

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL  
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS  
August 17, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Troy Parlier called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Physically Present: President Troy Parlier; Trustees Tom Guist, Kit Kuhrt, James Marter II, Terry Olson, Jennifer Jones Sinnott, and Brian Thomas.

Staff Physically Present: Dan Di Santo, Village Administrator; Christina Burns, Asst. Village Administrator; Tina Touchette, Village Clerk; Jeff Burgner, Police Chief; Jennifer Hughes, Public Works Director; Rod Zenner, Community Development Director; Mark Horton, Finance Director; Scott McMaster, ED Director; Joe Renzetti, IG/GIS Director; Jenette Sturges, Community Engagement Coordinator, Marketing; Karl Ottosen, Village Attorney; and Douglas Dorando, Village Attorney.

**RECOGNITIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

E.1 Oath of Office

a. Thomas Samansky- Patrol Officer

This is the second lateral transfer hire. Chief Burgner introduced him and briefly spoke about his background; he was previously on the Chicago Police Dept.; his family were in attendance. He thanked Ron Elvin and Carrie Niesman who attended from the Police Commission. President Parlier swore him in and thanked Ron Elvin and Carrie Niesman.

E.2 Proclamation- National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, September 2021

President Parlier read the proclamation.

E.3 Proclamation- National Payroll Week, September 6-10, 2021

President Parlier read the proclamation.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Public Forum was opened at 7:35 p.m.

Jill Richardson addressed the Board regarding 33 Jay St./Real Hope Church and the parking variance. She has a petition signed by 20 people; she is working on a shared parking arrangement with Byline Bank and the Little White School House; she has been taking pictures of street parking for the last month; she would like to use available parking spaces versus building a parking lot; a parking lot will decrease the value of the property; single families would not want to move into this location; max of 40 people at the church; she needs a solution.

Joe Werth addressed the Board regarding 33 Jay St. He lives on Jackson St. on the same block as the church; has concerns with bringing 40+ members of the church on Sundays; parking spots will be taken by the church members; he is interested in buying the house for his parents and has offered to buy the house for more than what the church paid; wants a safe and tranquil neighborhood.

Susan McCarron addressed the Board regarding 33 Jay St. She has concerns with a parking lot; variance does not meet the standards; only knows of one elderly individual who owned the home previous to the church; 40 church members can change; what will the function of the building be.

There was no one else who requested to speak. The Public Forum was closed at 7:47 p.m.

### STAFF REPORTS

Chief Burgner updated the Board on a call for service that took place today. Aurora PD was in pursuit of subjects who drove to Oswego/Ogden Falls area after a shooting incident in Aurora; subjects fled; drones, canines and other agencies assisted with helping to find the subjects; no criminal acts took place in Oswego; subjects were not found. Aurora is continuing the investigation.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- H.1 August 3, 2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- H.2 August 3, 2021 Regular Village Board Minutes
- H.3 August 3, 2021 Closed Session Minutes (Approve, but Not Release)
- H.4 Ordinance Granting a Variance in the R-4 General Residence District to Reduce the Rear Yard Setback from Twenty-Five (25) Feet to Thirteen (13) Feet to Allow for the Construction of a Sunroom Addition at 407 Lake Court.
- H.5 Ordinance Granting a Minor Amendment to the Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Lot 4A of Gerry Property Resubdivision Unit 2 to Allow for the Development of Canopies Over the Drive-Through Isles of the Chick-Fil-A Restaurant at 2740 Route 34.
- H.6 Ordinance Amending Title 8 Chapter 7 Section 14 of the Code of Ordinance for the Village of Oswego – Water Conservation. *Additional discussion focused on grandfathering of current features/products; prohibition of sprinklers on the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month prevents watering two days in a row; water sense labels handled through new building permits; irrigation systems; ordinance will be on the books for code enforcement.*
- H.7 Ordinance Amending Title 9 Chapter 13 Section 1 and Title 9 Chapter 13 Section 7 of the Village Code of Ordinances; Seizure and Impounding of Vehicles.
- H.8 Ordinance Amending Title 3 Chapter 7; Decrease Class "D" Liquor License for RV's Home of the Hoagy Oswego Inc. Located at 2420 Route 30.

A motion was made by Trustee Jones Sinnott and seconded by Trustee Guist to approve the Consent Agenda; Approving the August 3, 2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes; Approving the August 3, 2021 Regular Village Board Minutes; Approving, but Not Releasing the August 3, 2021 Closed Session Minutes; and approving the following ordinances:

**Ordinance No. 21-66;** Ordinance Granting a Variance in the R-4 General Residence District to Reduce the Rear Yard Setback from Twenty-Five (25) Feet to Thirteen (13) Feet to Allow for the Construction of a Sunroom Addition at 407 Lake Court.

