

Minutes of the Oswego Township

REGULAR MEETING

May 9, 2023

APPROVED 6-13-23

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 were Supervisor West, Trustees Bush, Sawicki and Selmer, Clerk Ken Holmstrom, Highway Commissioner Ainsworth. Donna Stanley, Rob Delong and Bill Helgeson were present. Attorney Mark Heinle was present. Assessor Hauser and Allyson Jacobsen were excused from this meeting. Supervisor West stated that a quorum was present. Eight other residents were present.

Supervisor West asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes from 4-11-2023. Trustee Selmer motioned to approve the minutes of 4-11-2023, second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll call: Trustee Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West motioned to approve.

Kendall county Sheriff report was read by Rob Delong and is attached to these minutes.

Trustee Report:

Trustee Bush gave her report on Senior services. She attended several senior lunches. She and Supervisor West met with Michelle Bergeron and discussed a picnic lunch in Boulder Hill. Bush also reconciled bank statements through 4-30-2023.

Trustee Sawicki – She attended Wine on the Fox in Oswego. She helped with the committee meetings on the ordinance changes by the county with the residents having chickens on their property.

Trustee Selmer – She completed bank reconcilements through 4-30-2023. She attended the Triad meeting on 5-8-2023. She discussed a picnic planned for 6-26-2023. Talked about the grand opening of Dakota's Bar and Grill which has a relationship with the Meals on Wheels program.

Clerk Report: Volunteered for the Oswego "Wine on the Fox", The Dickson Muerst "Spring at the Farm" and attended the Montgomery and Oswego Chamber of Commerce annual dinners.

Assessor's Report: No report.

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

Highway Commissioner Report: He discussed a hailstorm that hit on April 14, 2023. Six vehicles had hail damage. He noted that the insurance check has been deposited into Misc. Income and he does not plan to repair the vehicles. He also informed the

Board that the Explorer has been transferred from the Highway Department to the Township. The Union Contract is in the final stages of approval.

Supervisor Report: He discussed the set up for the picnic for Boulder Hill that will take place at the Church of the Brethren. He stated he has been working With Bill Helgesen on the plans for the cemetery at Pfund Park. He also stated he has attended several senior lunches.

Supervisor West presented the following bills for approval:

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| General Road Fund    | \$ 68,043.69        |
| Permanent Road Fund  | \$ 11,262.89        |
| Building & Equipment | <u>\$ 34,920.64</u> |
| Total Road Fund      | \$ 114,227.22       |
| General Town Fund    | \$ 90,978.98        |
| Assessor             | \$ 1,110.87         |
| Cemetery             | \$ 4,906.43         |
| General Assistance   | \$ 1,387.51         |

Trustee Selmer motioned to approve the bills, second by Trustee Bush. Roll call: Trustee Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West motioned to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion and action to appoint Decennial Committee. Supervisor West nominated Virginia Lake to serve on this committee. Motion to approve by Trustee Bush, second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll Call vote, trustee Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West motioned to approve.

Supervisor West next nominated Bill Helgesen. Motion to accept by Trustee Selmer, second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll Call: Trustees Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West motioned to accept.

The Highway Commissioner nominated Jim Pignatello to serve on the committee. Trustee Bush motioned to accept, second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll call: Trustee's Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted to accept.

New Business:

Discussion and vote to approve Resolution 2023-05 to transfer funds in Assessor 23/24 budget line items. Trustee Selmer motioned to approve, second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll call: trustee Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West approved.

Possible vote on the Plan Commission Resolution on the keeping of Chickens. The Plan Commission met prior to this meeting. Lot size seemed to be the point of interest among the residents of the Township. The request by the plan commission was to



approve the ordinance with the removal of the lot size restrictions. Trustee Sawicki made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance with the removal of the lot size. Trustee Selmer second the motion. Roll call: Trustee Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West motioned to approve.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the Resignation of Trustee Jacobsen. Trustee Bush made the motion to accept, second by Trustee Sawicki. Roll call: Trustee Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted to accept the resignation. Supervisor West thanked Trustee Jacobsen for her service.

