

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

June 9, 2020

APPROVED 7-14-20

The meeting of the Oswego Township was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Supervisor Brian LeClercq. The meeting was held at 99 Boulder Hill Pass, Montgomery, Illinois. During this time of Covid-19 the meeting had to allow for social distancing and the meeting was available to attend online through Zoom. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S flag was given by all in attendance.

Township officials in attendance in person were: Supervisor Brian LeClercq, Trustees: Michael Bidegain, Allyson Jacobsen, Diane Selmer and Bill Small. Clerk Ken Holmstrom and Assessor Brian Hauser were present in person. Also in person were Donna Stanley, Rob Delong, Todd Milliron, Deputy sheriff Kalius and Jim Wyman. Absent was Highway Commissioner Robert Rogerson.

Supervisor LeClercq called on the Sheriff to give his report because he had another commitment. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes.

Supervisor LeClercq opened up public comment session:

Todd Milliron spoke on the Highway Department employees Michelle Stradel and Commisisoner Rogerson. Discussed Stradel's job description changed three times. He was not happy with the performance by either Stradel or Rogerson. Milliron also questioned the invoice from the attorney from Ancil, Glink.

Supervisor LeClercq closed public comment since no one else wished to speak.

Supervisor LeClercq presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$	86,245.83
Permanent Road Fund	\$	18,209.03
Building & Equipment	\$	<u>27.53</u>
Total Road Fund	\$	104,482.39
General Town Fund	\$	52,031.49

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

Supervisor LeClercq asked for approval of the May 12, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Selmer to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Bidegain. Trustees

Bidegain, Jacobsen, Selmer, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted to approve the minutes of 5-12-2020 as reported. Motion carried.

Trustee Initiative:

Trustee Bidegain – No Report.

Trustee Jacobsen – No Report.

Trustee Selmer – No Report

Trustee Small – No Report

Senior report – Jacobsen reported that the Senior Center has been doing home delivered groceries - contact the senior center. She discussed a “Walk Around Oswego” that is being planned.

Highway Commissioner Rogerson’s report was summarized by Clerk Holmstrom in his absence. A copy of his Highway report is attached to and becomes part of these minutes.

Township Assessor’s report – His report is attached to these minutes. Tax bills went out in mid May.

Ordinance Officer Report – Copy of the report is attached to these minutes. He discussed the Covid 19 results for the month within the county.

Supervisor Report –

- On-line Audit Presentation will be scheduled in July.
- The Governor has authorized that the annual meeting can be held in July.
- Salary Discussion for next year will begin in August.

Old Business:

- Discussion and vote on holding the Annual Town Meeting in July. Trustee Small motioned to approve the meeting for July 21, 2020 at 6:30pm at a place to be determined. Selmer seconded. Trustees Bidegain, Jacobsen, Selmer, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted to hold the Annual Town meeting on July 21, 2020.
- Discussion and vote to adopt the EMS storm policy. Trustee Selmer asked who will get this information and is the Highway Department a part of this policy? Rob stated that he had talked to the Highway Commissioner about this and the Highway Department wants to be included. Trustee Bidegain motioned to approve, second by Trustee Small. Roll call vote: Trustee Bidegain, Jacobsen, Selmer, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted to approve the EMS storm policy.

- There was discussion on the ACH debit situation and the Board did not act to approve the ACH payment of bills.
- Discussion and vote on the daily website backup work order from Weblinx. Supervisor LeClercq thanked Trustee Bidegain for his work on this. Trustee Jacobsen motioned to approve, second by Trustee Small. All trustee's present voted to approve.

New Business:

- Discussion and possible vote on the legal bill from Ancil, Glink for work for the Highway Department. There was considerable discussion on this topic. Supervisor LeClercq asked if the Trustee's have questions to put those in writing to get clarification from the Township attorney. Trustee Small motioned to table the discussion until trustee's concerns can be answered. Trustee Jacobsen seconded. The Trustee's all agreed to table this discussion until the July meeting.

There was not a reason to go into Closed session.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Jacobsen, seconded by Trustee Bidegain. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk

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Kendall County Sheriff Statement Regarding Use of Force and Biased Based Policing

In light of the recent confrontations and tensions between the public and the police that have been widely visible; I wish to expand upon my previous comments condemning the actions taken, by Minneapolis Police officers which led to the death of George Floyd. I want to assure you my staff and I are committed to continually assessing and evaluating our practices, procedures, and policies to make certain all of our deputies are conducting themselves professionally and treating all persons we come in contact with respectfully and with dignity.

