

Minutes of the OSWEGO TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

October 10, 2017

The meeting of the Oswego Township was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Supervisor LeClercq. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was given by all in attendance.

Township officials in attendance were: Supervisor Brian LeClercq, Trustees: Allyson Jacobsen, Diane Selmer, Bill Small, Donna Stanley; Highway Commissioner Robert Rogerson and Deputy Clerk Taylor Sainz. Kendall County Deputy Sheriff David Lawson and 13 Oswego Township residents were in attendance. Township Assessor Maher was not present and excused from this meeting. The attendance sheet is attached to these minutes. Non-residents that were present are Beth Eyrich, Micki Miller, Jeff Thomson, and Bette Schoenholtz.

Supervisor LeClercq invited Beth Eyrich, underwriting supervisor from TOIRMA, to educate the public on what TOIRMA is and how they can help townships.

Next, Supervisor LeClercq opened the floor for public comments.

Jim Feeley reminded everyone present of the Masquerade Ball happening on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to promote fundraising for the Oswego Senior Center. It will be at Whitetail Ridge Golf Course.

Micki Miller represented the Senior Services Associates. She educated the public on statistics and their myriad of services for the seniors. Micki Miller spoke to Supervisor LeClercq's question about state funding. There was a rise of unfunded mandates. Micki Miller thanked Trustee Allyson Jacobsen on researching their role in the community and utilizing some of their services.

Sandy Pastore addressed the board about the good things our community does and how the community benefited from having a senior center. She gave us data reports on the rising number of Seniors coming into town. She too thanked Trustee Jacobsen about bringing the Oswego Senior Center to light. She stated it was up to the local community to support the senior center.

Supervisor LeClercq then closed the public comments, however allowed the reopening of public comments for Maria Helgeson. She asked about Pfund Park in regards to updates. Supervisor LeClercq replied that he has an update in his report. Maria also stated she has 105 signatures on her petition to save "Pfund Park".

Supervisor LeClercq stated there was not a Transfer of Appropriations for the meeting.

Supervisor LeClercq presented the following bills for approval:

From 9/1/17 – 9/31/17

Total Payroll General Town & Assessor Funds	\$92,115.28
Total Board Audit Report General Town & Assessor Funds	\$51,371.99
<b>Total General Town Fund</b>	<b>\$143,487.27</b>

From 9/13/17- 10/10/17

Total Payroll Highway Fund	\$46,862.13
Total Board Audit Report Highway Fund	\$350,768.55
<b>Total Highway Fund</b>	<b>\$398,630.68</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL GENERAL TOWN &amp; HIGHWAY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$542,117.95</b>

Motion to approve the bills made my Trustee Stanley, second by Trustee Small. A roll call was held by Deputy Clerk Sainz and all Trustees voted to approve the payment of bills.

Supervisor LeClercq then moved on to approve the Meeting Minutes from September. Trustee Jacobsen requested that changes be made to the second page. She would like a line of the second page to read," services of seniors update." Supervisor LeClercq entertained a motion to approve the September Minutes with the update given by Trustee Jacobsen. Motion to approve changes was made by Trustee Selmer, second by Trustee Jacobsen.

Trustee Jacobsen continued to remind the public of the Masquerade Ball fundraiser.

Deputy Sheriff Lawson reported on the activities within the Sherriff's Department including 81 traffic stops, 118 police reports, and 3 new hires. He also asked the public regarding a recent armed robbery to come forward with any info to help with the investigation.

Highway Commissioner Rogerson stated that he has secured a 3 year contract with The Garden Faire for our leaf dumping location, owned by the Zidlickey family. Last year we used Fox Ridge Stone with the price of \$5 per yard versus this year's price of \$3.75 per yard by The Garden Faire.

Road Update: Deconstruction has been completed on time and the new asphalt in Boulder Hill, which was approximately 7 lane miles of new asphalt, was done. The patching update was through Geneva Construction and they have completed their assigned road patching throughout the township on time.

Deputy Clerk Sainz and Commissioner Rogerson worked together to compose the new message for RoboCall to inform the residents that our leaf program is going to start the following week (Oct. 16-Nov 30) and to inform the township that the last day for brush pick up is the week of October 23rd.

Sidewalk Maintenance Program has started with the Kendall County Jail. Deputy Sheriff Herb Walton has brought a total of 5 guys for 2 days. The guys go around and keep busy by cleaning up sidewalks (i.e. trash and weeds) to help our subdivisions with the upkeep.

In addressing the rather large FOIA that was received, Commissioner Rogerson explained that he had to pull himself off of the paving in order to fulfil what the FOIA requested.

The state of Illinois and the Oswego Township are working together on new improvements beginning with Route 30 at Gasville and Treasure Drive. The proposed scope of work includes intersection improvements such as traffic signals and the disconnecting of the Harvey Road and Route 30 intersection. Harvey road will now end with a cul-de-sac. The total cost of this project

will be estimated at \$1,240,520.00, whereas Oswego Township will only be asked for 5% of the estimated total with \$11,903.00 as their portion of the project.

