

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS
July 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ryan Kauffman called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Mark Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mark Hernandez was in the Marine Corp. from 1981-2004. He was activated to Dessert Storm in 1991 and then activated to Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He was with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 48 from the time boot camp ended through his retirement in the Communication Electronics Section. He retired in September 2004 as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. Mark has been in Oswego since 1993. All three of Mark's children were born and raised in Oswego. His wife and her family are from Oswego. His Mother and Father-In-Law were born, raised, and live in Oswego. His mother-in-law attended school at the Little White School House.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Physically Present: President Ryan Kauffman; Trustees Tom Guist, Kit Kuhrt, Karin McCarthy-Lange, Karen Novy, Jennifer Jones Sinnott, and Andrew Torres.

Staff Physically Present: Dan Di Santo, Village Administrator; Christina Burns, Asst. Village Administrator; Tina Touchette, Village Clerk; Jennifer Hughes, Public Works Director; Jason Bastin, Interim Chief of Police; Andrea Lamberg, Finance Director; Rod Zenner, Community Development Services Director; Joe Renzetti, IT/GIS Director; Margie Villalobos, Administrative Assistant; Kerry Behr, Project Engineer; Bridget Bittman, Community Relations Manager- Marketing; Kevin Leighty, Economic Development Director; and Dave Silverman, Village Attorney.

RECOGNITIONS/APPOINTMENTS

E.1 Retirement- Deputy Clerk, Vel Derdzinski

Clerk Touchette briefly talked about her history with the Village; her accomplishments and contributions to the Village and staff; her love for baking and generosity to others. Her husband, Larry, was in the audience. President Kauffman read a proclamation and presented it to her. Vel thanked everyone; it's going to be tough to leave; going to miss you. Pictures were taken.

E.2 Employee Service Awards

a) Daniel Slocum - 10 Years of Service (Police Department) - did not attend; President Kauffman congratulated him and thanked him for his service.

b) Rachel Krueger - 10 Years of Service (Police Department) - did not attend; President Kauffman congratulated her and thanked her for her service.

E.3 EDC Business of the Month Recognition - Property Concepts, Inc.

President Kauffman asked the owner of the business, Angelo Kleronomos, and the EDC members to come forward. EDC Chairman, Dave Behrens, Commissioner, Terry Anderson, Laura Witt, and Economic Development Director, Kevin Leighty came forward. President Kauffman briefly spoke about the history of the business and the contributions the business provides to the community. Dave Behrens presented Angelo with a certificate of recognition. Angelo briefly spoke about his history with the Village. He came to Oswego in 1979 to buy a horse; he ended up buying the farm and they gave him the horse; Oswego still has the same charm; safe community; love it here and will spend the

rest of his years here; most of the change is good; good variety of home stock; still enjoys being part of the community.

E.4 Economic Development Commission

a) Appoint Laura Witt for a Term to Expire April 30, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Torres and seconded by Trustee McCarthy-Lange to approve the Appointment of Laura Witt for a Term to Expire April 30, 2025.

Aye: Tom Guist Kit Kuhrt
 Karin McCarthy-Lange Karen Novy
 Jennifer Jones Sinnott Andrew Torres

Nay: None

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum was opened at 7:23 p.m.

James Marter II addressed the Board regarding gaming; concerns with prior Board actions; Wolf's Crossing; water source; taxes; Public Works facility; property acquisitions; demolition costs; parking lot improvements; vacant Village properties; parking garage; construction of second Shodeen building; TIF District budget; and hidden costs of projects.

There was no one else who requested to speak. The public forum was closed at 7:39 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Hughes provided an update to the traffic signals on Washington Street. Contractor notified staff, this morning, that the signals will be turned on next Thursday, July 27th; minor parts will be installed at a later time. The signals will be timed from Route 31/34 to five corners; the railroad tracks will be included in the timing; cameras will monitor traffic; lighted street signs; ADA compliant; video detection if vehicle is present; tracking of the number of vehicles. Administrator Di Santo noted that this has been 25 years in the making with the support of the past and present Boards. Thank you to Director Hughes, staff, and the legislators.

CONSENT AGENDA

- H.1 June 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- H.2 June 27, 2023 Regular Village Board Minutes
- H.3 June 27, 2023 Closed Session Minutes, Approve but Not Release
- H.4 July 5, 2023 Special Village Board Minutes
- H.5 July 5, 2023 Closed Session Minutes, Approve but Not Release
- H.6 Resolution Approving the Oswego High School Homecoming Parade and Temporary Closure of US Highway 34 and IL Route 71.
- H.7 Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to Task Order 21-01 with Strand Associates, Inc. for Full-Time Construction Observation for the Van Buren Street and Main Street Watermain Replacement Project in the Amount of \$52,000.00.
- H.8 Resolution Adopting Revised Fiscal Year 2024 Salary Ranges (GIS Specialist)
- H.9 Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Kendall County Regarding the Sharing of GIS Services.
- H.10 Resolution for the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Kendall County for Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Grant for Installing a Sidewalk Connection on Illinois Route 31, from Parkers Mill to River Run Boulevard. **Additional**

discussion focused on: sidewalks on Route 34 from Delta Sonic to Route 30; see if other communities can help bridge the connection; it may be cost prohibitive; staff will see if it’s reasonable; can get engineering estimates; interconnected path north and south; doesn’t matter which side.

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy-Lange and seconded by Trustee Jones Sinnott to approve the Consent Agenda; Approving the June 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes; and Approving the June 27, 2023 Regular Village Board Minutes; Approving but Not Releasing the June 27, 2023 Closed Session Minutes; Approving the July 5, 2023 Special Village Board Minutes; Approving but Not Releasing the July 5, 2023 Closed Session Minutes; and Approving the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 23-R-60; Resolution Approving the Oswego High School Homecoming Parade and Temporary Closure of US Highway 34 and IL Route 71.

Resolution No. 23-R-61; Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to Task Order 21-01 with Strand Associates, Inc. for Full-Time Construction Observation for the Van Buren Street and Main Street Watermain Replacement Project in the Amount of \$52,000.00.

Resolution No. 23-R-62; Resolution Adopting Revised Fiscal Year 2024 Salary Ranges (GIS Specialist)

Resolution No. 23-R-63; Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Kendall County Regarding the Sharing of GIS Services.

Resolution No. 23-R-64; Resolution for the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Kendall County for Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Grant for Installing a Sidewalk Connection on Illinois Route 31, from Parkers Mill to River Run Boulevard.

Aye: Tom Guist Kit Kuhrt
 Karin McCarthy-Lange Karen Novy
 Jennifer Jones Sinnott Andrew Torres

Nay: None

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

BILL LIST

I.1 Approve Bill List Dated July 18, 2023, in the Amount of \$2,590,750.95.

A motion was made by Trustee Jones Sinnott and seconded by Trustee McCarthy-Lange to approve the Bill List Dated July 18, 2023, in the Amount of \$2,590,750.95.

Aye: Tom Guist Kit Kuhrt
 Karin McCarthy-Lange Karen Novy
 Jennifer Jones Sinnott Andrew Torres

Nay: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

K.1 Ordinance Granting an Amendment to the Final Planned Unit Development for Oswego Commons Lot 4, Located at 3010 Route 34, to Allow for Changes to the Approved Façade - Vasa Fitness. **Ordinance No. 23-49**

Director Zenner addressed the Board regarding Vasa Fitness. The subject property was developed as a Dominick’s Grocery Store. The Dominick’s grocery store ceased operations ±10 year ago and has had

various Halloween stores temporarily located at the site. Vasa Fitness intends to remodel the former grocery store and offers the following amenities at their other locations: standard gym equipment, turf training areas, classroom studios, basketball court, pool, steam room, sauna, and childcare services. As part of the remodel, the Petitioner is requesting approval of a minor amendment to allow for Elevation and color changes, to the approved façade, to match the branding for Vasa Fitness.

Board and staff discussion focused on excited to see Dominick's being filled; ten years in the making; there will be a pool; extensive rehab on the site. There was no further discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy-Lange and seconded by Trustee Guist to approve an Ordinance Granting an Amendment to the Final Planned Unit Development for Oswego Commons Lot 4, Located at 3010 Route 34, to Allow for Changes to the Approved Façade - Vasa Fitness.

Aye: Tom Guist	Kit Kuhrt
Karin McCarthy-Lange	Karen Novy
Jennifer Jones Sinnott	Andrew Torres

Nay: None

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

K.2 Van Buren Property Acquisition

a) Ordinance Authorizing the Approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fitzpatrick Properties, LLC for Certain Property Located at 6 W Van Buren Street.
Ordinance No. 23-50

b) Ordinance Authorizing the Approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fitzpatrick Properties, LLC for Certain Property Located at 12 W Van Buren Street.
Ordinance No. 23-51

Administrator Di Santo addressed the Board regarding a purchase and sale agreement for 6 E. Van Buren and 12 W. Van Buren. The properties, when combined, have significant development potential. To our knowledge, this is the first time the properties have been listed for sale at the same time, which creates a unique development opportunity if acquired together. The property at 6 Van Buren is approximately 4,819 sf and the property at 12 Van Buren is approximately 4,031 sf (8,850 sf or 0.2-acres combined). Both lots are zoned B-2 Commercial and are each improved with detached single-family homes. The Village Board expressed interest in acquiring the properties. The owner of the lots, Fitzpatrick Properties, LLC, has agreed to sell 6 and 12 Van Buren Street for \$280,000 and \$245,000, respectively (\$525,000 combined). Once acquired, the Village can combine the lots and market to developers for commercial or mixed-use development, consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Funding of the properties will be from the TIF Fund.

There was no additional discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhrt and seconded by Trustee Jones Sinnott to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fitzpatrick Properties, LLC for Certain Property Located at 6 W Van Buren Street.

Aye: Tom Guist	Kit Kuhrt
Karin McCarthy-Lange	Karen Novy
Jennifer Jones Sinnott	Andrew Torres

Nay: None

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

A motion was made by Trustee Jones Sinnott and seconded by Trustee Kuhrt to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fitzpatrick Properties, LLC for Certain Property Located at 12 W Van Buren Street.

Aye:	Tom Guist	Kit Kuhrt
	Karin McCarthy-Lange	Karen Novy
	Jennifer Jones Sinnott	Andrew Torres

Nay: None

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Novy- attended orientation today; it was great; looking forward to serving the residents of the Village.

Trustee Kuhrt- no report

Trustee Jones Sinnott- super busy week last week; kudos to the Chamber for their grand opening; attended the Respect for Law banquet Friday evening; congratulations to the Oswego Police members who received awards; great to see how they make the community safe; thank you for your service.

Trustee Guist- happy to hear about the traffic signals on Washington Street; great job; looking forward to stopping at the lights; 4th of July fireworks were fantastic; PD and staff were great; recommend seeing the “Sound of Freedom” movie.

Trustee McCarthy-Lange- just got back from Alaska; recommend going there; was thinking about everyone when she was gone; congratulations to Trustee Novy; appreciates her insight; congratulations to Vel Derdzinski on her retirement; she’s wonderful; congratulations to Laura Witt for her appointment to the EDC.

Trustee Torres- was in Michigan camping; missed Illinois; congratulations to Vel Derdzinski on her retirement; congratulations to Laura Witt; fantastic fireworks; great to see families; fantastic community.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Rode along with the PD; great to see how they work; welcome to Trustee Novy; hopefully we didn’t scare you; congratulations to Vel Derdzinski on her retirement; Margie Villalobos will do great as the new Deputy Clerk; congratulations to Baumann Funeral Home; attended a recent EDC meeting; congratulations to Laura Witt for appointment to the EDC; congratulations to Angelo Kleronomos for receiving the recognition for business of the month; the public can attend EDC meetings and I encourage people to attend; congratulations to the Chamber on their grand opening.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhrt and seconded by Trustee Guist to enter Closed Session for the purposes of discussing the following:

- Sale, Lease, and/or Acquisition of Property

Aye:	Tom Guist	Kit Kuhrt
	Karin McCarthy-Lange	Karen Novy
	Jennifer Jones Sinnott	Andrew Torres

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 8:02 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:42 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. All attending Board members were present physically and electronically for the roll call.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Jones Sinnott and seconded by Trustee Kuhrt to adjourn the meeting; upon a voice vote with all remaining members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Tina Touchette
Village Clerk