In accordance with Illinois Statute (625 ILCS 5/11-212) our traffic and pedestrian stop data is gathered and analyzed every year. This data is available to my command staff for review and is compiled into an internal report to evaluate if any one deputy or employee is conducting traffic enforcement and pedestrian stops in a disproportionate manner. This report is also compiled at the state level and Kendall County activities are able to be compared to all other agencies in the state (viewable here: <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/.../.../illinois-traffic-stop-study>). We have not identified any deputies that are disproportionately taking actions against any minority groups. I ask my command staff to monitor this data and take appropriate steps to correct any observed behaviors that go against our principles and values. In addition, supervisors conduct audits of deputy traffic stop videos to observe their interactions with motorists and ensure our equipment is functioning properly.

I am deeply committed to providing education and training for all our deputies to prevent and avoid an incident in Kendall County similar to that which took the life of George Floyd. As such the culture of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office is to be fair, unbiased, and to only use that force which is reasonable and necessary. We ensure this through our long-standing policies and practices including a review of each and every use of force incident that is beyond compliant handcuffing. Supervisors and command members review every application of force incident which Kendall County Deputies engage in to detect any early warning signs that a deputy may be prone to an excessive force application or in need of additional support. An annual report of force applications is completed every year to evaluate our performance and to ensure we are accountable to the people we serve. Any indication that a deputy has not conducted themselves in accordance with law, policy, and best practices is provided necessary training or education to prevent a recurrence. The Kendall County Sheriff's Office has a zero tolerance policy for any type of biased based actions or excessive force, if it is ever detected that a deputy has taken actions that are unlawful or excessive; disciplinary steps will be taken up to and including termination.

I have the utmost confidence in my staff based on their proven track record of professionalism towards all they serve. I know they will continue providing outstanding service to the public we are here to help and protect. The members of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office stand committed to equal and fair treatment for all citizens; Ready to Protect, Proud to Serve.

National Guard Deployed throughout Illinois and may be seen in Kendall County Area

The members of the Kendall County law enforcement community fully support and are here to protect the rights of freedom of speech and to peacefully assemble. We also fully support our communities' rights to

life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, however, we will not and cannot tolerate criminal acts within our communities.

There is currently no known threat to the Kendall County communities. However, due to the social unrest that has occurred in nearby communities and nationwide, the chief law enforcement officers of Kendall County are taking precautionary and proactive steps to assist with our preparedness in the protection of life, property, and the rights of all persons. The National Guard deployed resources across the state to expedite a response to any events that would need their assistance. If you see them traveling throughout the County they are becoming familiar with the area and it does not mean there is an issue. Please follow your local governmental social media sources for up to date credible information. We would like to thank Governor Pritzker for activating the Illinois National Guard and for the assistance that they will provide to our local law enforcement partners.

Sheriff Dwight Baird

Yesterday during the course of events that occurred in Aurora, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office deployed 24 of our Deputies to assist with the situation as it was occurring. I would like to say thank you to those men and women that rose to the occasion and unselfishly went to help in an extreme time of need. As the Sheriff, I could not be more proud of these Deputies and the courage that they showed during this very trying time.

Thank You!

Sheriff Dwight A. Baird

SCAM ALERT (again) .. isn't this getting old?

On May 29th, 2020, a Kendall County resident received a phone call from a "Captain of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office" and attempted to gain money from them through gift cards over the phone.

Remember, the Sheriff's Office, or any department for that matter, will never ask you to pay for outstanding fines or warrants over the phone or with pre-paid gift cards. We also don't have a Captain!

Here are some other tips to protect yourself from scammers:

- Fines cannot be paid directly to a deputy by wiring money or with prepaid credit or gift cards
- Never use gift cards to pay for anything outside of what it is intended for
- Never share the code on the back of a gift card
- Never provide or confirm personal or financial information to anyone who calls you
- Legitimate public officials won't call to threaten you with arrest for failing to pay a fine or court costs
- Hang up on scammers and others who try to trick you out of your money

KCSO Activity from 5/1/2020 to 5/31/2020

418 Calls for Service

59 Traffic Stops

15 Civil Process Attempts

Highway Commissioners Report 6/9/2020.

