WELCOME BY OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT BRIAN LECLERCQ

President LeClercq called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.; and welcomed the representatives from the other taxing districts.

ATTENDANCE

Village of Oswego: President LeClercq; Trustees; Terry Michels; Judy Sollinger; and Scott Volpe; Village Administrator, Steve Jones; Village Clerk, Tina Touchette; Village Attorney Karl Ottosen and Village Attorney Tim Hoppa.

Oswegoland Park District: Director Rich Zielke; Board President, Bob Mattingly and Vice President, Debra Krase.

Oswego Community Unit School District 308: Superintendent, Dr. Matthew A. Wendt; President, Bill Walsh; Vice President, Alison Swanson and Board member, Greg O’Neil

Oswego Fire Protection District: Assistant Chief, Josh Flanders.

Oswego Public Library District: Director, Sarah Skilton and President, Vernita Hettrich.

Oswego Township: Trustee Bill Small.

Kendall County: Board Member District #1, Judy Gilmour and Board Member District #2, Lynn Cullick.

There was no one present to represent Bristol Township.

President LeClercq thanked Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNolfo, Ltd. for providing the appetizers, desserts and beverages before the meeting.

Additionally, President LeClercq announced the November 19, 2013 Intergovernmental meeting will be moved to the Oswego School District.

PUBLIC FORUM

President LeClercq opened the Public Forum at 6:36p.m. There was no one that requested to speak; the Public Forum was closed at 6:36p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Village of Oswego- Village Administrator, Steve Jones introduced Trustee Terry Michels, Judy Sollinger and Scott Volpe. Administrator Jones presented the Village’s report.

- Beginning in the Spring of 2014, Route 71 will be congested, for at least 18 months, as IDOT works to widen the road. Utility work is currently underway. The water line has been relocated; Nicor is nearing completion; ComEd is completed; waiting on AT&T. The bulk of the work will be in 2014, with an anticipated completion date of Fall 2015. No roadwork will be done the rest of this construction season.
• The Village began discussions, two weeks ago, regarding the Downtown. The goal is to look back at the 2009 plan and see what needs to be changed going forward. Discussions will include implementation, planning process, incentive possibilities, options, priority sites, Village owned property and steps moving forward. This is a work in process with a meeting set for September 17th.
• The CMAP grant market study is halfway completed. The first draft and presentation will be presented at the December 17th Village Board meeting.
• Residential Growth- 163 building permits have been applied for so far this year. This is an increase from last year. Would not be surprised to see 200 permits by the end of the year.
• The Village of Oswego Board and Oswego School District 308 Board will discuss growth issues at the September 3rd Committee of the Whole meeting. This will be the first dialogue between both agencies on decision making and growth issues. President LeClercq added he is looking forward to the discussions and working together with the School District.
• Working with and attending meetings, with FEMA, to get the path by Waubonsee Creek restored. Waiting on government funds to properly fix the path. Work will not begin until Spring 2014.

Oswegoland Park District- Director, Rich Zielke introduced President Bob Mattingly and Vice President Debra Krase. Director Zielke presented the Park District’s report.

• Congratulated the Village on the Beats & Eats event.
• PrairieFest- was a fantastic weekend for the event; turnout was great. The Me Too Program, for families with special needs, was a great hit and much appreciated by the families. 100 people attended. The program will be offered again and will be taking place in other communities who are interested in the program. Director thanked the amusement ride companies for their willingness to partner with them to offer this program.
• Brew at the Bridge will be held Saturday, September 21st at Hudson Crossing Park from 1 p.m. -7 p.m. This is the second year this has been held.
• Working on the budget process and capital projects; starting a priority list.
• Director thanked all government agencies; appreciates the cooperative efforts in working together.
• President LeClercq thanked Mike Fee and his crew for doing a great job in getting Hudson Crossing Park open and running after the devastating floods. Additionally thanked the Park District for their partnership with the Village.
• FEMA meetings have been positive.

Oswego Community School District 308- Superintendent, Dr. Wendt and President Bill Walsh. President Walsh introduced Vice President Alison Swanson and Board member Greg O’Neil and presented the School District’s report.

• Construction is completed on the school additions.
• An open house, at both high schools, will be scheduled on a Sunday in September or October.
• Transportation system has been transformed, routes restructured and transportation staff is located at a new facility.
• Financial budget began on July 1st. Posted a budget for 30 days and based on Board discussion, there will not be an increase in taxes on existing homes; only new homes. This creates a shortfall in the operating expense of $1.3 million.

• Last year the school district started with a $7.5 million deficit. The Board was presented with a $5.5 million deficit and worked it down to $2.5 million. End of last year, school district showed a budget surplus of $300,000. This was achieved through efficiencies and completion of State mandated programs without funding for the programs.

• Bond rating has increased.

• Received a national award for financial achievement.

• Looking forward to the team meeting, with the Village, on September 3rd; look at including legislators at the second joint session. Appreciates relationship with the Village.

• Strategic Plan will be ready next August; current plan is outdated.

• A Facilities Committee was created to prepare the district for growth.

• Revenue Sources- only received 89% of what the State owes the school district; school district needs more support and revenue to build a strong foundation.

• Mission is to be world class; took steps in replacing and hiring staff to achieve this goal.