**Ordinance No. 21-67;** Ordinance Granting a Minor Amendment to the Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Lot 4A of Gerry Property Resubdivision Unit 2 to Allow for the Development of Canopies Over the Drive-Through Isles of the Chick-Fil-A Restaurant at 2740 Route 34.

**Ordinance No. 21-68;** Ordinance Amending Title 8 Chapter 7 Section 14 of the Code of Ordinance for the Village of Oswego – Water Conservation.

**Ordinance No. 21-69;** Ordinance Amending Title 9 Chapter 13 Section 1 and Title 9 Chapter 13 Section 7 of the Village Code of Ordinances; Seizure and Impounding of Vehicles.

**Ordinance No. 21-70;** Ordinance Amending Title 3 Chapter 7; Decrease Class "D" Liquor License for RV's Home of the Hoagy Oswego Inc. Located at 2420 Route 30.

Aye: Tom Guist	Kit Kuhrt
James Marter II	Terry Olson
Jennifer Jones Sinnott	Brian Thomas



A motion was made by Trustee Jones Sinnott and seconded by Trustee Kuhrt to approve an Ordinance Granting a Variance to Reduce the Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required for a Church in the R-3 Two Family Residence District to Allow for No Off-Street Parking Spaces at 33 Jay Street.

A second motion was made by Trustee Marter II and seconded by Trustee Guist to amend the approval of the Ordinance Granting a Variance to Reduce the Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required for a Church in the R-3 Two Family Residence District to Allow for No Off-Street Parking Spaces at 33 Jay Street and Remanding the Item back to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Board and staff discussion focused on grounds for having the variance approved; sending back to the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) for them to hear about the additional information provided in Public Forum; had not heard about the new information for shared parking agreements; whether denying the variance will cause anything; denying will require the applicant to re-apply and go through a new process; several variables with regards to the insurance because of the sharing of parking lots; using the lots on Sundays satisfies the use; pending agreements; parking was the only issue at the property; unsure when the church is holding service; can't restrict their service as a church; cleaner to send it back to the PZC for review; if they had to re-apply, it could be at the October or November PZC meeting; don't know details of the use; there is no requirement on putting on date on when it goes back to the PZC; if the PZC is not satisfied, they can table the item.

The Board voted on the amended motion: A second motion was made by Trustee Marter II and seconded by Trustee Guist to amend the approval of the Ordinance Granting a Variance to Reduce the Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required for a Church in the R-3 Two Family Residence District to Allow for No Off-Street Parking Spaces at 33 Jay Street and Remanding the Item back to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Aye:	Tom Guist	James Marter II
	Terry Olson	
Nay:	Kit Kuhrt	Jennifer Jones Sinnott
	Brian Thomas	President Troy Parlier

The motion was denied by a roll call vote with three (3) aye votes and four (4) nay votes.

The Board voted on the original motion: A motion was made by Trustee Jones Sinnott and seconded by Trustee Kuhrt to approve an Ordinance Granting a Variance to Reduce the Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required for a Church in the R-3 Two Family Residence District to Allow for No Off-Street Parking Spaces at 33 Jay Street.

Aye:	None	
Nay:	Tom Guist	Kit Kuhrt
	James Marter II	Terry Olson
	Jennifer Jones Sinnott	Brian Thomas

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

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Jones Sinnott- looking forward to the entertainment venue grand opening on Thursday at 4:30; there will be a free concert.

Trustee Kuhrt- looking forward to the entertainment venue grand opening. Was at RV's Home of Hoagy over the weekend; they helped raise money for children and handed out backpacks. Congrats to the lateral hire.

Trustee Olson- thank you to Public Works for their work due to the weather event; thank you to the Police Dept.

Trustee Thomas- no report.

Trustee Guist- wants everyone to be aware of the school district's changes in COVID protocol and the event taking place with the district's swim coach. The head swim coach was put on administrative leave back in June for violations of ethics and conduct; the investigation is on-going and no other information has been provided; allegations affect 30-40 families; the district has not been informative. When the Village had the Portillo's incident, the public was provided information and press releases. The lack of answers shows a complete lack of obligation to the community and the families; this can happen to other families in sports; district needs to be better.

Trustee Marter II- no report.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Grand opening of entertainment venue is this Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30. VetFest has leased the venue and has a heavy line-up of concerts on August 26<sup>th</sup>-August 29<sup>th</sup>. PrairieFest is September 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, with the parade on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>. Village offices will be closed on Labor Day, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session held.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Jones Sinnott and seconded by Trustee Olson to adjourn the meeting; upon a voice vote with all remaining members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Tina Touchette  
Village Clerk