Supervisor West opened discussion on a conflict waiver for Ancel Glink regarding intergovernmental agreement with Township and Road District. The board agreed that the cost of both would be split between the Township and the Road District. Trustee Sawicki motioned to accept, second by trustee Bush. Roll Call: Trustee Bush, Sawicki and Supervisor West voted in favor. Trustee Selmer abstained.

The next new business was discussion and approval of the intergovernmental agreement between the Oswego Township Road District and Oswego Township for the provision of certain services in exchange for a vehicle transfer. After discussion, Trustee Sawicki motioned to accept the agreement, second by Trustee Bush. Roll call; Trustee Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West voted in favor.

Public Comment: Sydney Ebert Discussed the desire to have up to 12 hens. The Trustee's told Sydney that the ordinance has been approved to forward to the County. Any further changes would need to go before the County Plan commission and County Board.

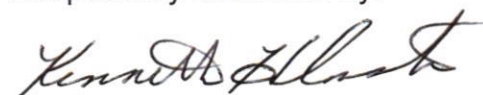
Rebecca Wintczak thanked the Township Trustee's for their consideration on the chicken ordinance.

Bill Helgesen gave a presentation on the Pearce Cemetery on the Reflection Gardens. He presented the Architects rendition of the finished Reflection Garden.

Supervisor West asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of selection of a person to fill a public office. Trustee Sawicki made the motion, second by Trustee Bush. Trustee Bush, Sawicki, Selmer and Supervisor West moved to close session at 8:45.

The Trustee's returned to open session at 8:59. Trustee Selmer motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Bush. Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kenneth Holmstrom, Township Clerk

## **Oswego Township Meeting 05/09/2023**

### **Wilmington Man Charged with Residential Burglary**

A male was taken into custody today following an investigation led by detectives with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. Forty-two-year-old Jeffrey Henderson is facing a residential burglary charge out of Kendall County.

On February 15, 2023, Kendall County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 0-100 Block of Sonora Drive in the Boulder Hill subdivision for a report of a residential burglary. The complainant reported several items missing from the home following a visit from a contractor who had been hired to perform a service at the home.

Kendall County Sheriff's Office Detectives began an investigation, and on March 28, 2023, the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office charged Henderson, of the 0-1000 Block of N. Washington St, Wilmington, IL, with one count of residential burglary, a class 1 felony. A warrant was issued, and the bond was set at \$30,000, with ten percent to apply. Henderson was taken into custody on the warrant earlier this morning in Will County and has since posted bond, pending his next court appearance.

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens to call Crime Stoppers at 630-553-5999 to report any information regarding a fugitive's whereabouts. Callers remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information leads to the apprehension of a fugitive. You may also visit the Kendall County Facebook "Fugitive Fridays" for the fugitive of the week.

**\*\*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.\*\***

### **Suspicious Noise Call**

This morning, at approximately 5:34 AM, the Sheriff's Office was called to the 0-99 block of Pueblo Rd for a report of a loud noise believed to possibly be gunshots. This prompted a large police response from the Sheriff's Office along with assistance from the Oswego and Montgomery Police Departments. Upon arriving in the area there was found to have been a large party going on. Further investigation yielded no evidence of shots being fired in the area, nor were any reports of shots being fired received from partygoers. While on scene, deputies were made aware of a battery that occurred involving individuals attending the party and is still currently being investigated. There is no known threat to public safety at this time.

### **Youth Academy**

Youth Academy Applications are OPEN!

[bit.ly/KCYouthAcademy](https://bit.ly/KCYouthAcademy)

We are seeking youth aged 14-18 interested in attending the Kendall County Sheriff's Office Youth Academy. The Youth Academy is designed for participants interested in learning more about the law enforcement field. Those who attend schools that honor community



service hours will also have the opportunity to earn service hours while attending the Youth Academy.

#### SUMMER PROGRAM DATE AND TIME

June 13th - August 10th, 2023 (Excluding the week of July 4th)

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week

9:00AM - 1:00PM

The KCSO Youth Academy is designed to introduce participants to the field of law enforcement and provide an opportunity for our younger generation to interact with police officers and be introduced to the law enforcement field. Participants attending the KCSO Youth Academy will attend lectures, role-play in mock scenarios, participate in physical training, become CPR certified, and give back to the community through service events. The KCSO Youth Academy includes structured activities designed to highlight the different areas of the law enforcement and criminal justice fields. In addition to law enforcement officers, participants will have the opportunity to meet and speak with:

Judges

Court Services Officers

KenCom 9-1-1 Dispatch Center Personnel

Bristol-Kendall Fire Department Personnel

Kendall County Health Department Personnel

Attorney's from the Kendall County State's Attorney's  
and more!

Questions? Contact our Youth Academy staff at [youthacademy@kendallcountyiil.gov](mailto:youthacademy@kendallcountyiil.gov)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE MAY 22nd!

## Open House Recruitment

Interested in a career with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office? We would like to invite you to a Recruitment Open House on May 30th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Interested applicants will have a chance to tour our facility, meet our staff, and learn more about our recruitment process.

Those interested in our patrol division - we are testing on June 3rd and June 8th. This open house is optional for that testing process. The testing date will include the POWER test and the written exam.

Patrol Application and testing sign-ups can be found here: [bit.ly/KCPatrolApp](https://bit.ly/KCPatrolApp)

Corrections Application will be posted soon!

Other Notables:

Cop on A roof Top-May 19th

Special Olympics Plane Pull

Youtube Videos

# ORDINANCE REPORT

May 2023

To date I have investigated 22 ordinance complaints, with another 17 complaints pending investigation. One complaint is in non-compliant status and I am looking into filing a complaint with the circuit court to obtain compliance.

Any ordinance complaints, please call the office or email to [ordinance@oswegotownship.org](mailto:ordinance@oswegotownship.org).

We are still receiving several calls for both general and emergency assistance and I recently processed a couple new applicants. We have already surpassed the number of applicants we processed all of last year. Donna has added a General Assistance tab to our website so residence and potential applicants can see in advance Township guidelines.

On April 18, 2023, I attended the Kendall County Hazardous Mitigation Planning meeting. At this meeting, local agencies were asked to identify and submit future projects for each entity to alleviate hazardous circumstances. After consulting with the Highway Commissioner and evaluation circumstances at the Administrative Offices, I have submitted 3 projects for each entity. These will be evaluated in July by the committee.

Dear Board Members,

This month's report consists of:

- 1) On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, there was a hail storm. There were 6 trucks that were damaged and as a result TOIRMA issued a check of just over \$15,400 for the damage. I've decided that the repair of the trucks wouldn't increase the net value of the trucks so the money goes into miscellaneous income. Also, I believe that there may be roof damage to the building, but we haven't heard back about that claim yet.
- 2) The union contract has tentatively been agreed to. We are waiting for final language to be written and then ratified by our union members.
- 3) Construction for the Sidewalk & Curb Maintenance Program is supposed to start in mid-June.
- 4) It is my desire that the board approve the transfer of ownership of the 2016 Explorer to the Road District by way of the IGA. In the past two years, the Road District has performed certain tasks for the Township without regard to any compensation for said services, i.e. Cemetery help, flag pole installation, carpentry work. It is my belief that the Township and Road District should work hand in hand to improve Oswego Township in any and all ways within our collective means and within our constitutional lawful rules and guidelines which includes the signing of the IGA that grants the transfer of the vehicle. The reasoning for the Explorer, which is an ex-patrol car, is a safety factor. We have notices that people tend to drive differently while pulling up on what is perceived as a patrol car. The crew has noticed this and feel that they are safer. The Explorer is going to primarily be used as the chase truck behind the mowing crew in the country.