

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS
December 10, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

President Troy Parlier called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Physically Present: President Troy Parlier and Trustees James Marter, Terry Olson, Pam Parr, Judy Sollinger and Brian Thomas.

Absent: Trustee Luis Perez.

Staff Present: Dan Di Santo, Village Administrator; Christina Burns, AVA/HR Director; Tina Touchette, Village Clerk; Jeff Burgner, Police Chief; Jennifer Hughes, Public Works Director; Rod Zenner, Community Development Director; Jenette Sturges, Community Engagement Coordinator, Marketing; Joe Renzetti, IT/GIS Manager; Jay Hoover, Building & Zoning Manager; Carri Parker, Purchasing Manager; Susan Quasney, Project Engineer; Steve Raasch, Facilities Manager; and Karl Ottosen, Village Attorney.

CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON-ANY REQUESTS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETING

There was no one requested to electronically participate.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum was opened at 6:04 p.m.

Jack Nevin, owner of the 7-Eleven on Douglas Road, addressed the Board regarding the request for a pour license to allow him to have video gaming machines in his store. He is struggling and could use the extra money; his location does not have a gas station; he is an active participant in the community; loves Oswego; requested a change to the ordinance to allow him to have video gaming at his convenience store; not sure the reasoning for not including him.

Margaret Westlove, a video gaming distributor, addressed the Board regarding why the Board does not allow convenience stores to have video gaming; an on-premise pour license needs to be obtained in order to have gaming.

There was no one else who requested to speak; the Public Forum was closed at 6:09 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

E.1. Waubensee Community College Presentation

Dr. Jamal Scott, VP of Strategic Development, addressed the Board regarding Waubensee Community College's (WCC) strategic plan and briefly provided his background.

Facts and Figures

- District 516
 - Encompasses 624 square miles
 - Includes southern Kane County, portions of Kendall, DeKalb, LaSalle and Will Counties
 - Serves 22 municipalities, 12 public school districts and 13 public high schools
- 14,252 students enrolled
 - 18% full-time

- 82% part-time
- 44% male students
- 56% female students
- Four campuses
 - Sugar Grove
 - Downtown Aurora
 - Fox Valley, by Rush Copley
 - Plano
 - ✓ Closing down next week and re-opening in August 2020
 - ✓ Campus will be dedicated to innovation and technology
 - ✓ A grand re-opening will be scheduled

Organization Structure

- Strategic Development
- Student Development
- Education Affairs
- Finance and Operations

A Community Needs Assessment was conducted in 2018; receiving feedback from more than 1,500 people in the community. Focus groups were conducted with the students and held listening sessions with employers.

- Top of mind awareness
- Brand recognition not as strong
- More marketing and advertising were needed
- Employer partnerships 60/40 split

Strategic Statement

“To be the top choice for learning in our community”

Foundational Pillars

- Student Equity and Success
- Community Connections
 - Community education strategy- hard to compete with park districts: focusing more on careers
- Employee and Organizational Excellence

High School Enrollments

- W. Aurora- 25%
- E. Aurora- 19%
- Batavia- 15%
- Geneva- 19%
- Kaneland- 27%
- Oswego- 21%
- Oswego East- 19%
- Yorkville- 22%

Title V Grant

Provides grants to increase retention and completion of Hispanic and high-needs students through improved educational offerings, services and initiatives. In order to qualify for the program, at least 25% of the student population must be Hispanic. WCC partnered with Civitas which specializes in predictive analytics modeling that assists with student retention.

Dunham Fund Quick Path Program

One-year associates degree program: limited to ten (10) students.

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Pathways & G2R (guaranteed to run)

Courses will not be canceled for any reason even if there are only one or two students enrolled in the course. Currently 39 pathways.

Board, staff and WCC discussion focused on doing a lot of work with dual credits; possibility of expanding for training in Oswego; looking forward to working with Oswego; whether WCC would ever build a campus in Oswego; not a campus, but possibly a center concept; disheartening that the Plano campus is getting re-worked; getting tired of waiting for WCC; need detailed discussion on a location in Oswego; Board members would like to be part of the discussion; cost effective building needs to be part of the model. Village President thanked Dr. Scott for presenting.

OLD BUSINESS

F.1. Continuing Discussion Regarding Pedestrian Crossings on Washington Street

Director Hughes addressed the Board regarding the continued discussions regarding the pedestrian crossings on Washington Street. An open house is scheduled for tomorrow night from 4:30 pm-7:00 pm at Village Hall to obtain feedback. Staff will select the options and bring back to the Board. This is the third step of the four-step process:

- 1) Collect data
- 2) Define purpose and establish needs
- 3) Meet with residents, businesses and IDOT
- 4) Present short- and long-term options

Potential improvements are categorized as short-term or long-term alternatives based upon the ease of implementing and whether the traffic meets the pre-conditions, or warrants, for installation.

Short-term alternatives (6 months-1 year):

1. Re-striping (minimal cost)
2. Improve crosswalk
3. Add signage and enforce speed (on-going)
4. Speed limit radar signs (new)
5. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at Main St. (relocate existing beacons to overhead; currently, vehicles in the middle lanes may not be able to see pedestrians)
6. Remove split phasing at US 34 & IL 31 (minimal cost)
7. Optimize traffic signal timings through corridor (minimal cost)
8. Multi-way stop control (dismissed as this creates other hazards and too much of a delay)

Long-term alternatives:

1. Traffic signals (carry forward); signal at Main St. will take time and will need warrants to be met
2. Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (HAWK) (dismissed by IDOT)
3. Pedestrian signal
4. Roundabout (will not fit)
5. Road diet (dismissed due to impacts on traffic flow)
6. Bump-outs (dismissed due to impacts on traffic flow)
7. Improve street lighting on Washington St. and lighting the sidewalks (carry forward)
8. Streetscape pedestrian crossing treatments (dismissed due to maintenance concerns)
9. Pedestrian overpass/underpass (dismissed due to cost, feasibility and giving up access to turning on Main St.)
10. Re-route US Route 34 to Orchard Rd (dismissed as this does not solve the problem and the Village would need to take over maintenance of the bridge)
11. Speed tables (IDOT does not permit these on US routes)

Board and staff discussion focused on a traffic signal is one of the better options, but not ideal; ways to address back-ups and possible rear end collisions; lighting might help; over the road beacon signs; received suggestions from business owners; businesses prefer lighting and reflectors versus a traffic signal; businesses more concerned

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about speed and enforcement; no perfect solution; work on visibility; keep options open; IDOT agreed to a traffic light at Harrison Street; new downtown developments and traffic projections were taken into consideration; looked at each intersection and then at each corridor as a whole; some complications with the railroad crossing, but it looks feasible; better lighting needed; overhead just at Main St.; overhead will be LED; similar to a strobe light; whether there are Federal grants available; IDOT will not allow boulevards; not done with funding; traffic signals cost \$300,000 each. There was no further discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Tina Touchette
Village Clerk