- On 5/26/2020 at approximately 4:45 pm, Rob DeLong received a call from a Sheriff Deputy about a sink hole at 224 Fernwood Rd. Rob took it upon himself to call and inform me of this issue as I did not receive a call from KenCom. Rob drove out on his own time and parked by the sink hole so no one would drive into it, until I could relieve him. The hole was approximately 1'x2'.
- Our crew repaired the sink hole the next day. They have also completed our May brush pick up with no issues. Also, working on many drainage and other work orders throughout the Township including one more sink hole at Fernwood and Rt. 25.
- On 6/1/2020 The Sheriff called me and asked if we could help with some barricades and trucks to help close roads or parking lots if needed, due to the possible protestors or rioters. We did haul some barricades out in case and luckily did not get any calls. Rob will have more to report on this.
- We have hired Linden & Son's (Attested by our Clerk Holmstrom) a sub- contractor to help us with a culvert replacement on Simons road near Plainfield road. We will close this road Thursday, for this work to be completed. This section of road is scheduled to be repaved this year.
- The sidewalk leveling or mud jacking has been completed along Winrock and Fallcreek Cir.
- Our Boulder Hill road work and concrete has been scheduled for Winrock and Fallcreek Cir. to start in July. Exact date TBD. The good news from our stand point is that the pools in Boulder Hill will be closed this summer as this was going to be a challenge for many.
- We have hired Deuchler Engineering to complete phase 1 in the Shore Heights area for our storm drain locates and GIS information to finally have a digital map for maintenance and service to the area.
- In the Board minutes from our last meeting, Supervisor LeClercq had asked the Highway Commissioner a question, "If the work out on the time that is due the Highway Department was considered future payment or charged to their current accrued time off? Yes, it was taken from their current/ earned or accrued time in January 2020 (last fiscal year 2019-2020) as stated in the audit report and on the documents from our last meeting. So, the Road District is whole or even at this time.
- We are in contact with another reputable time clock company Midwest Time Recorder from Naperville for an estimate as it was brought to our attention that would not require an ACH. We have been happy with PayChex other than the payment method. PayChex is out of Warrenville, and is close as well. PayChex is \$185.00 more per year. We know the software now and we are happy with the system and reports. They will accommodate us and go to a credit card payment so we can cancel the ACH. We will have to pay for the clock out right of \$2,400.00. Same price as other suggested company. We will need to add the service agreement of \$360.00 year. Which is \$35.00 more a year than the suggested company.
 - Midwest is approximately \$30.50 (3.39 per emp.) x 12 = \$366.00. Add their service plan \$366.00 + \$325.00 = \$691.00 a year.
 - Paychex is \$43.00 (flat fee 25 or less employees) x 12 = \$516.00. Add their service plan \$516.00 + \$360.00 = \$876.00 a year.
 - Difference = \$185.00 a year.
- I would like to stay with PayChex. As I said, we know the software now and they are great with customer service.
- Attached is an explanation of the Ancel & Glink legal bills for your information.

June Assessor's Report

The tax bills went out in mid-May. We usually anticipate many phone calls due to taxpayers getting their bills. So far, we've fielded approximately 70 taxpayers with questions about their tax bills and ultimately their assessments. It's a great opportunity for us to go over the assessment appeal process that usually starts a couple weeks into September. We still go over the bill and assessments with the taxpayer. We do find some mistakes that we can correct now, however most will be things to adjust with the 2020 assessment. My staff listens sympathetically and are very informative and invite them to call back in September so we can help them do their best to appeal their assessments with the Kendall County Board of Review.


Unfortunately, some of the things we wanted to get done over the past couple of months have been put on hold due to COVID-19. This week we've started measuring new construction properties to assess for the first time in 2020. I placed calls with all the local police departments to let them know we'll be out there measuring homes and taking photos just in case homeowners call to report us being on the properties. We usually would have started this back in March. I'm confident we will be able to get all the work we need to get done and on time.



ORDINANCE REPORT

June 2020

Weed violations have started off strong. As of now, I have received 95 complaints for high grass, and 6 other complaints that have been referred to Kendall County Planning Building and Zoning. Of the complaints, 24 have been validated and citations have been issued.



As for the covid-19 pandemic, we appear to have peaked and are working our way towards a recovery. The Governor has placed our region in phase 3 of the restore Illinois plan, with a target date of June 26 to move into phase 4, allowing business to open at some capacity. The state has a 92% recovery rate and a 1% mortality rate. On June 1, the state reported its best numbers since April, with a 4% infection rate. Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 128,415 cases, including 5,924 deaths statewide. County numbers are on a downward trend as well, with 5 straight days of single digit cases and no deaths reported since May 11. The Kendall County Health Department is reporting 874 cases, 552 in-recovery and deaths remain at 22. Kendall is reporting 63.7% cases in recovery, and 91% in home recovery opposed to being hospitalized, both numbers are improvements from my last report. Oswego Township has reported 125 cases to date.

We have set forth procedures to better prepare us at the Township for any type of emergency that may arise. We have established a new fire evacuation procedure, a tornado and severe weather procedure, and have implemented changes at the office for better security. We will be having our cameras and key card system installed soon. Our interior door will remain secure, and visitors will not be able to access the employee area until let in by a staff member. This was done for all security reasons.

One final thing. There has recently been some civil unrest in our surrounding area. At this time, there has been no known threat or potential of violence or disturbance in our area. On June 1, as precaution only, we provided barricades and had 2 trucks on standby in the event of protesting in the area.

