# MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL 100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS July 14, 2020

Pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, which went into effect on June 12, 2020, allows public bodies to conduct remote meetings under certain conditions. The Village of Oswego has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent and therefore the Village Board will meet electronically with the appropriate meeting information for public participation and attendance provided. Instructions on public access to this meeting are available through the link within the agenda.

# **CALL TO ORDER**

President Troy Parlier called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

# **ROLL CALL**

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

Board Members Attended Electronically: Trustee Luis Perez.

Staff Physically Present: Dan Di Santo, Village Administrator; Christina Burns, Asst. Village Administrator/HR Director; Tina Touchette, Village Clerk; Jeff Burgner, Police Chief; Jenette Sturges, Community Engagement Coordinator, Marketing; Joe Renzetti, IT/GIS Director; Mark Horton, Finance Director; and Rod Zenner, Community Development Director.

Staff Attended Electronically: Jennifer Hughes, Public Works Director; Corinna Cole, Economic Development Director; Carri Parker, Purchasing Manager; Susan Quasney, Project Engineer; Ryan Morton, Village Attorney; and Karl Ottosen, Village Attorney.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Public Forum was opened at 6:03 p.m. All comments received via email will be read during the Public Forum section at the Village Board meeting. There was no one who requested to speak; the Public Forum was closed at 6:03 p.m.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

F.1 Provide Direction on the Design of the Entertainment Venue

Administrator Di Santo presented design and site plan information for Village Board direction. The Village held a public open house on July 1, 2020 to present the design options publicly and ask for public input. Input was received from comment cards completed during the event and/or members of the public could complete the comment card online. A total of 145 comments were received: 95% of respondents self-report being from Oswego. A summary of the comments was provided to the Board. During the June 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, Village Board members favored designs 1, 2 and 5. Designs 1 and 2 were very similar, so Williams Architects narrowed the options down to a new Option 1 (combination of original designs 1 and 2) and a new Option 2 (previous option 5).

### Option 1

More traditional and received overwhelming support from the open house survey (84.1%). This option also has a smaller roof/stage covering (30' x 40 x 27') and an open back area.



 $\underline{\text{Option 2}}$  More forward-looking design that received little public support (15.9%). This option has a larger roof/stage covering (60' x 40' x 40') and a completely enclosed back area.



Board feedback: option 1; no preference; good with either choice.

Board and staff discussion focused on Planning & Zoning Commission liked option 1; whether option 1 would accommodate a larger group; temporary extension for covering; pricing for restrooms; might be harder to get a bigger act without restrooms; whether the Village could get additional funding through donations/grants; expanding footprint as an additional option; bathrooms are important; bathrooms were left out because of the cost; what the target number is for cost of bathrooms; using trailers with bathrooms; work with a local company as a temporary fix; needing list of different options and the cost; preparing for fundraising strategies; staff to relay the information to the architect.

# Site Design

During the previous Committee of the Whole, the Village Board also discussed the configuration of the entrance plaza and support building. The public was asked which option they preferred:

- Maintaining the entrance plaza to the south, or
- Switching places with the support building and moving it to the north

Most respondents were neutral on this (51.2%), with the current south configuration (29.5%) edging out switching them (19.4%).



Board and staff discussion focused on Planning & Zoning Commission had no feedback on the site plan; flipping for smaller events because of parking; will be in the smaller lot versus the larger lot; keeping the site plan the way it is; better serves large events; Chief has no issue with pedestrian traffic; pedestrians would have a safe passage. There was no further discussion.

Grant Status Update- staff will know by the August 4, 2020 Board meeting on whether the Village received the fast track grant and whether to move forward with construction.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

<u>CLOSED SESSION</u>
There was no Closed Session held.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Tina Touchette Village Clerk