

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2022

APPROVED 2-8-22

The meeting of the Oswego Township was called to order at 6:30 P.M by Supervisor Joe West. The meeting was held at 99 Boulder Hill Pass, Montgomery, Illinois. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S flag was given by all in attendance.

Township officials in attendance in person were, Supervisor Joe West, Trustees Judy Bush and Donna Sawicki. Clerk Ken Holmstrom, Donna Stanley and Rob Delong. The County Deputy Sheriff was present. Assessor Hauser and Trustee Selmer were present on Zoom. Highway Commissioner Ainsworth and Trustee Jacobsen were absent. Attorney Mark Heinle was present in person.

Two Township residents attended in person.

Supervisor West mentioned that a quorum was present in person. The Township is allowed to hold a legal meeting and Trustees on zoom are allowed to vote because of government order by Governor Pritzker.

Supervisor West opened the public comment session. No one wished to speak, so Supervisor West closed the public session.

Supervisor West presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$	8,595.16
Permanent Road Fund	\$	92,581.40
Building & Equipment	\$	<u>40.26</u>
Total Road Fund	\$	101,216.82
General Town Fund	\$	6,424.55
Assessor	\$	626.62
Cemetery	\$	1,166.24
General Assistance	\$	19.18

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

Supervisor West asked for approval of the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Sawicki to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Bush. Roll call

by Clerk Holmstrom; Trustees Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted to approve the minutes of 12-14-2021 as reported. Trustee Jacobsen was absent. Motion carried.

Kendall County Sheriff report was presented. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

Trustee Initiative:

Trustee Bush – Reconciled bank statements for December 31, 2021.

Trustee Jacobsen – Absent

Trustee Sawicki – No report

Trustee Selmer – Reconciled bank statements through 11-30-2021

Clerk Holmstrom – No Report.

Highway Commissioner Ainsworth – Absent.

Assessor's report – Reported they are finalizing assessments. Said preliminary numbers looks like a 5.5% increase for 2022.

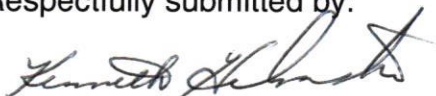
Ordinance Officer Report – Rob Delong discussed the rising Covid numbers in our county. He also said that an A.L.I.C.E. training is scheduled for Friday 1-14-2022 at 9:30.

Supervisor Report – Stated that the Highway Department has cleaned up the entries at the Township Cemeteries.

Old business: Supervisor West next opened discussion on Resolution 2021-12 for a Whistleblower Protection Policy. Attorney Heinle explained the purpose of the Whistleblower Protection Policy. The Trustee's discussed the policy. Supervisor West motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-12 – Whistleblower Protection Policy. Trustee Sawicki seconded this motion. Roll call vote by Clerk Holmstrom; Trustee Bush, Sawicki and Supervisor West voted to adopt the Resolution. Trustee Selmer voted no. Trustee Jacobsen was absent. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Sawicki motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Bush. Roll Call: Trustee's Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk

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The Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone that we have an app!

The app offers quick access to items of public interest and is easy to use. In just a few clicks, users can access features including, submitting a tip, accessing press releases, or an event calendar. The app also allows you to access information about registered sex offenders and their locations along with Kendall Counties' most wanted fugitives along with numerous other features.

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office app is available to download for free in the App Store and Google Play. Search "Kendall Sheriff IL" or click below to download the app.

<https://apps.myocv.com/share/a52860560>

Kendall County Sheriff's Office Launches New YouTube Channel

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office is excited to announce the release of our new YouTube channel. This YouTube channel will serve as a way for the Sheriff's Office to connect with the residents of Kendall County. This YouTube channel will provide a way for the Sheriff's Office to get information to the community and increase the transparency of the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office.

The YouTube channel offers quick and convenient access to items of public interest and is a great way to learn more about the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. The Channel will provide information about the operations and functions of the Sheriff's Office along with information about different programs and services available from the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Dwight Baird said, "It has always been a priority of the Sheriff's Office to cultivate a strong community partnership and establish a system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration. The launching of this YouTube channel will make it even easier for the public to access the Sheriff's Office and for us to highlight some of the important programs and services we can offer to the residents of Kendall County."

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office YouTube channel is available to view at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtYQYTxJ_WX1ReApPWaGGBQ and additional videos will be uploaded regularly, and don't forget to subscribe to our channel.

Commander Langston Graduates FBI Academy

Congratulations to Kendall County Sheriff's Office Operations Commander, Jason Langston, for his graduation from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on December 16th, 2021. Commander Langston was one of 128 law enforcement executives that completed the 280th session of the National Academy. This session of the National Academy included members from 41 states, 3 countries, 5 military organizations, and 7 federal civilian law enforcement organizations. The FBI National Academy is internationally known for its academic excellence and executive networking and training with other law enforcement professionals around the nation and the world. The course consisted of 11 weeks of advanced communications, leadership, current trends in law enforcement, and rigorous physical training.

The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy located on Marine Corps Base Quantico, the same location that new FBI agents and Intelligence Analysts are trained. Since the inception of the National

Academy in 1935, 52,923 graduates have completed the National Academy and currently, only about 1% of active duty law enforcement executives nationwide have attended the prestigious program.

