

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2022

Approved 3-8-22

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 and Highway Commissioner Claude Ainsworth, Donna Stanley and Rob Delong were present. Deputy Sheriff Casey Kailus attended in person. Trustee Jacobsen, Selmer and Assessor Hauser attended via zoom.

No township residents attended the meeting.

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	\$	22,951.25
Permanent Road Fund	\$	177,222.33
Building & Equipment	\$	<u>15,017.43</u>
Total Road Fund	\$	215,190.91
General Town Fund	\$	8,959.46
Assessor	\$	1,171.63
Cemetery	\$	1,105.30
General Assistance	\$	52.87

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

Supervisor West asked for approval of the January 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Bush to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Sawicki. Trustees Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted to approve the minutes of 1-11-2022 as reported. Jacobsen abstained. Motion carried.

Kendall County Sheriff report was given by Deputy Sheriff Casey Kailus. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

Trustee Initiative:

Trustee Bush – Reconciled bank statements for January and attended the A.L.I.C.E. Training.

Trustee Jacobsen – Gave an update on the Senior Center.

Trustee Sawicki – No report

Trustee Selmer – Reconciled Bank Statements for December.

Clerk Holmstrom – Reported that he attended the A.L.I.C.E. Training. He also reported that the Township checking accounts have been moved to Byline Bank. They offered no monthly service charge and offered a better interest rate.

Highway Commissioner Ainsworth – His report is attached to these minutes. He also stated that he bought a new truck and the cost came in under budget.

Assessor's report – He reported that he also attended the A.L.I.C.E. training. Then reported that he and his staff are getting ready for the 2022 Assessments.

Ordinance Officer Report – The Ordinance report is attached to these minutes. He reported that the Covid numbers in Kendal County have come down to 11.9%.

Supervisor Report – Reminded all new Board members that they need to complete their Open Meetings Act training.

He also thanked everyone that came to the A.L.I.C.E. training and thanked the Sheriff office for conducting it.

He reminded all officials of the upcoming Township training on March 15th, 2022 and if they want to attend, they need to tell Donna Stanley by Friday the 11th of February.

Old business: None

New business: Opened discussion and possible vote to transfer budget appropriations for the General Town Fund and the Cemetery Funds. Discussion followed and Trustee Sawicki motioned to approve. Second by Trustee Jacobsen. Clerk Holmstrom took the roll call; Trustee's Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted yes, motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Sawicki motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Jacobsen. Roll Call: Trustee's Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kenneth Holmstrom, by Donna Stanley
Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk *Deputy Clerk*

Oswego Township Meeting

02/08/2022

Aurora Man Charged With Drug-Induced Homicide

On July 27, 2021, Kendall County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 20 Block of Greenfield Road, Montgomery, Unincorporated Kendall County, for a report of a female who was not responsive. The female, identified as 24-year-old Taylor Neill, was declared deceased.

Kendall County Sheriff's Detectives began an investigation into the death, and on January 18, 2022, the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office charged Marcos Salas, a 34-year-old man from the 400 Block of N Union Street, Aurora, with 1 count of drug-induced homicide, a Class X felony.

Salas is presently incarcerated at the Kane County Corrections center on an unrelated matter and remains in custody.

The public is reminded that criminal defendants are presumed innocent until the government is able to prove its charges in court beyond a reasonable doubt.

Illinois Sheriffs' Association Announces Annual Scholarship Opportunity - DUE MARCH 15th, 2022

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association announces that it will be awarding over \$58,000 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2022-2023 academic year. The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books, and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois, full-time online learning is acceptable. Sheriff Dwight A. Baird, Kendall County, will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex, or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents
- Scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois
- Students must be enrolled as full-time students during the 2022-2023 school year (excluding summer session).

Applications are now available at your local Sheriff's Office or on the ISA website <https://www.ilsheriff.org/youth-2/> . Kendall County residents must complete the application; answer the essay question and return all documentation to the Kendall County Sheriff's Office located at 1102 Cornell Lane Yorkville, IL 60560 by March 15, 2022 (must be postmarked by this date). The directory of Sheriffs Offices is available on the ISA website. <https://www.ilsheriff.org/sheriffs-directory/>

For more information, please contact your local Sheriff's office, Illinois Sheriffs' Association, high school advising center, or college financial aid office.

Kendall County, IL (January 27, 2022, 9:30 AM) – UPDATED

On January 26th, 2022 the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office, following a thorough investigation by Kendall County Sheriff's Office detectives, authorized charges against Saul Muro Jr, a 26-year-old man from the 0-99 block of Scarsdale Rd in Montgomery. The charges stem from the fatal traffic crash that occurred on January 12, 2022, on Briarcliff Rd near Bereman Rd in the Boulder Hill neighborhood (previous news release attached below): Muro was contacted near the scene of the crash, several hours after the crash had occurred. He was taken into custody shortly after 11:00 PM on January 12th, 2022 on unrelated charges. Muro was transported to the Kendall County Jail and has been in the custody of the Sheriff's Office as a result of the unrelated charges since that time. Muro was identified as a potential person of interest and an investigation into his potential involvement in this incident was conducted by Sheriff's Office detectives. The facts and circumstances of this investigation were then presented to the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized.

Muro has been charged with one count each of Failure to Report an Accident Involving Death (class 1 felony), Failure to Report an Accident Involving Personal Injury (class 2 felony), Reckless Homicide (class 2 felony), Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death (class 4 felony), and Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding (class 4 felony). His bond has been set at \$250,000/10% and he remains in custody.

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office would again like to thank the Montgomery Police Department, Oswego Police Department, the Kendall County Criminal Intelligence Team, the Kendall County Major Crimes Task Force, the Illinois State Police, the Kane County Coroner's Office, the Oswego Fire Department, and the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office for their assistance and contributions to this investigation.

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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."

Kendall County Sheriff's Office Deputies Assist with Rescue of Two People from a House Fire.

On January 31st, 2022 at approximately 12:49 AM, Officers from the Montgomery Police Department and Oswego Fire Protection District responded to a reported structure fire in the 200 block of Williamsburg Ct. in Montgomery. Before the arrival of fire personnel, Montgomery PD Officers attempted to make entry at the front of the house but were unable to due to smoke and flames. Kendall County Sheriff's Deputies Giannotti and Mielke heard calls for help from the rear of the residence and rushed towards them.

They located two people calling out from the second-floor window and were able to aid them by catching them as they jumped to safety from the burning structure. Deputy Giannotti broke the fall of the first occupant and was able to call to the second person to then jump to safety. Deputy Markusic who had also rushed to the scene helped ensure the two occupants were safely away from the burning building and further assisted them to fire and rescue personnel for treatment. The deputies were later treated and released as a result of their exposure to the fire and smoke.

"Our deputies are always ready and willing to respond and assist in any public safety situation." Sheriff Baird said. He added "This is another great example of the selfless actions and great care for our community that the men and women of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office demonstrate daily. Deputies Giannotti, Mielke, and Markusic were able to

work together with one another as well as with local police and fire agencies to ensure a horrible tragedy did not occur. It is this strong bond with our community and the great partnerships with all of the area police and fire departments that produce these positive outcomes. We, as a community, are lucky to have all of the first responders who are willing to put themselves in harm's way to help others in their times of need.”

The Oswego Fire Protection District was able to extinguish the fire and provide the necessary medical treatment for those on the scene.

Mask Issues

Traffic complaints at the schools



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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird and Kendall County State's Attorney
Eric Weis Issue Joint Statement regarding the Recent Court
Decision Regarding School Mask Mandate**

Kendall County, IL (February 8, 2022, 3:00 PM)

Late Friday afternoon, Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Raylene Grischow issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) regarding the State of Illinois' face mask requirements in schools, student/staff exclusion rules for quarantine as "close contacts", and staff vaccination/testing requirements. Over the past few days, local school districts have made various decisions in response to this TRO.

