

Minutes of the OSWEGO TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2017

The meeting of the Oswego Township was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Supervisor Brian 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 Clerk Ken Holmstrom. Kendall County Deputy Sheriff David Lawson and Attorney Shawn Flaherty and 13 Oswego Township residents were also in attendance. Township Assessor Maher was not present and excused from this meeting. The attendance sheet is attached to these minutes. Non-Township residents Jim Wyman (WSPY) and Todd Milliron were also present.

Supervisor LeClercq opened the meeting with public comments.

Frank Carney brought up his concerns about the Pfund Park and the fact that the Variance for the fence did not pass at the Oswego Village Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on Thursday September 7, 2017. He inquired as to what the next steps would be. Supervisor LeClercq said he would address this in his report.

Sandy Pastore addressed the Board regarding the donation the Township provides to the Senior Center in the past years. She gave reports on the financial status of the Senior Center and activities that are being provided for the Seniors at the center.

Todd Milliron discussed that he also attended the Oswego Village Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on Thursday September 7, 2017. Mr. Milliron had concerns about a comment made by the Oswegoland Park District Official that the Pfund Park issue started at the request of Mr. Detzler approaching the Park District. Mr. Milliron has no recollection of that being brought up at any of the Township Board meetings in the last two plus years. Mr. Milliron discussed an easement that is placed on that property and advised the Township that they should review that easement.

Supervisor LeClercq stated that there is no Transfer of Appropriations for this meeting.

Supervisor LeClercq presented the following bills for approval:

General Road Fund	\$43,681.78
Permanent Road Fund	\$91,260.47
Building and Equipment	\$ <u> </u> .00
Total Road Fund	\$134,942.25
General Fund	\$ 72,800.40

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

Trustee Selmer had noted a couple of spelling errors and a typo in the minutes of August 8, 2017. Trustee Selmer motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all Trustees present voted to approve the minutes.

Deputy Sheriff Lawson reported on the activities of the Sherriff's Department within the Township. He reported on the arrest of the suspect in the June 25, 2017 shooting in Boulder Hill. The arrest was made on August 21, 2017. He also reported that the next meeting in Boulder Hill would be on Wednesday September 13, 2017.

Trustee Jacobsen gave us an update to the services to seniors. She reported on the services of the Senior Center and the number of seniors that are served by that organization. She discussed Meals on Wheels and the proposed funding of that service. Trustee Jacobsen told the Board that the proposed funding will be presented at the Township meeting scheduled for October 10, 2017 to be voted on for approval. The Senior Center is also having a Masquerade Ball on Friday November 3, 2017. This will be held at Whitetail Ridge Golf Course.

Highway Commissioner Rogerson gave the Highway Commissioner report. He told the Board that the Highway Department has joined the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aide Network. This is to develop a network of intergovernmental cooperation to provide mutual aide in the event of a natural disaster.

Highway Commissioner Rogerson reported that the concrete cutting on the sidewalks in Fernwood Gardens has been completed. The Highway Department has started the ADA ramps in Boulder Hill. They will do as many in house as possible.

The Highway Department will be seeking bids on an old roller, trailer and a portable AC unit. They want to sell these items.

Pessina is working on the tree removal and trimming in Boulder Hill. Highway Commissioner will be bringing that request back to the Trustees.

Geneva Construction was awarded the road patching bid and they have until October 31, 2017 to complete the work.

Snow removal bid for snow removal was awarded to the Langton Group out of Woodstock. The Langton Group has a crew 20 minutes away.

Supervisor LeClercq reported that the Assessor's office has no report for today.

Supervisor LeClercq gave the supervisor's report; he reported that a Wellness screening is taking place on October 18, 2017. This will be held in the Public Works conference room. This will help keep our insurance costs down.

Supervisor LeClercq reported that there will be Township training in November in Springfield. Should any trustees be interested, contact Brian.

Supervisor LeClercq discussed the employee policy. It appears that there are two policies, one for the Township office and one for the Highway Commission. He will be working to have one policy that will be in place for the entire Township.

Supervisor LeClercq discussed the variance on the fence at the cemetery. It is his understanding that a variance is needed in the event that the request is outside the normal policy of the Village. If the variance is not approved; then the issue would have to be brought back into the village policy guidelines. In the case of the fence in question, that would mean that the fence at the front of the property would need to be replaced with a 3 foot fence instead of the 4 foot fence.

He discussed selling the property on Route 71. This property needs to be rezoned. The current zoning is R-1 and should be zoned B-3. He is in the process of obtaining that rezoning. He feels it will be more attractive to a potential buyer if the rezoning is complete prior to a sale.

Nothing to report under old business.

Trustee Initiatives:

Trustee Selmer asked if each time a FOIA request is received that each Trustee is notified when a request is submitted. She also discussed more enhancements to the website that she and Trustee Stanley are working on. Jim Miller has also been involved in the discussion on the changes. Trustee Selmer reported that the upgrade to the email system is to be completed on Wednesday September 13, 2017.

Trustee Small asked about insurance coverage on emails if the Township is hacked. Brian responded that he will get back to Trustee Small with this answer. Trustee Small discussed The Village of Oswego quarterly newsletter that highlighted the Township Cemetery. Commented it was a very good article that everyone should read.

Trustee Jacobsen thanked the Highway Commissioner on the sidewalk work done in Boulder Hill. She then asked about email's and what is required if there is no room for more emails. The attorney responded that all public emails are to be retained and archived.

Trustee Stanley thanked Jim Miller for his help with the new email system and the website.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Selmer, second by Trustee Stanley. All Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:21PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kenneth Holmstrom, Town Clerk