• Dr. Wendt spoke of challenges facing families and faculty; addressing of children with special needs; mental and physical health; need for change; and preparing the children for the new system. He encouraged the public to go to the school district’s website and watch the two (2) hour District 308 Convocation presentation video.

• Projected student enrollment will be over 18,000. Reports will be available in September. The school district serves six (6) different communities including Oswego. Will be reaching out to other communities, including the Village, on residential growth and fees. 40% of students come from outside the Village leading to the challenges of representing the other community’s views, personalities, attitudes and expectations.

• Recognized Alison Swanson and Greg O’ Neil from the School Board.

Oswego Fire Protection District- Assistant Chief, Josh Flanders

• Reverse 911 Program- all the Police and Fire agencies in the County, as well as the dispatch center, have been involved with this program. A press release will be out in the next couple weeks regarding the program. In the past, the program was only linked to landlines. The capabilities of the new reverse dial program will add texting, emailing and contacting cell phones. Residents can go online and register at no charge. All taxing bodies approved the funding of this program. The more enrolled, the bigger the spectrum in case of an emergency.

• Cooperation- recently worked with the school district with training for personnel. Personnel were provided equipment to assist in training on sports injuries. Also trained with bus drivers on extinguishers and first aid. Received very good feedback from Fire Department staff.

• Thanked the Village and Police Department for coordinating the table top disaster exercise. Additionally, President LeClercq thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and Health Department for attending this exercise.

Oswego Public Library District- Director, Sarah Skilton

• Fox Valley Reads- a partnership with Aurora, Oswego, North Aurora, Big Rock and Sugar Grove to offer opportunities to discover and share great literature. Received a $15,000 grant from NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) for this year’s selection,
“Into the Beautiful North”, by Luis Urrea. Taxing bodies received copies of the book along with brochures of the events; additional books are available. Director briefly explained the book. The author will be visiting and doing a Conversation in English and Spanish. He is a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize. Children can learn about the Day of the Dead and make their own masks. A showing of the Magnificent Seven will be held at the Paramount Theatre, in Aurora. There will also be bilingual storytimes for children. Bowling in the Stacks will be held at the Aurora Public Library.

- The library collects donations for community groups. This month they are collecting beanie babies for Project Santa; a group that sends Christmas stockings to soldiers who are serving in foreign lands. Stockings will also include thank you notes.
- Next month the library will be taking collections for the Kendall County Animal Control Shelter. Library will be using Facebook to show dogs and cats reading; as well as using animals that are up for adoption.
- Literary Fest is scheduled for October 5th from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Oswego Township**- Trustee, Bill Small

- A Neighborhood Watch Group was formed in Boulder Hill and is almost completed.
- Identified space in the building that was purchased. There are five (5) units in the building and will be renting out four (4) of the units. Schematics have been approved by the Township Board, but final record drawings have not been received for approval yet. They anticipate receiving them shortly.

**Bristol Township**- No One Present

**Kendall County** – District #1 Board Member, Judy Gilmour and District #2 Board Member, Lynn Cullick. Judy presented the County’s report.

- Five (5) new members on the Board.
- Kendall County has brand new website.
- Passed a website transparency policy.
- Board meetings are now audio recorded; working on video recordings.
- Drafting a new noise ordinance, similar to the Village of Oswego and City of Yorkville; will address the problems in the unincorporated residential areas of the County.
- Solid Waste Management Plan Committee- has met two (2) times; committee is made up of representatives of Municipalities, Townships, County, Health Department staff and private citizens. The committee is reviewing the 2010 solid waste plan and making recommendations for the 2015 plan.
- Highway-Grove Road realignment; Ridge Road project and Fox River Drive, in Millbrook.
- Budget Finance Committee is holding budget hearings. Each department head and elected official give presentations for the Board to consider and work on getting the deficit down.
- Job Resource Fair, with Waubonsee Community College, was very successful Fair was held at the Plano campus.
- Completed ten (10) out of the eleven (11) union contracts.
- KenCom- signed agreements with Montgomery Police, Montgomery Fire and Aurora Township. Hope to have them on board by September or October.
- Participating in a disaster drill tomorrow; FEMA will be attending and grading them on the drill.
DISCUSSION ITEMS
Meetings-
President LeClercq discussed how participants were receiving intergovernmental meeting agendas and information. He is concerned taxing body members are not receiving the invites. The Village Clerk will be providing President LeClercq with a list of the participants invited.

2014 Meeting Dates-
The Intergovernmental meetings, for 2014, will be held on May 13, 2014; August 19, 2014 and November 18, 2014. President LeClercq asked the other taxing bodies to contact the Village Clerk, within the next 30 days, of any conflicts with these dates.

November 19, 2013 Intergovernmental Meeting-
Oswego School District 308 will be hosting the November 19th meeting. The meeting will be held at Oswego East High School. The Village Clerk will provide the school district with an updated contact list for the dissemination of the agenda.

Neighborhood Watch Group-
Trustee Bill Small, from Oswego Township, asked if other communities have a neighborhood watch group. Administrator Jones will contact the Oswego Police Department with regards to this topic and respond to the Township with his findings. Additionally, Trustee Small provided information regarding Speed Watch; a program that aids in the monitoring of vehicle speed.

There were no other comments or discussion.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Tina Touchette
Village Clerk