To attend the National Academy, participants must have a proven record as a professional law enforcement executive within their respective agency, be nominated to attend by the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the organization, and undergo a thorough background investigation by the FBI.

Commander Langston has served the Kendall County Sheriff's Office since 2001 and currently oversees the Operations Division of the Sheriff's Office. He was nominated by Sheriff Dwight Baird to attend the program in 2019 and attended from October 2021 until December of 2021. Sheriff Baird is also an alumnus of the National Academy (Session 209). Sheriff Baird said "I recognize the needs for our office to ensure staff are trained and prepared to provide the best service to the county and this includes administrative staff." Sheriff Baird went on to say "The training that Commander Langston attended allows him to bring back ideas and opportunities from all over the United States to keep the Office up to date with trends in law enforcement and best practices."

Commander Langston said "I am extremely grateful to Sheriff Baird for his nomination to this program. I am also thankful to the other members of our command staff for their assistance while out of the office to allow me to attend this training. I must thank my family as well for their patience and understanding while I was gone for 11 weeks. I am excited to utilize the training, networking, and opportunities created to continue to improve our office and serve the community here in Kendall County to the best of my abilities."

Kendall County Sheriff's Office Investigates Report of School Violence Threat

On the evening of December 29th, 2021, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a juvenile student from Millbrook Jr. High School making comments via a social media messaging service about carrying out acts of violence against students and faculty on an undisclosed date at the Millbrook Jr. High School. Due to being off on winter break, there were no immediate risks to any students or staff at the time. As a result of the diligent investigation by Sheriff's Deputies, assistance from the Newark Community Unit School District, and cooperation from the family of the juvenile making the threats, the potential for violent acts by this student has been mitigated.

Deputies initially responded and met with the complainant. Deputies were able to view the messages and determined that the information contained in the messages was credible, they continued their investigation coordinating a response with the Newark Community Unit School District to respond to the situation. The investigation determined the juvenile did not appear to have immediate access to weapons and no additional steps were identified to have been taken towards carrying out any of the reported threats.

Upon students return to in-person classes there will be an increased law enforcement presence in and around Millbrook Jr. High School to ensure the ongoing safety of students and staff. The Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate this incident and is currently reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident for potential criminal violations.

"Threats of this nature can never be taken lightly." Commented Sheriff Dwight Baird. He continued to say "The bravery of this classmate to report the comments to law enforcement must be commended. Due to this report, a horrific tragedy was possibly averted. I strongly encourage any other students, family, or friends to report any type of messages or activity that could be a sign of school violence to your school or law enforcement." Sheriff Baird added, "The swift action by Deputies to identify and locate this troubled student and coordinate with the School shows the dedication we have to ensure our communities and schools are safe."

ORDINANCE/EMC REPORT

January 2022

We recently had 2 snow events, however neither reached the required 2-inch snowfall to enforce the ordinance. A second towing service has been added to assist Grants in the event we need additional support for violation removals.

As for the COVID numbers, they are surging once again and have more than tripled since our last meeting. Region 2 is currently at 20.7%, Kendall County is 30.0% and statewide is 18.0% positivity rate. The entire State remains in phase 5 of the reopen Illinois phases with the Governor's statewide indoor mask mandate still in effect. Kendall County is listed as High Risk for transmission, meaning the transmission of the COVID19 virus is averaging over 100 cases per 100,000 people in a 7-day period. Per Supervisor West, we will be requiring face covering to be worn during all meeting and will be checking temperatures as participants arrive for meetings.

Kendall County Coronavirus Update

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccine Administered* for Kendall County

Total Administered Vaccine Doses: 196,840

Population Fully Vaccinated: 81,571

Percent Population Fully Vaccinated: 63.77%

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Case Counts* in Kendall County

Total Cases in Residents: 22,860

Weekly New Cases: 1,041**

Positivity Rate*: 30.0%**

Total Cases of Residents In-Recovery: 18,783

Total Deaths: 127

*Counts are provisional as of 4:00 pm on 1.6.2022 and subject to change.

**Weekly count includes new cases from Friday of the prior week to Thursday of the current week.

***Positivity rate is a rolling 7-day average.

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Open Meetings Act – Freedom Of Information Act Electronic Training Update

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis issued a press release as a follow up to a number of inquiries about the status of the Open Meetings Act/Freedom of Information Act training provided by the Illinois Attorney General's Office. Pursuant to Illinois law, certain elected and appointed officials must complete OMA and/or FOIA training within a short time after taking office or being appointed and in certain cases on an annual basis. For some time, the Illinois Attorney General's website, which contained the on-line OMA/FOIA training, was inaccessible.

State's Attorney Weis is happy to report that the Illinois Attorney General's website for on-line OMA/FOIA training is back up and running again. Weis advised those elected and appointed officials to complete the required training as soon as practical. In the event an elected or appointed official has any questions as it pertains to the Open Meetings Act, they should consult with their governmental attorney, contact the Illinois Attorney General's Office PAC division, or contact the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office.