

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS
July 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Gail Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Physically Present: President Gail Johnson and 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; Rod Zenner, Community Development Director; Michele Brown, Community Relations Manager; Mark Horton, Finance Director; Corinna Cole, Economic Development Director; Jay Hoover, Building & Zoning Manager; Joe Renzetti, IT/GIS Manager; Tyler Grace, Administrative Intern; and Jim Murphy, Village Attorney.

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

There was no one who requested to attend electronically.

RECOGNITIONS/APPOINTMENTS

D.1. Happy Helpers Recognitions

President Johnson briefly spoke about Happy Helpers. Happy Helpers is an organization focused on leading kids to change the world by coordinating volunteering opportunities in the community. It is approaching its two-year anniversary and in this past year they organized over 500 volunteer hours for children ages 5-17. 710 children are a part of Happy Helpers. As part of their annual tradition, the top ten volunteers are recognized for the amount of hours they have been able to give back.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours Volunteered</u>
Zach Morrisroe	30.5
Zoe Morrisroe	30.5
Carissa Koopman	26
Justin Goodson	26
Tyler Dubiel	19
Luca Cirone	18
Kyle Dubiel	17
Anna Bruzdzinski	15.75
Gianna Gambino	15
Addison Richter	14.5
Arianna Panza (unable to attend)	14.5

Each volunteer was called up to accept a certificate and medal from President Johnson and Ivette Dubiel, Board President of Happy Helpers. Heather was also present for the recognitions.

D.2. Police Commission Board

- a. Appoint Carrie S. Niesman for a Term to Expire 4/30/18.

President Johnson read the appointment. Carrie Niesman is the first female to serve on the Police Commission Board.

Before recommending a fee adjustment, staff vetted the numbers through two townhome developers interested in building in Oswego. Ashcroft Walk has 210 townhome units and Seasons of Southbury has 162 townhome units. The potential developers of these respective communities requested impact fee reductions between 47-58%. Based on the staff research supporting 42-50% reduction and the developer request of a 47-58% reduction, staff tested a 45% reduction with both developers. In both cases, the developers agreed that they could make a 45% reduction work and would begin building as soon as possible. The recommendation is to reduce DIF for townhomes, apartments and condos by 45% across the board as shown below:

Government Unit	Current Fee	Revised Fee	Difference
Village of Oswego	\$5,645.07	\$3,104.79	(\$2,540.28)
School District 308	\$4,429.25	\$2,436.09	(\$1,993.16)
Oswego Fire Protection	\$403.66	\$222.01	(\$181.65)
Oswegoland Park District	\$756.69	\$416.18	(\$340.51)
Oswego Public Library	\$415.46	\$228.50	(\$186.96)
TOTAL	\$11,650.00	\$6,407.50	(\$5,242.50)

If the fee reduction is enacted, developers would still be responsible for building permit fees, water/sewer tap on fees, school and park land/cash donations, etc. Development impact fees are paid on a per unit basis. A townhome with five units would pay \$32,037.50, and an apartment building with 20 units would pay \$128,150. Staff recently informed the affected government units of this recommendation and will relay any feedback received to the Village Board.

Board and staff discussion focused on no single home was built under the new DIF; impact and marketability; per unit fees, not per building; waiting for feedback from other communities; impact fee is the same for homes; concerns with reducing impact fees for the schools; needing more information to prove there is less traffic and students generated; District 204 is asking for an increase in impact fees for multi-family developments; needing more information from the school districts on how many students are coming from multi-family homes; Ashcroft Walk has 210 townhomes = 2,436 permits (\$511,560); comparisons are important; needing to make a decision if the Village wants to grow; school district is struggling; can't bail out the school district; school district needs growth to help them; not in line with the market; land values are based on the market and need to be updated by other communities; past studies have shown there are less kids in townhomes; needing to find out if the past studies still hold true or if something has changed; in favor of lowering DIF and increasing growth.

There was no further discussion.

F.1. 2017-2020 Strategic Plan Update

Asst. Administrator Burns addressed the Board concerning updates to the Strategic Plan. In February, the Village Board adopted a strategic plan that established priorities for 2017 through 2020. The final document defines five strategic priorities:

- Financial Stability
- Infrastructure Maintenance and Expansion
- Community Engagement
- Effective Growth and Development
- Productive and Engaged Workforce

means that there may be townhome buildings that do not incorporate any brick. Due to the lack of brick as a required primary building material, the proposed elevations will be inconsistent with the design of the 6 existing townhome buildings. Because the proposed elevations differ substantially from the existing buildings, staff recommended that the residents currently living in the Ashcroft Place Unit 2 are given an opportunity to provide input on the proposed building design.

Staff presented two options for approval:

- 1) Approve the Minor Amendment to the Final PUD for Ashcroft Place Unit 2 as proposed by the petitioner. This will include approving both the proposed changes to the setback and building separation standards as well as the proposed building elevations.
- 2) Approve the Minor Amendment to the Final PUD for Ashcroft Place Unit 2 to include only the changes for the setback and building separation standards. A separate Minor Amendment to the Final PUD for the building elevations can be approved at a later date. Staff will work with the petitioner to revise the proposed elevations to incorporate additional brick and be consistent with the existing 6 townhome buildings. Additional time will also allow for input from the existing residents in the subdivision.

Paul Mitchell, attorney for the builder, Pat Curran, representing West Point Builders, and Carrie Hansen, from Schoppe Design Associates, Inc. were present to answer questions.

Board and staff discussion focused on elevations will be different; what the current homeowners want; fake brick was used on the six buildings built back in 2005-2006; real brick would be optional for the new homes; Paul Curran met with residents on Thursday; residents were excited they wouldn't be using panel brick; 6 unit buildings will be called out after 3 unit buildings are sold or built; all brick would be based on aesthetics; one brick color, but four different home color schemes; variety of landscaping would be put in; more than half of the outside of the homes would be brick; staff's objection is that brick would be optional; homes would not be constructed using the original floor plans; concerns with not requiring a variety of looks; similar homes were built in Elgin west of Randall Road; builder wants to break ground by winter; needing more information from the current residents; needing a certain level of comfort; making a decision after speaking to the residents; original plans were very specific to one particular product; new product is bigger and relative to today.

There was no further discussion. First read only. Item was tabled and will be brought forward for second read at a future meeting.

J.2. Ordinance Amending Title 3 Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Oswego; Video Gaming Fees. (First Read of Ordinance, Waiver of Second Read)

Clerk Touchette addressed the Board regarding video gaming fees. This item was brought back to further discuss video gaming fees and possible increase of fees based on comparisons. The Village of Oswego currently charges \$200.00 annually for the license fee and \$50.00 annually per terminal. The highlighted fees in Exhibit A were used for the average. The non-home rule fees were not included. In table 1 of the memo, the highlighted communities were compared and included revenue for the month of May. Elmwood Park brought in \$26K with 75 terminals compared to Aurora bringing in \$15K with 131 terminals. The State of Illinois collects a 30% tax on net terminal income; 25% goes to the State and 5% goes to the municipality. The remaining 70% is split evenly between the business and the Distributors. The following fees were proposed moving forward:

- All fees for non-for-profit would remain the same= \$200/\$50.
- All fees for redemption machines would remain the same at \$50 each.
- All other classifications would increase to \$750 annual license fee and \$300 annual fee per terminal

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:57 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.; all remaining members still present.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Kauffman and seconded by Trustee Parr to adjourn the meeting; upon a voice vote with all remaining members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Tina Touchette
Village Clerk