

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

March 8, 2022

APPROVED 4-12-22

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 Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki and Selmer. Clerk Holmstrom and Highway Commissioner Ainsworth, Assessor Hauser, Donna Stanley and Rob Delong were present. Deputy Sheriff Kailus attended in person as well as Attorney Heinle. Sixteen town 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.

Resident Pat Stiles spoke on a legal bill that was generated by a Trustee asking a question about eligibility to serve on the Township board if she ran for school Board. The attorney researched the questions and supplied an answer. He then billed the Township for his time. Trustee Selmer commented on why the attorney would let this bill be charged. Stiles commented that this charge should be paid by the Trustee and not the Township.

Todd Milliron was next to speak and he also questioned the invoice from the attorney's office. Milliron questioned the Supervisor as to why this charge was allowed to be on the invoice.

Attorney Heinle spoke on behalf of his office and explained that it is not uncommon to get these questions from Township personnel. In this case 3 Township personnel were planning on running for other offices and it was a valid question. Attorney Heinle stated he did not know the answer and took it back to his office for review. After research a response was given to the personnel in question. These questions are typically not invoiced due to client privilege. The invoice on this was in error and was removed from the total bill.

Stephen Youhanie discussed bill payment procedures.

No one else wished to speak so Supervisor West closed the public comments section of the meeting.

Supervisor West presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$	59,673.20
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Permanent Road Fund	\$ 491,006.55
Building & Equipment	\$ <u>-8.66*</u>
Total Road Fund	\$ 550,671.09
General Town Fund	\$ 22,062.10
Assessor	\$ 1,003.03
Cemetery	\$ 8,202.86
General Assistance	\$ -8.66*

- Due to credit back Bank fees on new accounts

Supervisor West made a motion to approve the bills. There was not a second, so the motion ended.

Supervisor West asked for approval of the February 08, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Bush to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Sawicki. Trustees Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted to approve the minutes of 2-8-2022 as reported. 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 February and discussed the Whistleblower policy implementation.

Trustee Jacobsen – She does not think that a Trustee should be the “go to” to be the Whistleblower. She next stated that she feels that Trustee’s Bush and Sawicki should resign over the attorney bill.

Trustee Sawicki – She apologized for asking the question of the attorney.

Trustee Selmer – discussed a resident that needed to close on a cemetery plot and the Board member that has authority to sign off on the deed was in Florida. The deed did get signed electronically through email.

Clerk Holmstrom – No report.

Highway Commissioner Ainsworth – Reported that the budget is in the board packet and if there are any questions to reach out to him.

Assessor’s report – He reported that he and his staff are working on the 2022 Assessments. He is looking at a 5.3% increase overall.

Ordinance Officer Report – The Ordinance report is attached to these minutes. He reported that the Covid numbers in Kendal County have come down to 3.6%.



Supervisor Report – He reported that in the Board packet is the IMRF Retirement Reserve Statement for the Regular Retirement Account and the Early Retirement Reserve Account.

He also reported that the Village of Oswego will no longer have the Township included in their Employee Health Insurance. The Township will be getting quotes for health insurance.

Supervisor West next commented on his disappointment in the Trustees for not working together.

Old business: None

New business: Opened discussion for a new Road Ordinance on Garbage Dumping Restrictions. Discussion followed and Trustee Bush motioned for this item to be placed on the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting in April. Trustee Sawicki seconded the motion. Clerk Holmstrom did a roll call vote with Trustee's Bush, Sawicki and Supervisor West voting yes. Trustee's Jacobsen and Selmer voted no. Motion carried.

Next discussion on a second new Road Ordinance adopting parking restrictions for recreational vehicles and trailers. After discussion, Trustee Bush motioned to approve this being on the agenda for the April Annual Town Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Sawicki. Roll call by Clerk Holmstrom: Trustee's Bush, Sawicki and Supervisor West voted yes. Trustee's Jacobsen and Selmer voted no. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote to approve the Annual Town Meeting agenda for April 12, 2022 and to set the meeting date for 2023 to be 4-11-2023. Trustee Jacobsen made the motion second by Supervisor West. Roll call by Clerk Holmstrom; Trustee's Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted yes. Agenda approved

Discussion and vote to approve the allocations for Senior Donations for the 2022/2023 Budget. Trustee Jacobsen motioned to postpone until the April meeting. Seconded by Trustee Selmer. Roll call vote: Trustee's Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote on the Tentative Township Budget Ordinance #2022-03. After discussion; Trustee Jacobsen motioned to approve the Tentative Township Budget as amended. Second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll call: Trustee's Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote on the Tentative Highway Budget Ordinance #2022-04. After discussion; Trustee Sawicki motioned to approve the Tentative Highway Budget as presented. Second by Trustee Selmer. Roll call: Trustee's Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Heinle discussed with the Trustee's that payment on Bills require a 30 day approval. Not having an approval, none of the bills can be paid. This will lead to late fees and possible action for violating the 30 day rule. Trustee Jacobsen motioned to reconsider action on Item #5 for payment of bills; second by Sawicki. Roll call vote:

Trustee's Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion on the approval of the bills with Trustee Jacobsen moving to approve, second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll call: Trustee's Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Selmer motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Jacobsen. Roll Call: Trustee's Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk