

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

November 5, 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, Diane Selmer and Bill Small. Clerk Ken Holmstrom, Highway Commissioner Robert Rogerson and Township Assessor Brian Hauser were also present. Attorney Karl Ottosen was present. There were 9 Oswego Township residents in attendance including staff member Donna Stanley, Enforcement officer Rob Delong. Trustee Jacobsen was excused.

Supervisor LeClercq welcomed the attorney to this meeting. Supervisor LeClercq asked if there were any objections to changing the agenda because the attorney could not stay. With no objection; Supervisor LeClercq went to new business to discuss a referendum being placed on the ballot for the Township to absorb the Highway Department pursuant to Public Act 100-106. LeClercq discussed how this agenda item came to be. Karl Ottosen discussed how this process would need to happen and that the Trustee's would need to make and pass a motion to put this referendum on the ballot for the March primary. Trustee Selmer spoke in favor of this referendum. Highway Commissioner gave his opinion on this topic and asked if this would save money for the Township. Trustee Small spoke against this move because the Highway Commissioner is another set of control for the Township. Supervisor LeClercq stated that this move will take the politics out of this position and puts the professionalism into this position. Trustee Selmer made a motion to place referendum 100-106 on the ballot in the March primary. Trustee Bidegain seconded the motion. Clerk Holmstrom took a roll call vote and Trustee Selmer, Bidegain and Supervisor LeClercq voted in favor of the motion. Trustee Small voted against. Trustee Jacobsen was absent. Motion carried. Trustee Selmer asked attorney Ottosen what the Trustees were allowed to do or say to the public about the referendum. Attorney Ottosen said the Trustees can campaign for or against this referendum, however comments must be truthful and factual and no Township money can be used to either support or not support this referendum.

Supervisor LeClercq next brought up New Business item "D" which was placed on the agenda by Highway Commissioner Rogerson. This had to do with disbursement of funds from the sale of the Rt. 71 Building. Highway Commissioner spoke on this and handed out some information asking that the proceeds of the Rt. 71 property be divided between the Township and the Highway department. Supervisor LeClercq is the budget officer who is responsible for the disbursement of funds. He informed the Highway Commissioner that he had to return funds to where they originally came from. In this case, the documents seem to be that the Rt. 71 property was originally paid for by the Town Fund. Trustees held discussion on this topic. Trustee Small made a motion to split the proceeds from the sale of the Rt 71 property 50% to the Road District and 50%

to the Township. The motion died for a lack of a second. Trustee Selmer made a motion that the proceeds for the sale remain in the Town Fund. Trustee Bidegain second that motion. Clerk Holmstrom took a roll call vote with Trustee Selmer and Bidegain voting yes. Trustee Small voted no and Supervisor LeClercq abstained. Trustee Jacobsen was absent.

Supervisor LeClercq opened the public hearing on the revised Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2019-03. Supervisor LeClercq called for a motion to waive the reading of the legal notice as it was published in the Ledger- Sentinel Newspaper, posted on the website and on the front door of the Township. Trustee Small made the motion seconded by Trustee Bidegain. Clerk Holmstrom took a roll call. All Trustees present motioned to waive the reading of the legal notice. Mr. Milliron stated he requested a FOIA on vehicle maintenance within the Road District. He proceeded to discuss the information found within the Road District. He stated that the maintenance records on the vehicles was either not a good example of record keeping or the vehicles were not maintained correctly. Supervisor LeClercq closed the public comment session on the Revised Budget.

Trustee Small motioned to approve the revised Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2019-03; second by Trustee Bidegain. Clerk Holmstrom did a roll call with Trustee Small, Bidegain and Supervisor LeClercq voted yes. Trustee Selmer voted no. Trustee Jacobsen was absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor LeClercq opened the public comment section of the meeting: Fran Klaus stated that he was not in favor of eliminating the Road District branch of government. Todd Milliron is in favor of moving the Road District within the Township. Ann Vickery spoke against the Board action to put the Highway Department on the ballot. No one else from 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	\$ 15,698.18
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 833,791.37
Building & Equipment	<u>\$ 7,428.25</u>
Total Road Fund	\$ 841,219.62
General Town Fund	\$ 57,832.21

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

Supervisor LeClercq asked for approval of the October 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Selmer to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Bidegain. Trustees Selmer, Bidegain and Supervisor LeClercq voted to approve the minutes of 10-8-2019. Trustee Small abstained because he was not present for that meeting.

Trustee Initiative:

Trustee Bidegain – No Report.

Trustee Jacobsen – Absent

Trustee Selmer – She announced that she attended another solid waste advisory meeting. She will attend another on November 20th, 2019.

Trustee Small – No report

Senior report – No Report

Sheriff Department – No Report

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.

