

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

November 8, 2022

APPROVED 12-13-2022

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, Highway Commissioner Ainsworth, Assessor Hauser, Donna Stanley and Rob Delong were present. Attorney Heinle was present. Deputy Briars was present. Supervisor West mentioned that a quorum was present in person. Four other residents were present.

Supervisor West asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes from 10-11-2022. Trustee Bush motioned to approve the minutes of 10-11-2022, second by Supervisor West. Roll call: Trustee Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West motioned to approve.

Kendall county Sheriff report is attached to these minutes. *(NO REPORT SUBMITTED)*

Supervisor West opened the public comment section:

Pam White from the Senior Center gave an update on the Oswego Senior Center.

Supervisor West closed the public comment section.

Trustee Report: Trustee Bush attended a lunch at the Senior Center. She announced she is going to Township training in Springfield. She next reported that she completed account reconciliations through 10-31-2022.

Trustee Jacobsen – Asked the Highway Commissioner a question on the statement he made last month on the weed killer that is being used. She then commented that the Highway Commissioner signs off on the approval of his bills; she asked if the Supervisor could do the same.

Trustee Sawicki – She stated that the Senior Center is looking for in-kind donations. She also stated that she will be attending the Training in Springfield.

Trustee Selmer - Thanked the attorney for being at the meeting. She asked the attorney about the Supervisor not signing off on the bills. She next asked the attorney to break down his invoices by department.

Clerk Report: Holmstrom reported that he was also attending the Township training in Springfield.

Highway Commissioners report: He reported that he intends to keep the levy as proposed.

Assessor's Report: He reported that his department had 40 residents contesting the new assessment.

Ordinance Officer Report: His report is attached to these minutes.

Supervisor's Report: He reported he attended a Senior Luncheon. He is also going to the upcoming training in Springfield.

Supervisor West presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$	20,089.90
Permanent Road Fund	\$	35,861.27
Building & Equipment	\$	<u>.00</u>
Total Road Fund	\$	55,951.17
General Town Fund	\$	6,033.82
Assessor	\$	155.05
Cemetery	\$	2,548.25
General Assistance	\$	750.00

Several questions were raised on the bills and discussed. Supervisor West motioned to approve the bills, second by Trustee Bush. Roll call: Trustee Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki and Supervisor West motioned to approve the bills. Trustee Selmer voted no. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion on Township Levy for 2022 payable in 2023. Supervisor West presented the Levy to be the same as last year with no increase. The levy will be \$1,104,388.00. Trustee Selmer asked if the levy could be reduced. Supervisor West stated he felt that the amount presented is the amount that he feels is necessary. Supervisor West motioned to accept the amount of the levy to be available to the public for review until the December meeting. Trustee Sawicki seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki and Supervisor West motioned to approve. Trustee Selmer voted no.

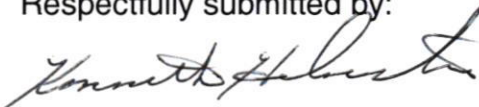
Discussion on Road District Levy for 2022 payable in 2023. Supervisor West presented the Levy to be the same as last year with no increase. The proposed levy will be \$2,605,044.00. Supervisor West asked for a motion to accept the proposed levy be available to the public for review and be placed on the agenda on the December meeting. Trustee Bush made the motion, second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll Call:

Trustee Bush, Sawicki and Supervisor West motioned to approve. Trustee Jacobsen and Selmer abstained.

Supervisor West opened discussion on a complaint filed against the Road District under the Whistleblower Act 740 ILCS 174/1, et seq., Section 4.0 of the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. The discussion was to approve a Special Council law firm of Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier & Mcgrath, LTD for administration, Investigation and handling of the complaint due to a conflict of interest of our current law firm. The Trustee's had a heavy discussion on this and no action was taken at this meeting.

Trustee Selmer motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Sawicki, All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk

ORDINANCE REPORT

November 2022

To date, I have received and investigated approximately 220 complaints. With the new ordinances in place and the grass and weed ordinance we are seeing about a 98% compliance rate. We did have our first successful court appearance in October with one more coming up this month. Our goal is still voluntary compliance. The following violations have been issued, 61 garbage and illegal dumping, 32 illegal parking of trailers, 7 being multiple offenders and 69 tall grass violations.

General Assistance is still receiving calls and referrals from other agencies. We are now running on the new visualGA software. This is enabling us to track all call, referrals, and inquiries. I have attached an activity report as well.

Any ordinance complaints, please call the office or email to ordinance@oswegotownship.org.

System Activity Report

[10/17/2022 - 11/4/2022] Report Date: 11/4/2022

General Assistance

Grants (New Clients) :	0	
Grants (Previous Clients) :	0	
In-Process :	1	
Denials :	0	
Sanctions :	0	
Terminations :	0	
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	1	\$0.00

General Assistance - Medical

Referrals :	0	
Disbursements :	0	
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	0	\$0.00

General Assistance - Work Program Assignments

Job Training :	0	
Workfare :	0	
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Emergency Assistance

Grants :	0	
In-Process :	0	
Denials :	0	
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	0	\$0.00

Additional Activity

Intake :	2	
Other Referral :	2	
Phone Call :	2	
Walk-In :	1	
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Grand Totals:	8	\$0.00
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