

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2019

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 Diane Selmer. Trustee Bill Small was excused and not in attendance. Clerk Ken Holmstrom, Highway Commissioner Robert Rogerson and Township Assessor Brian Hauser were also present. Officer Kailus from the Kendall County Sheriff's Department was present. There were 8 Oswego Township residents in attendance including staff member Donna Stanley, Enforcement officer Rob Delong.

Supervisor LeClercq opened the public comment section of the meeting: No one in the audience wished to speak, so Supervisor LeClercq closed the public comment section of the meeting.

Supervisor LeClercq presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$	7,082.72
Permanent Road Fund	\$	60,874.55
Building & Equipment	\$	<u>34.26</u>
Total Road Fund	\$	67,991.53
General Town Fund	\$	31,104.41

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

Supervisor LeClercq asked for approval of the September 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Bidegain to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Selmer. All Trustees present voted to approve the meeting minutes of 9-10-2019.

Trustee Initiative:

Trustee Bidegain – Reviewed the website cost comparison and recommended the Township stay with the current vendor due to cost of conversion.

Trustee Jacobsen – Commented that the pension liability is down from previous years.

Trustee Selmer – She announced that she is invited to another solid waste advisory meeting on October 9th. She was impressed that Donna Stanley found savings on the last bills saving tax payers over \$400. Village of Oswego is working with School District

308 on shared services on storing salt in village storage. She encourages the Township to continue to work with the school and village whenever possible.

Senior report – Trustee Jacobsen reported on upcoming events for the senior center. The Holiday craft fair is coming up November 15th from 9:00 to 2:00. Cocktail fundraiser coming up. Supervisor LeClercq discussed an intergovernmental meeting he attended and said the Senior Center will be moving out of Traughber.

The Sheriff's Department report was given by Deputy Sheriff Kailus. His report will be attached and become part of the minutes.

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

Township Assessor's report – A copy of his report is attached to and becomes part of these minutes.

Ordinance Officer Report – Copy of the report is attached. Trustee Selmer asked about the fines assessed and possible collection of the fines.

Supervisor Report –

- Supervisor LeClercq discussed that Collins Road may be incorporated into the Village and improvement of that roadway may be their responsibility.
- Supervisor LeClercq reported that he is still looking for names of residents that may be willing to serve on the Weed Ordinance Focus Group.
- Donna Stanley discussed a conversion to LED lighting at 99 Boulder Hill Pass and that Com Ed has a program to assist with the cost of these conversions. The Com Ed program will save the Township \$7,000.
- LeClercq discussed a plan from the Village showing Township areas with an overlay of the Village on areas that they intend to target for incorporation into the Village.
- At the meeting on 11-5-2019 the Trustee's will discuss the permanent Road budget.
- The Village will contract out services for street sweeper. They have a street sweeper, but contracting out for service will extend the life of the street sweeper they currently own.
- Dr Tokars from the Health Department said that the health Department will accept the Township invite to use space at 99 Boulder Hill Pass for Outreach work. They will not use it for medical.

Old Business:

- Cannabis discussion update - we are in the comment period on this topic. The Township does not have a taxing ability on cannabis. Township can file a legal objection on facilities that may be planned for areas within the Township.
- Discussion and vote to approve Rt. 25 Cell Tower contract. Trustee Bidegain motioned to approve the Rt. 25 Cell Tower subject to attorney review, seconded by Trustee Jacobsen. All Trustee's present voted to approve the motion.

New Business –

- Highway Commissioner Rogerson presented the Permanent Road Amended Budget and Tentative Highway 2019 Levy. Discussion took place and questions were answered.
- Discussion and vote for adoption of Resolution 2019-08 providing for the issuance of permits for overweight and oversized vehicles on township roads. Motion by Trustee Bidegain, second by Trustee Selmer. Trustee's Bidegain, Jacobsen, Selmer and Supervisor LeClercq voted to approve the Resolution.
- Supervisor LeClercq requested Board approval for the Supervisor to adjust the listing price on the property at 84 Templeton to not below 80% of the appraised value of \$1,900,000. The consensus of the board was for Supervisor LeClercq to move forward and adjust the price within the described guidelines.
- Clerk Holmstrom presented the 6 month review of the closed session meeting minutes. Minutes from February 12, 2019 and March 12, 2019 were approved on motion and not release by Trustee Jacobsen second by Trustee Bidegain. All Trustee's present voted to approve.
- Supervisor LeClercq opened discussion and vote to approve Plan Commission appointments. The appointments are Leonard Wass, Gary Eagleton and Katie Marter. Trustee Selmer motioned to approve the appointments, seconded by Bidegain. Trustee's Bidegain, Jacobsen, Selmer and Supervisor LeClercq voted to approve the appointments.

. 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 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk



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Highway Commissioners Report 10/08/2019.

1. We have presented the levy request early for you to have time to look over the information and present any questions you may have, so that we may get your answers accurately and in a timely manner.
2. The crew has been busy with tree trimming, drainage, adding all the necessary signs for the parking ordinance and many of the services we provide to our residents. We have had many resident issue work orders and line of site issues that the crew has taken care of as well.
3. As stated in our last meeting, per our Annual Highway Commissioners meetings in Peoria, we are now members of Sourcewell. We have traded in and replaced our 2004 mower with a new one from AHW. The old mower had a life span of approx.- 12-15 years. We exceeded that by a year. The new one has a life expectancy of 15-20 years. The Cemetery has let us share their mowers and trailer until the new one came in.
4. The County Highway Department and the Oswego Township Road District are continuing our shared services and equipment program as we continue to work well together again this year to keep costs down.
5. Also, as stated in our last meeting, Supervisor LeClercq and I met with Mr. Constantine to talk about the widening of Collins road in between Plainfield Rd and Grove Rd in the Township section. With further investigation on this matter, the Road District will do our best to maintain this road until developers come in and rebuild this road. The Village of Oswego have the annexation of this road in their future plans.
6. We have sent out our fall newsletter to all residents in Boulder Hill and Shore Heights. It includes information about garbage and recycle hauling for our residents and our snow parking ordinance. It has been posted on our website. A press release went out last Thursday about the parking ordinance and our start of this year's leaf pick up dates throughout the Township.
7. Friday October 4th, we had Geneva Construction pouring another ADA ramp in front of the Gardens and it was vandalized. It had to be torn out and rebuilt. We have notified the Sheriff's department on this issue. Cost to rebuild this section of walk is an estimated \$3,500.00
8. We received our new state bid price for salt this year and due to the demand last year, the cost has doubled. The price was at \$48.88 a ton and now it is \$96.25 a ton. A \$1.51 a ton shy of double the cost to be exact.
9. FYI and for the record, not sure what his grievances are with me or just what he is doing, but Todd Milliron has surveyed, my property several times.
10. Please check our website at oswegotownship.org for any updates.




October Assessor's Report

Following the mailing of the 2019 assessment notices, our office has been very busy fielding calls from residents concerned about their assessment increases. Most of the callers end up with a better understanding of the increases and the process we go through. There are some calls that point out assessments that need corrected and receive a change in the assessment. This process is good and helps us do a better job in achieving accurate assessments.


Another great thing that gets accomplished at this time is making seniors aware of exemptions they qualify for, namely senior exemption and senior freeze exemption. These are often the most rewarding calls we receive.

We still have a number of new construction properties that we're working on assessing for the 2019 assessment year. Included in this are at least one apartment complex, the Springs, located behind the Wal-Mart on route 34.



We will be photographing as many properties as possible during this upcoming winter. It's best to start after the leaves have fallen so we can capture as much of the buildings as possible.

Current goal is to analyze our commercial assessments for the 2020 assessment year to make sure they are as accurate and equitable as possible. We will also be picking 25% of the residential neighborhoods to reassess as well.



OSWEGO TOWNSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 08, 2019

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2	Caitlin Paloian	Caitlin Paloian	
3	Donna Stanley	Donna Stanley	
4	Katie Marter	Katie Marter	
5	Jill Marter	Jill Marter	
6	GERHARDT WERBER	Gerhardt Werber	
7	Diane Cryder	Diane L Cryder	
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