

**Minutes of the Oswego Township
REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2019
(Approved 8/13/19)**

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: Michael Bidegain, Allyson Jacobsen and Bill Small. Clerk Ken Holmstrom, Highway Commissioner Robert Rogerson and Township Assessor Brian Hauser were also present. Officer Novak from the Kendall County Sheriff's Department was present. There were 7 Oswego Township residents in attendance including staff member Donna Stanley, Enforcement officer Rob Delong. Trustee Selmer was absent.

Supervisor LeClercq opened the public comment section of the meeting: Two families discussed flooding that happened at their properties on 31 and 33 North Bereman. Highway Commissioner Rogerson discussed efforts he has been working on to see if the county or state will purchase their homes and make those lots detention areas. This will be discussed with the two families after the meeting. Supervisor LeClercq closed the public comment section of the meeting.

Supervisor LeClercq presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$ 13,792.86
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 33,251.99
Building & Equipment	\$ <u>68.32</u>
Total Road Fund	\$ 47,113.17
General Town Fund	\$ 88,058.11

Motion to approve the bills made by Trustee Small, second by Trustee Bidegain. A roll call vote was held by Clerk Holmstrom. Trustee Bidegain, Jacobsen, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted yes. Trustee Selmer was absent. Motion passed.

Supervisor LeClercq asked for approval of the June 11, 2019 and June 24, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Bidegain to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Jacobsen. All Trustees present voted to approve the meeting minutes of 6-11-2019 and June 24, 2019.

Trustee Initiative:

Trustee Bidegain – No report.

Trustee Jacobsen – No Report.

Trustee Selmer - Absent

Trustee Small – No report

Senior report – Trustee Jacobsen had no report.

The Sheriff's Department report was given by Deputy Sheriff Novak. His report will be attached and become part of the minutes. He reported on new laws that went into effect on July 1, 2019.

Highway Commissioner Rogerson gave his report. A copy of the report is attached to and becomes part of these minutes.

Township Assessor's report – He reported that his department is winding down on getting assessments complete for the August first deadline.

Supervisor Report – Supervisor LeClercq asked again for name suggestions for the Plan Commission. He also asked if anyone had names of people that can serve on the Weed ordinance focus group. Gave an update on 99 Boulder Hill Pass and that the Township was seeking a proposal to have a tree removed. He reported on the final punch list for 84 Templeton build out and that it is nearing completion.

New Business – Supervisor LeClercq opened discussion on the Small Cell Wireless Facilities Deployment Ordinance – 2019-06. Trustee Small motioned to approve the Small Cell Wireless Facility Ordinance 2019-06. Second by Trustee Bidegain. Trustees Bidegain, Jacobsen, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted in favor of the Ordinance. Trustee Selmer was absent. Motion passed.

Supervisor LeClercq discussed changes in the office administration and the reassignment of the FOIA Officer and the IMRF Administrator resolution 2019-07. Trustee Jacobsen motioned to approve resolution 2019-07; second by Trustee Bidegain. Trustee Small asked if the additional salary for these positions would be moved to the person that is now assigned to these areas. Trustee Bidegain, Jacobsen, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted in favor of the resolution. Trustee Selmer was not present. Motion passed.

There was not a reason to go into closed session tonight.

Trustee Jacobsen motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Bidegain. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk

Highway Commissioners Report 7/9/2019.

1. We have started the correspondence and looking into a Community Development Assistance Program for a grant for storm water infrastructure maintenance for Boulder Hill. On 7/2/2019 I was called by the owners at 31N. Bereman that yet again for the fourth time in the last 2 years, have had flood water in their house. 33N. also had water in their home again.
2. Smart streetlights and or Cameras at Long Beach and Boulder hill elementary schools are still on hold with the schools.
3. We had a shared services summit meeting June 24th that was organized by Mayor Parlier. The Village, County, Police, Fire, Park District, Supervisor LeClercq, the School Board, and I were all there. We talked about working together more in the future. For example, the four-year tree bid contract that included both the Village of Montgomery and the Village of Oswego. This contract is underway and saving the Village of Oswego and the Township thousands of dollars over the next four years.
4. Our contracted sidewalk and road work, has been complete in many areas of Boulder Hill. It has gone well. Geneva construction has completed the work efficiently for us, even with the weather issues.
5. TOIRMA has now agreed to partner with IPWMAN and reimburse the Township dues. This will save the Road District \$250.00 a year.
6. The crew has been busy with storm clean up and concrete sidewalk/ curb work. We have had many resident issues that the crew has taken care of as well.
7. Please check our website at oswegotownship.org for any updates.