This court ruling and the local school districts' response to it have prompted local parents to seek remedies through the Kendall County States Attorney's Office and the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. However, the TRO is a remedy issued by a court in civil court litigation. Kendall County is *not* a party in this civil litigation, and the Kendall County State's Attorney is not representing any of the parties named in these lawsuits.

The decisions being made by our local school districts and how they interpret the TRO for their respective school districts is not a criminal matter that would require enforcement by the Kendall County Sheriff and/or the Kendall County State's Attorney. The Kendall County Sheriff's Office will respond to service calls that are criminal in nature, but, at this time, the court has entered no order authorizing the Kendall County Sheriff's Office to proceed with any type of enforcement action regarding the TRO. Also, as indicated in our prior press releases, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office and the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office do not have authority to criminally enforce the State of Illinois' mask mandate.

If you have any further questions regarding your school district's policies, you should contact your local school district's administration, or, if you are in need of legal assistance, you have the right to seek legal representation.

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ORDINANCE/EMC REPORT

January 2022

We had a few snow events since the last meeting. Due to a vehicle malfunction, we got off to a slow start but we were able to rebound. We now have a solid backup plan in place to prevent this in the future. A total of 74 violations were written, 13 vehicles were scheduled to be removed but 9 were actually removed for one reason or another. To date, 518 violations have been issued.

As for the COVID numbers, they are surging once again and have more than tripled since our last meeting. Region 2 is currently at 9.1%, Kendall County is 11.9% and statewide is 7.2% positivity rate (current as of 2/8/2022). 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 Coronavirus Update

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

Total Administered Vaccine Doses: 210,270

Population Fully Vaccinated: 84,135 (65.77%)

Booster Doses Administered: 38,255

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

Total Cases in Residents: 29,304

Weekly New Cases: 607**

Positivity Rate*: 13.7%**

Total Deaths: 143

*Counts are provisional as of 3:00 pm on 2.3.2022 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

OSWEGO
TOWNSHIP
Road District

February 8th, 2022

Highway Commissioner's Report

- I. Existing Issues Fixed
 - A. Drainage Issues
 - 1. Aldon (2)
 - 2. Douglas
 - 3. Burkhart
 - 4. Delores
 - 5. Marnel
- II. 6514 Maintenance Service Road
 - A. Boulder Hill Non-MFT Resurfacing
 - 1. Original contract Price
 - a) *\$578,636.00*
 - 2. Actual Cost
 - a) *\$442,515.44 (Savings of \$136,120.56)*
 - B. Parking Lot
 - 1. Original Contract Price
 - a) *\$60,070.00*
 - 2. Actual Cost
 - a) *\$59,956.00 (Savings of \$114)*
- III. 6514 Maintenance Service Road Budget
 - A. Budget
 - 1. *\$1,315,000.00*
 - B. Actual To Date

1. \$1,112,877.00
 - a) *Savings of \$251,217*
 - b) *Includes new truck with cost of \$151,214.29*

IV. New Issues

A. Grant for Long Beach Road Concrete Sidewalk

1. Approved
 - a) *Tweaking for Bids*

B. Light on Route 34

1. In Process

C. Collins Road Ditch

D. Collins Road Repaving

E. Fox Metro Lawsuit

V. Possible New Building

A. Next to the Salt Shed

1. Removal of Existing Tarp Shed

VI. Sidewalk Replacement Program

A. Novotny Engineering

1. Creating Specs for Bids

Unrelated: Annexation of S.E. Corner of Harvey Rd. and Wolf's Crossing – Hudson Pointe and Emblem on February 15, 2022.

Despite: Received a handful of “thank you’s” for our work on the roads.

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