

Minutes of the OSWEGO TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL MEETING

April 16, 2018

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

Township officials in attendance were: Supervisor Brian LeClercq, Trustees: Diane Selmer, Donna Stanley, Allyson Jacobsen; Brian Hauser representing the Assessor's Office, Clerk Ken Holmstrom and Highway Commissioner Robert Rogerson. No Oswego Township residents were in attendance. Todd Milliron and Jim Wyman from WSPY were in attendance. This meeting's attendance sheet is attached to these minutes.

Supervisor LeClercq opened the public comment session. No one wished to speak so the public session was closed.

Supervisor LeClercq discussed the Township website and that data is building as the items are scanned into the system. Ordinances and resolutions will be broken out so they can be reviewed quickly.

Supervisor LeClercq next reported on the annual Cemetery Board meeting. The new board will be having 2 meetings per year and they will be holding workshops on the history of the cemetery and how they function under Township rules. The cemetery board is looking into sonar to determine where people may be buried since some of the head stones have been destroyed over the years.

The meeting went into recess at 7:25.

The meeting resumed at 7:30. Supervisor LeClercq allowed for public comment on the budget and appropriations only.

Todd Milliron addressed the Trustees on the Highway Department. Now that Highway Commissioner Robert Rogerson has had a years' worth of experience, Todd Milliron suggested a possibility of eliminating a position at the Road District. Todd Milliron explained his suggestion of streamlining the team at the Road District citing how the past Road District operated without past Highway Commissioner Gary Grosskopf and how that can save money towards the budget. He stated that the Road District is "top heavy" in relation to the ratio of management leaders to employees.

With no further comments; Supervisor LeClercq closed the public comment section.

Supervisor LeClercq asked the Trustee's for their comments regarding the 2018-2019 budgets. Discussion of budget items and late fee charges were discussed. Trustee Jacobsen asked to have the late fees discussion moved to the May meeting for possible action. She is asking to have utilities on an auto payment since a bulk of the late charges are due to utilities.

Discussion took place on the Assessor's office, General Assistance Fund and Highway Department.

The Budget and Appropriations were Broken down into three ordinances, the first was the Budget and Appropriation ordinance for the Road District named Ordinance 2018-2. Motion to approve the ordinance 2018-2 was made by Trustee Jacobsen, second by Trustee Stanley. A roll call vote was held by Clerk Ken Holmstrom with Trustee Stanley and Jacobsen voting yes and Trustee Selmer and Supervisor LeClercq voted nay. Supervisor Leclercq then moved on to the next ordinance.

Ordinance 2018-3 is the Budget and Appropriation for the Oswego Township. Trustee Selmer made a motion to approve the budget, second by Trustee Stanley. A roll call vote was held by Clerk Holmstrom and all Trustees present voted to approve the budget for the Township.

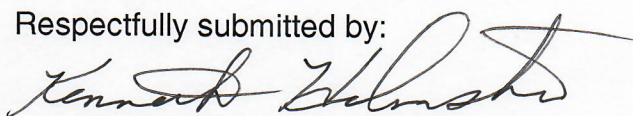
Next was Ordinance 2018-4 for the Budget and Appropriation of the Township Cemetery. Trustee Stanley made a motion to approve the Cemetery budget, second by Trustee Jacobsen. A roll call vote was held by Clerk Holmstrom and all Trustees present voted to approve the budget for the Cemetery.

Going back to Ordinance 2018-2, the concern was about the \$120,000 amount and its usage for storage areas. Trustee Selmer requested a contingency be added to the motion so that before it is appropriated its usage be brought back to the Board for approval before any action is taken. The board discussed the fact that Highway Commissioner has already obtained bids on the items that are in question. Discussion continued on the fact that Highway Commissioner Rogerson will follow through and do what is correct for the Township and the taxpayers. Supervisor LeClercq asked Highway Commissioner if he could hold off for 6 months until the Trustee's had time to review options to move the Township office to that facility.

Motion to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Road District Ordinance 2018-2 as presented was made by Trustee Jacobsen, second by Trustee Stanley. A roll call vote was held by Clerk Holmstrom with Trustee Jacobsen, Stanley and LeClercq voted to approve. Trustee Selmer voter no. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Stanley, second by Trustee Jacobsen. All Trustees present voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk