPOE – Albion.

Two issues of primary importance in Kendall:

One of the issues we need to take care of is the water issue. I would like to see that all homes in Kendall have public service water. This is necessary for many homes because the purity of our water has diminished. We need clean water.

Another issue is taxes and assessments on homes. I would look closely to other ways that we could off set taxes so they would not be so high.

Issues of primary importance in Kendall:

Budget & Financial Controls: Having inherited distressing financial conditions and budget deficit when this town board took office I want to insure that the improvements and corrections that were extremely difficult to attain are maintained. We have installed a computerized municipal fund accounting system with offsite backup to provide this. Our most recent auditor's report indicates that recordkeeping is done in a timely, complete and conscientious manner, necessary records are available, bank reconciliations agreed to general ledger balances and management's attitude regarding the importance of proper systems and controls is appropriate. This must continue. No inexperienced candidate can provide this.

Management & Priorities: I am a fiscal conservative and I prioritize funding in the following way. Essential services must come first; that is highway maintenance and rebuild, snow removal, water main extension, real property assessment, town clerk functions, justice functions and code enforcement. Planning and zoning come next but placement does not diminish their importance. The remaining functions, important but less essential, are truly functions of the electorate's ability to pay. Our tax levy is based on stressed residential and agriculture tax base with very little commercial tax base. We must be practical, and service oriented to the majority.

Reasons for seeking election:

I am seeking election to Town Supervisor in hopes of making this a better town, and to bring dignity to the people of our town, and add stability to our local government. I know that I can do a better job than the present supervisor. I also want the people to feel comfortable to be able to discuss their problems. I would like to see the town hall open to all groups as it was four years ago.

Questions I would like to answer:

In what way could you make this town better?

I would look for ways in which we could get grants to help clean up our downtown area. I would help anyone who wants to open up small business or a shop. I would like to see the marina finished and operating and maybe this could bring in revenue as well as make new jobs. The people of Kendall are all good people and they deserve more from their local government than they are getting at present.

What I wished you had asked:

What do you think the electorate must really be concerned about?

Often times I hear concerns about management style. Election to office should not be a popularity contest. Election of a candidate should be based on the candidate's philosophy toward what government should provide and how to provide for it. Getting it done properly, within the boundaries of the law and meeting the essential needs of the people, should be an important measurement. Caring about doing a responsible job and adopting an attitude and work ethic to "Get it Done" should be important. Don't listen to rumor. Come to meetings. Ask your questions. Observe the proceedings.