Supervisor Report –

- Supervisor LeClercq stated that our next meeting will be held at the new office at 99 Boulder Hill Pass. There will be an open house from 5:30 to 6:30.
- Supervisor LeClercq reported that the final payout should be made soon on the build out at 84 Templeton.
- LeClercq discussed the intergovernmental agreements and the cost savings that the agencies will have due to this agreement.
- He explained that this meeting is held a week earlier than normal due to Township training that we will be attending in Springfield next week.

Old Business:

- Supervisor LeClercq discussed additional appointments to the Plan Commission. He asked for a motion to approve Janelle Peters Pitula and Austin Lark. Trustee Small motion to approve the appointments second by Trustee Bidegain. All Trustees' present voted to approve the appointments.
- Trustee Bidegain motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with local governing bodies. Second by Trustee Selmer. All trustees' present voted to approve the motion.
- Discussion and action on variance regarding KCZB 19-35 for a pet facility. The Board took no action on this item, because they had no objection to the variance.

New Business –

- Discussion and vote on a re-negotiated lease for Apple a Day pediatrics. This is a six year lease with 2 three year extensions. Motion by Trustee Small, second by Trustee Selmer. All Trustees' present voted to approve the motion.
- Discussion on KCBPZ Petition 19-36 for Majey Concrete, Inc. After discussion, the Board had no action on this Petition.
- Discussion and vote on 2019 Levy payable in 2020. Supervisor LeClercq and Donna Stanley discussed an increased in the Cemetery Fund and a decrease in the General Assistance Fund. This would be an increase of 2.63% on the Township Levy. Motion to approve the 2020 Levy by Trustee Small; second by Trustee Bidegain. Roll call vote: Trustee Small, Bidegain and Supervisor LeClercq voted yes. Trustee Selmer voted no. Motion carried.
- Highway Commissioner Rogerson reported on the Road District Levy and explained the roads that need repair. The Highway Department is requesting an increase of 4.95%. Trustee Small motioned to approve the Road District Levy, seconded by Trustee Bidegain. Roll call Trustee Small, Bidegain and Supervisor LeClercq voted yes. Trustee Selmer voted no. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Selmer motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Bidegain.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk

Highway Commissioners Report 11/05/2019.

1. The crew has finished our last brush pickup for this year and started with our leaf pickup program. Also, replaced a culvert on Harvey Rd. due to an accident. They have been prepping equipment for the upcoming snow season as well. And sure enough, for the first time, they are out plowing on October 30th. We had two trucks down in the shop at this time and had to use the new Commissioner truck to help clear the roads. The leaves are piled high throughout the Twp, and will have to wait as there is 3-5" of snow coming tomorrow on Halloween. Also, with the heavy snow, we have had numerous tree limbs down.
2. We are installing another street light at Commerce & Dolores that was negotiated to be paid for by the new owners of the lots. Saving the taxpayers approx.- \$4,500.00
3. We had submitted a claim to ComEd about 102 & 104 Fernwood for landscape repair due to the problems that occurred while our storm sewer was being repaired. They will be reimbursing us...for some of the damage that had occurred during construction in the amount \$4,300.00????? **Waiting to hear back on this.**
4. Our Truck #6 didn't start again on 10/25/2019. There is some electrical issue. It also broke down again on 10/28/2019 as three crew members were on leaf duty. We had the vehicle towed to Illinois truck Maintenance after hours. The problem was faulty wiring again that was worn out from salt/ chloride. This breakdown cost our crew of three approximately 3-1/2 hours total to haul leaf vac back to shop and on 10/29/2019 hook up truck #7 after preparing it for leaf duty to the leaf vac. Then to go back to proceed with leaf vacuuming. Truck #8 also has some faulty electrical issues as well as code problems with glow plugs.
5. A resident issue has come up earlier this month about the cross walk at the Boulder Hill Elementary School and the folding stop signs. I have met with the school principal and staff about the issues they are facing on a day to day basis. I have contacted our County Engineer and have talked about this possible liability. We agreed that it would be in the best interest of the Township, School, Children and tax payers, to have a study done on this school and Long beach at the same time, pertaining to signage and crosswalk markings to determine what is in compliance and the safest options for this issue.
6. On 10/29/2019 for the first time ever, we completed an audit from the IEPA for our MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm sewer system). This includes our roads with drainage systems, catch basins, curbs, gutters and ditches. The audit went very well and they were very impressed with the Road Districts outreach, educating the public, and proactive approach for future storm water removal.
7. Please check our website at oswegotownship.org for any updates.

November Assessor's Report

October 15th was the deadline for taxpayers to file for a hearing with the Kendall County Board of Review. We haven't had an opportunity to estimate the number of calls we received; however, it was definitely in the 100's. As of now there are approximately 250 hearings requested for our township of the 22,637 parcels or 1.1%. Of the 250 appeals only 85 have requested a hearing. The next month or more will be filled with building a case to defend the assessment for these parcels at the Board of Review (BOR). Once the BOR has reviewed the cases that didn't request a hearing, they will ask for a defense of the assessments they'd like to see more information in order to make a decision.

We still have a number of new construction properties that we're working on assessing for the 2019 assessment year. We still have a number of new construction homes that will need to be visited and assessed. Only the homes that were completed through October will be added to the 2019 assessments. All others will be picked up in 2020.

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Kendall County Sheriff's Office Partners with Ring App to Improve Neighborhood Safety

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office has joined the free Neighbors app by Ring to provide Kendall County residents with real-time, local crime and safety information. This partnership will provide the community with local crime and safety information while also aiding in criminal investigations. The Neighbors network already has millions of users nationwide and has been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries and keeping neighborhoods safe.

Neighbors is a free app that anyone can use, even if they do not own a Ring device. Once the app is downloaded, residents can join their neighborhood and use the app to monitor neighborhood activity, share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts, and receive safety alerts from their neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team.

Like other social media sharing platforms, law enforcement participation on the Neighbors app is not meant to replace 911. If residents see a crime occur they are encourage to immediately report the incident through official department channels. Posts made by users other than law enforcement do not display the poster's identity. Joining the Neighbors app does not grant law enforcement access to cameras or user data. Law enforcement can only view content residents have publicly posted to the Neighbors app or that they have decided to share with law enforcement in response to a specific request. Residents do not need to own a Ring device or any other home security system in order to download and

use the Neighbors app. Anyone with a compatible smartphone or tablet can do so.

How It Works

- The Neighbors app is available for free on iOS, Android and FireOS devices. Residents can text 'JOIN TODAY' to 555888 from your smartphone to receive a link to download the Neighbors app.
- Opt-in to join your neighborhood.
- Customize the geographic area you want to receive notifications for (users must verify where they are located and cannot participate in other neighborhoods).
- Receive real-time alerts from your neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team that inform of crime and safety alerts as they happen.
- View local crime and safety posts via a live feed or interactive map.
- Share text updates, photos and videos taken on any device, including Ring's home security devices.
- Work with your community to make neighborhoods safer.

Kendall County Sheriff's Office Urges the Community to Be Alert of Farm Machinery

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the community to be alert for slow moving farm equipment on county roadways. Drivers should keep a safe distance in order to give better visibility to both the drivers and equipment operators. They should also allow adequate time and distance for the farm equipment to make wide turns safely. There are also potential roadside obstacles to worry about such as mailboxes, bridges, or road signs. These could cause the machinery to have to move toward the center of the roadway, instead of just keeping off to the

side. Be sure there is adequate distance for you to safely pass and be on the lookout for oncoming traffic.

The Sheriff's Office encourages farm equipment operators to check their equipment to ensure that slow moving vehicle emblems are properly positioned and that all equipment lighting is operational. Most farm equipment related accidents occur during hour's immediately preceding dusk and at dusk. We encourage farmers to have a second vehicle "tail" slow moving equipment whenever possible. Operators of farm equipment are entitled to use area roadways by law and other drivers must be prepared to accommodate that usage.

The Sheriff's Office recommends:

1. Looking ahead for slow moving vehicles.
2. Allow plenty of room by slowing down early.
3. Remember there can be young, inexperienced drivers behind these large pieces of equipment.
4. Do NOT attempt to overtake near curves, hills or other obstacles that can obstruct vision
5. Above all else BE PATIENT!

For the farming community, the Sheriff's Office recommends farmers to do the following:

1. Be aware of other drivers.
2. When possible, move over and let other vehicles around you.
3. Ensure the drivers have the experience necessary to navigate the road they will be traveling to and from the field.
4. Ensure all required lighting and emblems are affixed and functioning correctly.

*If an oversized farm vehicle comes your way from the opposite direction, make sure you can safely pass it and if not, pull over and wait for it to pass.

KCSO Activity from 10/01/2019 to 10/31/2019

186 Calls for Service

165 Traffic Stops

27 Civil Process Attempts

10-25-19 Burglary—0-99 block of Fernwood through open bedroom window, money was taken, victim did not want to provide any suspects

10-27-19 DUI accident- 2000 block of Plainfield road

11-09-19- residential burglary 2000 wolf road nothing further anymore

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Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Please PRINT and SIGN name below:

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2	Michele Stradal	Michele Stradal
3	DEBBIE ROBERTSON	Debbie Rogerson
4	Jim Wyman WSP4	
5	Todd Milliron	Todd Milliron
6	Bruce Staley	Bruce Staley
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