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Kendall County Sheriff's Office Reminds of New Distracted Driving Law

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed the new law that took in effect on July 01, 2019. Illinois law prohibits the use of hand-held cellphones, texting or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices or Blue Tooth technology is allowed for persons age 19 and older.

Even using hands-free technology is considered a distraction while driving and can be dangerous. If you must make a phone call, even with hands-free technology, it is recommended that you pull off to the side of the road before making the call.

According to the new law, you are only allowed to push one button to activate GPS or answer or make a call. So, unless you are using technology such as Bluetooth to access your phone hands-free, the following offenses will get you a ticket:

- Any talking, texting, or tweeting on your hand-held phone;
- Looking at social media, photos, videos or emails on your phone;
- Getting directions from the GPS while holding your phone;
- Choosing songs from a playlist on your phone;
- Using Apps on your phone;
- Using the phone at a stop light or stop sign;
- Using the phone while sitting in traffic.

The only times Illinois drivers can use a cell phone that is not hands free are:

- To report an emergency situation.
- While parked on the shoulder of a roadway.
- While stopped due to normal traffic being obstructed and the vehicle is in neutral or park.

Drivers who are in a crash resulting from distracted driving may face criminal penalties and incarceration.

For more information please see the amended statute by clicking the link below:

<http://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp>

For a distracted driving brochure please click the following link below: <https://www.isp.state.il.us/docs/1-230.pdf>

Kendall County Sheriff's Office Introduces Educational Tablets for Inmates

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office announces the launch of a program to help incarcerated individuals become successful now and in the future. Securus Technologies is providing the SecureView® Tablet at no cost to taxpayers or inmates. The Sheriff's Office commissary program is funding this technology which features applications such as the phone, education, mental health, law library and job search.

The Sheriff's Office wanted to provide productive activities for the inmates that would keep them focused on positive goals as opposed to having them not be engaged and feeling negative about being in jail. Additionally, the Sheriff feels hopeful that the Tablet program will help improve the facility in the following ways such as:

- A decrease in violence and tension
- Less disruption means decreased risk for deputies and the incarcerated
- Constructive activity can help expedite reentry

“The tablets will allow inmates in Kendall County to begin planning for re-integration into society by searching for jobs and accessing mental health information. Another benefit is that the tablets encourage good behavior,” said Sheriff Dwight Baird.

The Sheriff's Office chose the Securus Technologies SecureView® Tablet because of its features which allow inmates to work on personal rehabilitation while serving their sentences. However, what this technology does not include is also important to this facility. Risk is decreased since the tablets do not offer access to:

- Internet
- Social media
- Camera
- Video recordings

“Our efforts aim to have a positive effect and create a safer environment for our deputies, staff and inmates,” Sheriff Baird added.

Another feature favored by the Sheriff is that all content is approved by the facility to include entertainment options such as podcasts, music and games. The tablets are considered a privilege for inmates. The Sheriff feels hopeful this program will reduce recidivism rates by allowing inmates to improve themselves as they get ready for their release.

The tablets provide opportunities for inmates to stay connected to their family, friends and the outside world as well as prepare for reentry into the community. Studies show a link between inmates maintaining relationships with their loved ones, while incarcerated, reduces recidivism.*

“Access to this new technology will help inmates rehabilitate themselves by giving them tools to advance their education, connect with family and prepare them for life in the tech-saturated world upon their release,” Sheriff Baird concluded.

*Prison Policy Initiative, <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/.../the-family-and-recidivism.pdf>