For the supervisor's report, Supervisor LeClercq reminded everyone that the TOI conference will be in November. In terms of a FOIA update, Supervisor LeClercq has been meeting with Trustee Selmer to assist in gathering what they believe to be the best policies that are already adopted by municipalities/townships and then once a template for these policies has been made it can be officially adopted. Supervisor LeClercq stated that we'd be looking at the preponderance of said FOIA requests so that we could already have certain higher demand data on the website to alleviate the amount of FOIAs coming in. Trustee Selmer added that the new FOIA log the township uses now states how many hours were spent working on a particular FOIA and by whom.

Supervisor LeClercq reported that the Assessor's office does not have a report for today.

Supervisor LeClercq clarified that with the introduction of new topics at the meetings that he would prefer to have someone come in and educate the public directly depending on what changes the township is looking into adopting. An example of this is Beth Eyrich from TOIRMA coming in.

In regards to the cemetery, Supervisor LeClercq collected any and all comments and concerns from the public and then researched the topics they want addressed so that he could have all the information at hand. Topics mentioned included issues about illegal processes and illegal dumping. In the approval process, a township board and a park district board were included in this matter along with two different law firms. One of the law firms was the ethics law firm for the Village of Oswego. Upon communicating with said firms, both felt that nothing was done illegally. Ancel Glink and Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper were mentioned, per public record, being the two law firms involved. Superintendent Ramey at the cemetery can also answer questions and can speak to the photographic evidence of alleged illegal dumping that was reported at Pfund Park. In addition, the authority the township had was that we adopted this land as an addition for the cemetery property and now it falls under the purview of the cemetery board and it's for them to speak to that.

Trustee Small had a meeting with a park district and learned about the park district's parameters on parks. He learned that the property, as it exists today, that the Walgreens owns property across the river bridge all the way to the edge of the cemetery. So the outlying shows us that the easement is on the Walgreen's property and not the township property.

Supervisor LeClercq spoke to the Assessor in regards to property value going down and it was stated that no property values have gone down because of the cemetery. In addition, the topic of Pfund Park was adopted in a meeting from August 2015.

Trustee Selmer was given a binder from former trustee Sid Simmons. The August 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 Meeting Agenda for the township to approve cemetery ordinance 15-1 cemetery land from Oswego park district. A list of those in attendance was then recited by Trustee Selmer. Researching further, in the August 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 Regular Meeting minutes it was noted that Supervisor Detzler did "inform the Board that the Oswego Park District has agreed to give the Township the Pfund Land which joins the Pearce Cemetery to the South. The Oswego Cemetery on Main Street is full and the Pearce Cemetery is filling rather rapidly, so the Cemetery Board needs additional land for future grave sites." Thereafter there are two resolutions, one prepared by the Oswegoland Park District and the land is referred to "Pfund Property". The second, transpired legally by Ottosen Britz, had the full legal description. They

use the address of 106 Pfund Court. Trustee Selmer reiterated that it was an open meeting and that there were no objections from the board of when the meeting took place. Trustee Selmer added that the fence wasn't properly installed and that we were attempting to rectify that.

Supervisor LeClercq discussed the old chain-link fencing that needs to go to the scrapyard. Superintendent Ramey is waiting for more items from another cemetery to take with him. Ramey said the items might not be of value and that chances of getting anything back are low due to the very poor quality the items are in.

For old business, Supervisor LeClercq had a discussion on the disbursement of the Senior Center and Senior Services fund. Trustee Jacobsen made a motion to have a reserve set aside of \$4,600.00 in case of any needs we might have from now until the end of our fiscal year. She proposed that Oswego's Senior Center be funded with \$11,000.00 this fiscal year which is a 10% increase from last year. Senior services be funded with \$5,000.00 this fiscal year and Meals on Wheels be funded with \$2,400.00 this fiscal year. Trustee Selmer second that motion.

Sandy Pastore said that the Senior Center's last fiscal year served 1,580 unduplicated seniors for 29,330 interactions (i.e. classes, programs, counseling). She stated their budget is less than \$300,000 and they receive nothing from the state. Congregate meal money, which is federal, totals \$49,000.00 and an additional \$77,000.00 for "cheese money". Also, a little over \$19,000.00 from their federal funds goes towards the education and health screenings.

New business involved discussing the topic of legal fees and the Weed Commissioner. It was agreed that the largest contributor to legal fees are the FOIAs. Supervisor LeClercq asked the Board on what the status of having a lawyer present at meetings would be moving forward. It was agreed by the Board to not have a lawyer until specifically requested to be present at the meetings.

#### Trustee Initiatives:

Trustee Jacobsen is thankful for having a more efficient and highly improved email.

Trustee Selmer is announced that the website is making great progress.

Trustee Small had a meeting with Rich Selkie on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. He addressed the Park District isn't seeking smaller park locations, they are now interested in properties with 5+ acres. If the Pfund Land is to be returned to the Park District, it wouldn't be utilized for anything. Minimum interaction would be mowing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Jacobsen, second by Trustee Stanley. All Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Taylor Sainz, Deputy Town Clerk