

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL  
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS  
June 19, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Gail E. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Physically Present: President Gail Johnson and Trustees Ryan Kauffman (attended at 6:22 p.m.), Karin McCarthy-Lange, Pam Parr, Luis Perez, Judy Sollinger and Joe West.

Staff Present: Dan Di Santo, Village Administrator; Christina Burns, AVA/HR Director; Tina Touchette, Village Clerk; Jeff Burgner, Police Chief; Mark Horton, Finance Director; Rod Zenner, Community Development Director; Corinna Cole, Economic Development Director; Jenette Sturges, Community Engagement Coordinator- Marketing Julie Hoffman; Community Engagement- Special Events; and David Silverman, Village Attorney.

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

There was no one who participated electronically.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Public Forum was opened at 6:00 p.m.

Gerald Sternberg- Oswego does not believe in separating people and families; write to representatives in Washington to stand behind not separating families; people believe in family values; contact State Senators or Representatives.

There was no one else who requested to speak; the Public Forum was closed at 6:02 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

F.1. Review the Wolf Crossing Corridor Design Guidelines

Director Hughes addressed the Board regarding the Wolf Crossing corridor design guidelines. The Village has been working since July 2016 to complete Phase I engineering for Wolfs Crossing improvements. Phase I engineering involves establishing the purpose and need for the project; identifying the preferred alternative including alignment, profile, and right-of-way needs; determining preliminary drainage requirements; investigating potential environmental, cultural, and historical impacts; and gathering and responding to public input.

The design team held public meetings on October 5, 2016 and June 29, 2017. The Village established the Wolfs Crossing Corridor Advisory Team (WolfCAT) comprised of interested stakeholders including corridor residents, homeowners associate representatives, business owners, and other government agencies. The WolfCAT met January 11, 2017, March 23, 2017, and September 28, 2017. During each meeting, the group reviewed concepts for discussion such as identification of problem areas; potential locations of detention basins; options for intersection control; typical sections; and landscape concepts. The preferred alternative includes five (5) signalized intersections and four (4) roundabouts

The goal of the Wolf Crossing Corridor Design Guidelines is to provide a roadmap for the Village and the development community to understand the improvement requirements for the Wolf Crossing corridor. The standards set forth in this document are intended to be adopted as the planning guide for the future improvement of the roadway. In summary, the guidelines establish:

- The roadway will be 5 lanes from Eola Road to Southbury Boulevard and 3 lanes from Southbury Boulevard to Route 34/71.
- There will be lighted intersections at Roth Road and the entrance to Oswego East High School
- Traffic roundabouts are proposed for Southbury Boulevard, Douglas Road, Fifth Street, and Harvey Road
- The ultimate cross section of the road will contain an 8-foot-wide multi-use/bicycle path on one side and a sidewalk on the other side of the road
- There will be a landscaped median containing native species with consistent plant elements throughout the corridor
- Lights will be concentrated at the intersections
- Stormwater basins will need to be established along the roadway to provide necessary detention for the road improvements as well as providing visually appealing elements to the overall design
- Design elements will be included in the final development that incorporates themes that were referenced during the public outreach portion of the analysis. These include the Lincoln Highway, Native American Heritage, Agricultural history, the Fox River and Nature, and the use of quarry stone.

Formal adoption of the guidelines will serve as a planning tool for the Village to implement the Wolf Crossing improvements through the use of grants, development contributions, and Village investment.

Board and staff discussion focused on goals; pedestrian and bicycle friendly; integration with the environment; establishing a sense of space; roundabout not practical at Roth Road or entrance to Oswego East; 11 foot road width versus 12 foot; not a lot of truck traffic; draining water into the medians; 8 foot bike and pedestrian path on the north side; traditional 5 foot sidewalk on the south side; whether there will be more truck traffic; Wolf Crossing will be the school boundary line; school district was ok with the roundabouts; no issue with busses and the narrower roads; native vegetation will be planted; will not light the entire road; heavily landscaped; minimal maintenance; noise studies completed; one house is affected; not incorporating a noise wall; creating scenic vistas; creating pocket parks; roundabouts allow better visibility to on-coming traffic; landscaping the center median of the roundabout; no pedestrian crossing at the roundabouts; artwork in the median; project design report; right-of-way; storm sewers; drainage; realignment of Douglas Road; traffic concerns at Secretariat; working on Phase I for two years; after final approval of Phase I, can start Phase II; land acquisition; starting construction at Harvey Road; needing to pressure IDOT to put money into the project; traffic higher at eastern corridor; \$2.5 million for Phase II; need to close funding gap of \$5.5 million; funding is the issue; seeking additional grants; residents want the Village to purchase their homes now; need to put funds towards the design and not acquiring property now; long distance bikers will still use the roads and not the paths; typical elements; technical design; constructing over multiple years and phases; would take advantage of a capital bill; could do bonds and loans; capital funds geared for downtown currently. There was no further discussion.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Trustee Kauffman and seconded by Trustee Sollinger to enter into Closed Session for the purposes of discussing the following:

- a. Pending and Probable Litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)]

- b. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Personnel [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]
- c. Collective Bargaining, Collective Negotiating Matters, Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)]
- d. Sale, Lease, and/or Acquisition of Property [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) & (6)]

Aye: Ryan Kauffman                      Karin McCarthy-Lange  
Pam Parr                                      Luis Perez  
Judy Sollinger                              Joe West

Nay: None

The motion was declared carried by a roll call vote with six (6) aye votes and zero (0) nay votes.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:34 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:06 p.m.; all remaining members still present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Tina Touchette  
Village Clerk