

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL  
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS  
February 7, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Gail Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

Physically Present: President Gail Johnson; Trustees Ryan Kauffman, 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; Jennifer Hughes, Public Works Director; Jeff Burgner, Police Chief; Mark Horton, Finance Director; Rod Zenner, Community Development Director; Michele Brown, Community Relations Manager; Jay Hoover, Building & Zoning Manager; Corinna Cole, Economic Development Director; and Dave Silverman, Village Attorney.

**RECOGNITIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

D.1. Employee Service Awards

a. Tina Touchette- 5 Years of Service (Village Clerk Department)

Administrator Di Santo and President Johnson recognized and thanked Tina Touchette for her five (5) years of service. Administrator Di Santo briefly spoke about her history and accomplishments with the Village.

D.2. Retirement Recognition- Sergeant Dan Kipper

Chief Burgner spoke about Dan Kipper's history on the department. His wife was in attendance along with others who worked for, or with him over the years. Dan Kipper will be staying on as a member of the Honor Guard. President Johnson presented him with a certificate of recognition. Dan Kipper briefly spoke about his career with Kendall County, the Oswego Police Department, and Operation Impact. He thanked the Board, his wife, family and friends.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

The Public Forum was opened at 7:21 p.m.

Tom Collins, President of the HOA for the single family homes in Prescott Mill, addressed the Board regarding the installation of cable lines by MetroNet. Work started the beginning of summer; damage was done to the parkway; power was severed to the monument sign at the entrance. The contractor was approached about the damage; they said they would fix it. A complaint was submitted to MetroNet. The business manager reached out to the HOA this morning. Homeowners are complaining about their yards and the placement of pedestals that are located 5-10 feet into the backyards. Mr. Collins asked the Board if they are also receiving complaints about other subdivisions. Village staff is handling complaints and encourages homeowners to contact MetroNet directly and follow through. MetroNet has a 48-hour restoration goal. MetroNet will be attending the next Prescott Mill HOA meeting.

There was no one else who requested to speak; the Public Forum was closed at 7:28 p.m.

**STAFF REPORTS**

F.1. Annual Fireworks Show Discussion

Community Relations Manager Brown addressed the Board regarding the next steps for selecting the fireworks

date for 2017. The planning has begun for the Vietnam Moving Wall memorial which will be hosted in the Village of Oswego June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The closing ceremony will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to the nature of the event and the proximity to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the Vietnam Moving Wall Committee is interested in the Village hosting the Independence Day Fireworks Show on July 3<sup>rd</sup> as a way to honor our veterans and celebrate our independence. The following are four options for the Board to consider:

Option 1: Host the Annual Fireworks show on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to honor the Vietnam Moving Wall and our veterans and Independence Day. Cost= \$10,000.

Option 2: Host a small show on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The minimum charge for Mad Bomber is \$5,000 due to its proximity to Independence Day, and our normal Independence Day show on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Vietnam Moving Wall committee indicated they could raise \$1,000 towards the show. Costs= \$15,000. This option has a \$4,000 funding gap.

Option 3: Host a small show on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Vietnam Moving Wall Closing Ceremony (\$5,000) and a small show on July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day (\$5,000) which would utilize the Village's budget of \$10,000. Cost= \$10,000.

Option 4: Host Annual Fireworks show on July 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Independence Day and do not host a fireworks show on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Total cost for the show is \$10,000.

Staff is looking for Board direction before moving forward with a survey to the public.

Additionally, Dave Krahn addressed the Board regarding the Vietnam Moving Wall. The event will draw approximately 150,000-200,000 people to Oswego over the course of four days. Rick Gardner was also in attendance.

#### Joint Community Effort Between

- Village of Oswego
- Oswegoland Park District
- Oswego School District 308
- Oswego Chamber of Commerce
- Fox Valley Veterans Breakfast Club
  - Sponsored by
  - Meet every couple weeks

#### History of the Wall

- Created in 1984; approximately 253 feet long; 3/5 the size of the wall in Washington D.C.
- Wall stands 6 feet tall with names ranging from 1959-1975
- East Wall and West Wall
- Traveled to over 1,300 cities

#### Healing Field

- 2017 American flags
- Honor loved ones, military personnel
- Flags are available to purchase for \$40; online purchase to be determined
- Flags will fly throughout the event and available for pick-up on July 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Current Sequence of Events

- 6/29- Wall arrives in Oswego; procession to Grounds
- 6/30- opening ceremony; Wreath Laying
- 7/1- Gold Star Family Day
- 7/2- Sunday services

- 7/3- Closing ceremonies
- Continuous reading of 58,282 names
  - 24/7 in one hour shifts by volunteers starting Friday morning and ending with the closing ceremonies
  - Approximately 16 names read per minute
  - Requires 61 hours of reading

#### Costs & Fundraising Plans

- \$50,000 to sustain the Wall for 4 days
  - Includes cost of wall, marketing, security, build-out, logistics, etc.
- Fundraisers
  - Sponsorships
  - Salute & Boogie at Kickers on 3/31
  - Private donations
  - Government and Club donations
  - Kiwanis/Oswego Police
  - PrairieFest booth

#### What They Need

- Over 2,000 volunteers
- Resources- require \$50,000 to cover expenses
- Community participation
  - Youth groups
  - Camps
  - Scouts
  - Daycare/preschool
- Marketing
  - Social media
  - Traditional
  - Word of mouth

#### What Can you Do

- Pick a date during the event to supply volunteers
- Attend March 31<sup>st</sup>, Salute & Boogie
- Consider a monetary donation
- Post event on Facebook page and website
- Do an email blast to members

Board and staff discussion focused on the event being a unique circumstance to hold the fireworks show on 7/3; proud partner with the Village; flags will be available on-line and at PraireFest; flags are reusable; the logistics of the closing ceremony and time will need to be changed to accommodate fireworks; how fireworks trigger PTSD; liking option #2; raising more money; getting a sponsor for the 7/3 fireworks; not wanting the fireworks show on 7/3 if it cannot be funded; working with someone on sponsors; scaling back the 4<sup>th</sup> of July show; fundraiser specific to the 7/3 fireworks. Board consensus was to hold both events. 7/3 event = \$5,000; 4<sup>th</sup> of July= \$10,000.

#### **STAFF REPORTS- continued**

Finance Director Horton- the Village bids out for electric, water and sewer, pumping stations and street lighting. The contracts for water and sewer, pumping stations and street lighting expire in May. The cooperative the Village belongs to has been watching the market and is planning on bidding out the water pumping sometime in February. When the bids come in, the Village needs to sign the contracts by 5:00 p.m. and return back to the winning supplier the same day as the bid. The Village Administrator and the Finance Director have signed the contracts in the past. He asked if this process is still ok with the Board. Board agreed to keep the current process in place.







\$39,827 for FY 2021.

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

Nay: None

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

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

An email was sent to the Village Board from President Johnson asking Board members to file witness slips in support of a bill that addresses LGDF (Local Government Distributed Funding). She thanked those who have done so.

The Legislative breakfast was a success. Six of our eight State Legislators attended. Representatives from the Village, Park District, Fire District, School District and Waubensee Community College attended as well. Good dialogue; we were able to present our legislative priorities. We now have a legislative priorities list and ready to go to Springfield. Senator Oberweis and Representative Batinick were unable to attend. Trustee McCarthy-Lange met up with Representative Batinick and gave him all the materials that were provided at the breakfast.

The Springfield Drive Down is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Let Executive Assistant, Linda Ebinger know if interested in attending. Administrator Di Santo added that the State Senate staff office called him; Senator Holmes asked staff to draft legislation based on our legislative priorities.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee McCarthy-Lange

- Pancake breakfast tickets can be purchased from the Police Department, or she can drop-off tickets for purchase.

Trustee Perez

- Senior Center dance is open to the public at Kickers on Saturday night.
- He is supportive of the fireworks being held on both nights; he would like it funded.

Trustee West

- He will be working on obtaining funds for the fireworks.

Trustee Sollinger

- She will be working with Trustee West in obtaining funds for the fireworks.
- She thanked Community Relations Manager, Michele Brown for her involvement in and coordination of LunaFest.

Trustee Kauffman

- He has been collecting money and donations for the PADS program for the homeless shelter. He thanked staff for their donations.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Trustee Sollinger and seconded by Trustee Parr 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                      Judy Sollinger  
Karin McCarthy-Lange              Pam Parr  
Luis Perez                                  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 8:22 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:57 p.m.; all remaining members still present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Kauffman and seconded by Trustee McCarthy-Lange to adjourn the meeting; upon a voice vote with all remaining members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Tina Touchette  
Village Clerk