

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

December 13, 2022

APPROVED 1-10-23

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, Rob Delong and Bill Helgeson were present. Attorney Heinle was present. Deputy Briars was present. Supervisor West mentioned that a quorum was present in person. Twelve other residents were present.

Supervisor West asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes from 11-8-2022. Trustee Sawicki motioned to approve the minutes of 11-8-2022, second by Trustee Selmer. Roll call: Trustee Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West motioned to approve.

Kendall County Deputy Briars reported that vehicle thefts continue in some areas. Please keep your cars locked.

Trustee Report: Trustee Bush attended the board meeting at the Senior Center on 11-21-2022. She also attended the TOI conference in November and found it to be very informative. She reviewed the bank reconciliations through 11-30-2022 and she will be calling Bingo on 12-27-2022.

Trustee Jacobsen – She attended the Village Christmas Walk.

Trustee Sawicki – She stated that she also attended the TOI conference in November.

Trustee Selmer – Completed review of bank reconciliations through 11-30-2022. She asked about snow removal at the Township Building. Stated the Village is voting on an intergovernmental agreement.

Clerk Report: Holmstrom reported that he also attended the TOI training in Springfield in November. Stated a lot of good information came out of the conference.

Assessor's Report: He reported that his department had 40 residents contesting the new assessment. His office is waiting for the county review of the residents that contested their taxes. Stated we are looking at an 8.67 assessment increase for 2023.

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

Supervisor's Report: He reported he has been meeting over the last month with Donna Stanley and Rob Delong on the General Assistance Program. He stated he also attended the TOI conference in November.

Supervisor West presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$	24,830.69
Permanent Road Fund	\$	11,532.21
Building & Equipment	\$	<u>.00</u>
Total Road Fund	\$	36,362.90
General Town Fund	\$	7,777.34
Assessor	\$	5,424.65
Cemetery	\$	3,147.81
General Assistance	\$	680.95

Several questions were raised on the bills and discussed. Trustee Sawicki motioned to approve the bills, second by Trustee Bush. Roll call: Trustee Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West motioned to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Discussion and vote on Township Levy Ordinance 2022-11. Supervisor West presented the Levy to be the same percent as last year with no increase. 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. Discussion followed. Trustee Jacobsen motioned to accept the Township levy. Second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll call by Clerk Holmstrom: Trustee Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki and Supervisor West voted yes. Trustee Selmer voted no. Motion Carried.

Discussion on Road District Levy Ordinance 2022-12. Supervisor West presented the Levy to be the same percent as last year with no increase. Discussion followed. Trustee Jacobsen motioned to accept the Road District Levy, Second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll Call: Trustee Bush, Jacobsen Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted to approve. Motion passed.

New Business:

Discussion and vote to approve 2023 meeting dates. The meeting dates were presented and reviewed. Trustee Sawicki made the motion to approve the meeting dates. Seconded by Trustee Bush. Roll Call: Trustee Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote on proposed 2023 Township Holiday closures. Motion to approve the Holiday closures by Trustee Sawicki, seconded by Trustee Jacobsen. Roll call: Trustee Bush, Jacobsen, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor West opened the public comment section:

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

Rebecca Wintczak questioned the Zoning on having chickens in Boulder Hill.

Don Eberz also questioned the Chicken zoning ordinance and spoke in support of allowing chickens in Boulder Hill.

Attorney Heinle mentioned that the ordinance on having Chickens would need to be brought to the County.

Todd Milliron questioned the Highway Commissioner on the use of Novotny Engineering and the fact that the Highway Commissioner worked for that firm for 22 years. Milliron also brought up a insider whistle blower complaint.

There were no further comments, so Supervisor West closed the public comment section.

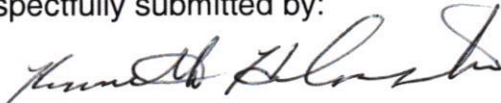
Highway Commissioners report: He reported that he attended the TOI conference in November. He discussed a session at that meeting that talked about integrity. He stated that he has integrity and that the challenges that he is given by residents who keep requesting FOIA are costing the tax payer money. He stated his office is open if anyone wants to come in and discuss or review his department documents.

Trustee Selmer motioned to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes. Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. All Trustee's voted to move to closed session. The Trustee's went into closed session.at 7:23PM.

At 7:30 the Township went back to open session.

Trustee Jacobsen motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Sawicki, All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Holmstrom", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk