

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

April 10, 2018

The meeting of the Oswego Township was called to order at 6:30 P.M by Supervisor Brian Leclercq. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S flag was given by all in attendance.

Township officials in attendance were: Supervisor Brian LeClercq, Trustees: Diane Selmer, Bill Small, Donna Stanley, Allyson Jacobsen. Clerk Ken Holmstrom was present as well as Attorney Flaherty and Highway Commissioner Robert Rogerson. Brian Hauser was absent. 7 Oswego Township residents were in attendance. The attendance sheet is attached to these minutes. Non Township resident Jim Wyman from WSPY was also present.

Supervisor LeClercq opened the meeting with public comments.

Jan Alexander had a question about the Cemetery Annual Meeting. She complimented the new website before asking when records about said meeting will be posted on the website.

There were no further public comments, therefore public comment was closed.

Supervisor Leclercq informed the public that the Annual Cemetery Board Meeting is occurring on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 at 10:00AM. The agenda and supporting documents for said meeting will be posted on the website by 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018.

Supervisor Leclercq presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$ 66,431.13
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 160,673.40
Building & Equipment	<u>\$ 6,815.68</u>
Total Road Fund	\$231,920.21
General Town Fund	\$ 61, 578.00

Motion to approve the bills made by Trustee Stanley, second by Trustee Selmer. A roll call vote was held by Clerk Holmstrom and all trustees present voted to approve the payment of the bills.

Prior to approving the minutes for the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting, Trustees Stanley and Jacobsen communicated a misspelling of their last names and Trustee Selmer requested that definitive verbiage be added to the section regarding lightbulbs for Boulder Hill residents.



Trustee Small motioned to approve the minutes of the March, 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting of the Township. Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all Trustees present voted to approve the minutes.

Trustee Jacobsen did not have updates to report for the Senior Center.

The Sheriff's Department did not report.

Highway Commissioner Rogerson gave the Highway Commissioner's report. A permit was okay'd for an entrance on Stewart Road and Wooley Road. The entrance is needed to facilitate traffic at the cancer fundraising event to be held at John Greene's Arranmore Farm.

There are still light bulbs available for the light bulb program for those in Boulder Hill who have yet to pick them up.

The Road District is working on an intergovernmental agreement with the school district for Boulder Hill Elementary and Long Beach for 'smart' streetlights and solar lights. Two smart streetlights have been ordered along with 3 new solar lights. Along with working with the school district, the road district will be working with the Sheriff's department on getting these lights installed by the mentioned schools. These lights come with features such as gunshot detection, scream detection, facial recognition, and the ability to read license plates. They can also be connected to WIFI.

Trucks in the Road District's fleet have been fitted with two-way radios. Service with Verizon will be canceled. A negotiated three-year contract with Blackboard Connect will save approximately \$1,445 over the next 3 years.

Major ditch work has begun on Wolf Rd. The crew has been also busy with updating signage and filling potholes, tree trimming, and sewage work. In regards to the Road District retention pond, the Village of Public Works just signed off on it. A bid opening was held this past Friday for road work. D Construction won country paving, an MFT contract. Builders Paving won our Boulder Hill asphalt contract.

Trustee Small had a question pertaining to the process of how the new lights can actually do the features stated. Highway Commissioner Rogerson and Supervisor LeClerc explained.

No assessors report.

Supervisor's had no report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Supervisor LeClerc opened up the discussion about the possible elimination of the Weed Commissioner position. Discussion followed on the amount of weed control that is needed. Trustee Stanley discussed how this is handled in Plainfield Township. Attorney Flaherty discussed the existing ordinance and steps needed to take action.



The item will be carried to the May meeting and placed on the agenda as "Old Business"

Trustee Initiatives:

Trustee Jacobsen did not have a report.

Trustee Selmer announced that last Friday the new website went live and that it's compliant with Section 308 for accessibility compliance of the Rehab Act. It also meets federal government agency web accessibility guidelines. Responsibility and maintenance for this website falls on the shoulders of designated Township staff.

Trustee Small educated the public and Board about the declining Monarch butterfly population. A solution in aiding population growth was to encourage those interested in planting milkweed seeds. It's crucial these seeds be planted in an area that won't be mowed or heavily disturbed.

Trustee Stanley did not have a report.

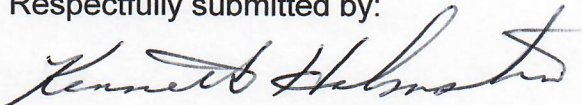
Supervisor LeClercq announced that he and Trustee Stanley will be in attendance of a General Assistance seminar in Rockford, IL.

Attorney Flaherty wanted to update the Board in regards to snow parking issues. Upon doing research, it was unveiled that the Township does have power in this. He and Bob are going to reach out to Sheriff Baird's office about law enforcement. Signage will also be a work in progress. Can only enforce if there are signs posted.

Supervisor Leclercq informed those present that the Route 71 property is under contract. One of the conditions that does need to be met revolves around rezoning so May 10<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for the Oswego Plan Commission and May 14<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for the Village Board meeting. This property will need to be zoned B3. It is currently zoned R1.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Small, second by Trustee Selmer. All Trustees present voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk