

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 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 Karl Ottosen and Highway Commissioner Robert Rogerson. Assessor's office was not represented at this meeting. Mike Novak from the Kendall County Sheriff's Department was also present. There were 13 Oswego Township residents in attendance. The attendance sheet is attached to these minutes. Non Township resident Jim Wyman from WSPY and Todd Milliron were also present.

Supervisor LeClercq opened the meeting with public comments.

Norma Lucaturn spoke in favor of the Pfund Property and her desire to have it remain a park.

Frank Carney spoke on the Pfund Property and requested that a portion of the property be reinstated as a park. If this is not feasible, he would like to have the access gate removed that allows access to the cemetery, but requires people to cross his property.

Mary Carney spoke on the Pfund Property and discussed the effect changing this park to a cemetery may have on the neighborhood.

Noreen Tsironis spoke on property that she owns across from the Pfund Property and Pearce's Cemetery. She has never minded living across from a cemetery and feels this will be a great use for the Pfund Property.

Gary Eagleton spoke on the Pfund Property and that he worked as a care taker of the Cemetery and that the Pfund Property being adjacent to the Pearce Cemetery makes it a great addition to the Pearce Cemetery. He also stated that Mr. Pfund when he was alive, did not appreciate anyone cutting across his property.

Supervisor LeClercq closed the public comment section of the meeting.

Supervisor LeClercq presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$ 38,998.08
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 60,855.93
Building & Equipment	<u>\$ 18.33</u>
Total Road Fund	\$ 99,872.34

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 April 10, 2018 meeting, Trustee Selmer corrected the dates of the Village of Oswego plan commission meeting and Village of Oswego Board meeting dates. Highway Commissioner Rogerson made two corrections to the April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 minutes in relation to the report he gave at the meeting. Trustee Selmer made a spelling correction to the April 16, 2018 minutes. Trustee Small's name was omitted to the attendance of the April 10, 2018 meeting. Trustee Jacobsen motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2018 meeting and the April 16, 2018 Special meeting as amended. Trustee Small seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all Trustees present voted to approve the minutes.

Trustee Jacobsen reported that a payment of \$4600 was made to the Senior Center and that on 6-5-2018 the Senior Center will be having a "Celebrate Senior Trivia Night".

The Sheriff's Department report was given by Deputy Sheriff Mike Novak. He reported on the arrest made in Yorkville because of a Crime Stopper tip on an Erica Walker that had a warrant since 2016. He discussed email scams happening in Kendall County. He discussed ways to avoid being taken advantage of by these scams. He reported that there were 434 calls for service in Oswego Township in April.

Highway Commissioner Rogerson gave the Highway Commissioner's report. A copy of his report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Brian LeClerc reported for the Assessor's office that the Real Estate tax bills will be in the mail soon.

The Supervisor's Report was given by Supervisor LeClerc. He reported that improvements had to be made to the 84 Templeton property which included landscaping clean up and some HVAC work and change out of some lights.

He also reported that the Route 71 property will be going to the Village of Oswego Plan Commission and Village Board meetings in May. This is going before the Village for a rezoning of the property.

#### Old Business:

The discussion on the Pearce Cemetery. He opened the meeting up to discussion of possible options to this property. Frank Carney came forward to discuss his proposed option for the property to open the property behind his property and remove the fence in that area. He also discussed the option of moving the gate to the cemetery to the very end of his property. Rose of Sharon Devos owns the property where the gate would be moved and she spoke that she is not in favor of the gate being so close to her driveway. Mr. Carney clearly does not want the gate located where it is currently. Trustee Small discussed that he and Trustee Selmer and Clerk Ken Holmstrom did walk this property and a path along the property would require removal of 30 trees and the land would have to be changed to allow for a path. Trustee Stanley did a cost estimate on the

Carney proposal which includes removal of the trees and build retaining walls and put in a bike path. The estimated cost of the install would be \$93,000 and then require annual maintenance for snow removal and cutting of grass.

Supervisor LeClercq asked if there were any alternate plans for this property. One plan was to leave the property as a park. Then there was a suggestion to compromise and leave a section of the land a park and the balance become a cemetery.

Supervisor LeClercq then thanked everyone that did research on this property and that the Trustees would now discuss this property. He discussed concerns of a septic system from homes near the cemetery property that are not connected to Fox Metro. Trustee Stanley did FOIA from the county the septic systems for this area. No information was available. LeClercq said he discussed with the park district why they removed the large Oak trees form the property. LeClercq then stated that this Board gives recommendations to the Cemetery Board for this property, but they make the final decision.

Supervisor LeClercq discussed another proposal for this property and this started from a comment by Jan Alexander regarding scatter gardens. He and Clerk Holmstrom talked to the Conservation Foundation regarding a scatter garden and Reflection garden for a portion of this property. The Conservation Foundation is very interested in the possibility of putting this in place for the Pearce Cemetery and they offered their guidance in this project. We envision benches, trees and wild flower gardens and feel this would be a beautiful area for reflection. Trustee Stanley feels we can do a cemetery and park all in one. This would be a great option for this property. Trustee Selmer talked about a program she watched where cemeteries, prior to parks used to be a place where families would come together to meet and reflect. Trustee Selmer thanked everyone for their work on this project. Trustee Selmer made a motion to advise the cemetery Board to move forward with the cemetery and incorporate graves, vaults and a scatter and reflection garden into the plans. Trustee Small seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Selmer, Small, Stanley and LeClercq voting yes and Trustee Jacobsen voting no. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

Supervisor LeClercq opened up the discussion about the possible elimination of the Weed Commissioner position. Trustee Stanley discussed the plan that was used in Plainfield. Supervisor LeClercq asked Highway commissioner Rogerson if he had an understanding of what was required of his department. Rogerson will be responsible for reporting properties that are violating the weed ordinance. The Township administration will follow up with contacting the property owner and ordering the lawn to be cut. Motion to approve ordinance #2018-6 by Trustee Jacobsen seconded by Trustee Stanley. A roll call vote was taken and all Trustee's present voted to approve the Ordinance.

Trustee Stanley made a motion to eliminate the Weed Commissioner position, seconded by Trustee Selmer. All trustee's present motion to approve the motion.

Supervisor LeClercq discussed the Township employee's participating in parades. Township employees are covered under insurance; however, family members or friends are not covered except for \$5000. He is asking for a policy to safeguard the Township in case of accidents. Motion to authorize the attorney to draft a waiver for the individuals to sign to hold the Township harmless in the event of a parade participant accident. Motion made by Trustee Small, second by Trustee Selmer. All Trustee's present voted to approve the motion.

Discussion on auto payment of utilities and credit cards to avoid late charges waiting for a Board approval before the payment can be made. This occurs because the Township misses the cutoff date. Trustee Jacobsen motion to approve the payment of Gas, Electric, Water, sewer and telecommunications when they come in, however not the credit card bills and these will still come before the Trustees for approval with the remaining bills. Motion seconded by Trustee Stanley. All Trustees present voted to approve the motion.

Trustee Initiatives:

Trustee Jacobsen explained why she voted no on the cemetery motion.

Trustee Selmer said the website is working well and she has responded to 4 questions online.

Trustee Small gave a reminder that the Milk Weed seeds are still available.

Trustee Stanley reported that the butterfly garden would be a good idea for the cemetery.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Stanley, second by Trustee Jacobsen. All Trustees present voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk

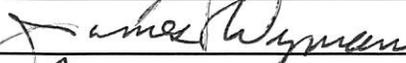
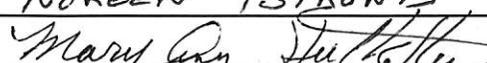
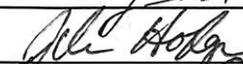
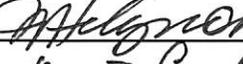
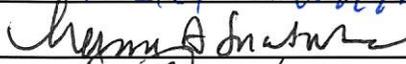
## Highway Commissioners Report 5/08/2018

1. Our Wolf Road ditch project between N & S Douglas Road was successful. We had planned on the project taking 5 days. We completed it in four without incident. The water run-off in that area has been dispersed to a better drainage and retention area.
2. Our first-time spring leaf program was a success. The new leaf vac is more efficient and safe.
3. Our Brush program is going well. First time in many years that we are implementing some new guidelines. We had a press release, Newsletter and our website to described our new guidelines. Some people are not happy that we are leaving some of their piles until next month. Over the last few years, we have had many taking advantage of the Township and Crew. The pile sizes were getting out of control from trees on private property that were being taken down. After speaking with the residents, they understand and can appreciate the new guidelines.
4. We have ordered some new maps that outline the exact roads and areas that the Road District services, to simply answer the question from the residents, "who our service provider is". This map will be simple to read and understand. The map is on our Website.
5. We are looking to hire one summer helper this year for the additional concrete work. The TWP has hired up to four summer helpers in the past.
6. We had a meeting with the Local Police, Kendall County sheriff Department, Kendall County Highway & Engineering dept, Village of Oswego Public Works, 2 state representatives and the School District about our smart street light technology program. We are working together on this program to promote a safer community. Starting with a smart streetlight at each school in Boulder Hill. We look to have this up and running in the next couple of months.
7. The Crew's telephones have been shut off with Verizon. The Two-way radios are working great.
8. We are changing our lighting at the road district building to LED technology. And to further save tax payers money, Trustee Jacobsen asked me a while ago how we can cut our Com Ed bills. So, we have been working with Com Ed for months to finally get an updated list of all of our street lights. With the new ones we are adding, we will have 156 throughout the TWP. Of those, 75 are Com Ed lights that are going to be converted over the next 5 years to LED's. Com Ed told us, "our project plan, currently under development, will include a workplan with an annual schedule of lights to be changed, until we meet the goal of replacing all +120,000 streetlights within the territory."

# OSWEGO TOWNSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Please **PRINT** and **SIGN** name below:

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3	GARY EABLETON	GARY EABLETON
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5	Mary Ann Heitkatter	
6	John Hodgson	
7	Mary Carney	Mary Carney
8	FRANK CARNEY	
9	Amy Letts	
10	Todd Miller	
11	Marria Helgeson	
12	Deane Cruden	Deane Cruden
13	Todd MILLERON	Todd MILLERON
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