

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

July 14, 2020

Approved 8/11/2020

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 Highway Commissioner Bob Rogerson were present in person. Also in person were Donna Stanley, Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Deputy Sheriff Kalius and Jim Wyman. Seven residents attended in person. Rob Delong, Brian Hauser, Claude Ainsworth and Erica Blumberg from Mack & Associates attended via Zoom.

Supervisor LeClercq opened up public comment session:

Steve Yohannie discussed salaries for the Township elected officials and commented the Highway Commissioner and Supervisor were underpaid.

Todd Milliron spoke on the legal bill that was presented by the Highway Department. He did not feel the invoice should be paid by the Township.

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

Supervisor LeClercq presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$	9,454.30
Permanent Road Fund	\$	21,999.18
Building & Equipment	\$	<u>1,678.53</u>
Total Road Fund	\$	33,132.01
General Town Fund	\$	27,266.35

Supervisor LeClercq asked for a motion to approve. 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, Selmer, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted yes. Motion passed.

Supervisor LeClercq asked for approval of the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Selmer to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Jacobsen. Trustees Bidegain, Jacobsen, Selmer, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted to approve the minutes of 6-9-2020 as reported. Motion carried.

Trustee Initiative:

Trustee Bidegain – Discussed Contingency plan to enter the building.

Trustee Jacobsen – No Report.

Trustee Selmer – No Report

Trustee Small – Discussed forming a committee in the future to discuss building sales and use of money.

Deputy Sheriff Kailus report was given and a copy of same is attached to these minutes.

Senior report – Supervisor LeClercq gave a review of the history behind the senior center, on how it started and how they got to occupy the old Traugber building. He said that the school has notified the Senior Center that they will need this facility back due to the Covid 19. The Senior Center needs to be out of Traugber by July 31, 2020. Jacobsen reported that the Senior Center has approached the Township about leasing the facility at 84 Templeton units 104 and 105. Discussion took place on the benefits and disadvantages. Supervisor LeClercq discussed the particulars of the lease agreement. Trustee Jacobsen motioned to assist the funding of the Senior Center with \$3000 for Meals on Wheels, \$10,000 for Senior Services and \$12,000 for the Senior Center payable at \$3000 per quarter. Selmer seconded the motion. Clerk Holmstrom did a roll call vote with Trustees Bidegain, Jacobsen, Selmer, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voting in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Small motioned to enter into a lease agreement with the Senior Center pending review of the lease by legal. Seconded by Trustee Jacobsen. Trustee Bidegain, Jacobsen, Selmer, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted in favor. Motion carried.

Lynn Cullick spoke on behalf of the senior center and thanked the Board for their contribution and the rental agreement to the Senior Center.

Without Board objection, Supervisor LeClercq moved the audit presentation up on the agenda. Erica Blumberg of Mack and Associates reviewed the report and discussion followed. Trustee Jacobsen motioned to accept the audit report, second by Trustee Bidegain. Clerk Holmstrom did a roll call vote and Bidegain, Jacobsen, Selmer, Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted to accept the report.

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

Township Assessor's report – He reported the 2020 assessments will be in by the beginning of August.

Ordinance Officer Report – Ordinance officer DeLong reported that June was a slower month with only 8 violations. He discussed the Covid 19 results for the month within the county.

## Supervisor Report –

- He reminded the board that Elected Official's Salary review will be held over the next couple of months.
- He stated that the Annual Town meeting will be held on July 21, 2020 at 6:30 at the Highway Department garage located at 1150 State Rt. 25 in Oswego.

## Old Business:

- Discussion and vote to approve the Highway Department legal bill from Ancel, Glink. Discussion took place on the invoice and why the Road Commissioner felt necessary to hire his own attorney. The Road Commissioner declined to address his issues with the board. It was recommended by our legal counsel to pay the invoice. Trustee Small motioned to pay the invoice from Ancel, Glink. Second by Trustee Jacobsen. Roll call vote by Holmstrom; Trustee Bidegain voted no, Trustees Jacobsen, Selmer (under protest), Small and Supervisor LeClercq voted to approve the invoice for payment. Motion carried.
- Quarterly review of the closed session minutes were handed out by Clerk Holmstrom. The Trustee's reviewed the minutes. Trustee Small motioned to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020 and not release; and to not release previously approved minutes that were not released previously. Trustee Selmer seconded this motion. All Trustee's present voted to approve the motion.
- There was discussion on the Highway Commissioner's request to split the proceeds from the sale of the Route 71 property. Supervisor LeClercq discussed use of the funds since the sale of that property; the build out at 84 Templeton and the changes made to 99 Boulder Hill Pass. Donna Stanley reviewed the budget and what funds are needed to carry the Township through the end of this fiscal year. The auditors are telling the Township that they need to keep 3 to 6-month reserve in the budget for operating expenses. Supervisor LeClercq stated he is working on a grant with Mr. Batnick which could bring in \$350,000 to the Highway Department. He is also working on an interdepartmental agreement between the Township and Highway department. He is asking for time to see if these things can happen before a vote is taken. There was no action taken on this request at the meeting tonight.

## New Business:

- Discussion and vote on Ordinance 2020-06, an ordinance on adopting procedures for electronic attendance/Participation at meetings. Trustee

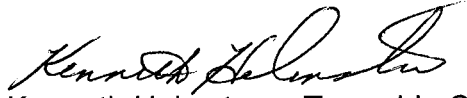
Jacobsen motioned to adopt Ordinance 2020-06, second by Trustee Bidegain. All Trustee's present voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor LeClercq told the Trustee's that Michelle Stradal is no longer an employee of the Highway Department and Donna Stanley will be helping the Highway Department and will help to train a new highway staff member. Donna Stanley will continue to report to the Township Supervisor. Trustee Selmer asked the Road Commissioner if he was in agreement, he stated yes, he is in agreement.

There was not a reason to go into Closed session.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Jacobsen. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth Holmstrom".

Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk