

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS
November 15, 2011**

WELCOME BY OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT BRIAN LECLERCO

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

ATTENDANCE

Village of Oswego: President LeClercq; Trustees; Tony Giles; Gail Johnson; Jeff Lawson; Terry Michels; Judy Sollinger; and Scott Volpe. Interim Administrator Dwight Baird; Village Clerk Jeanne Hoch; Rod Zenner, Community Development Director; Tony Lucenko, Economic Development Director.

Oswegoland Park District: Bill McAdams; Board President Bob Mattingly; Vice President Debra Krase; Commissioner Danielle Ebersole.

Oswego Community Unit School District 308: Dr. Dan O'Donnell, Superintendent; and Board President Bill Walsh.

Oswego Public Library District: Sarah Skilton, Director; and Verneta Hetrick, President.

Oswego Township: Tom Yackley

Kendall County: Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator and Paul LaLonde, representing KAT

There was no one present to represent Bristol Township or the Oswego Fire Protection District.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum was opened at 6:35p.m.

Kent Jones, village resident, spoke about the strategic planning session. He cited certain inadequacies of the proposed plan; urged responsible budgeting for all taxing districts and asked that all reevaluate their needs and wants.

There was no one else that requested to speak; the Public Forum was closed at 6:41p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Village of Oswego/Kendall County – Mr. Wilkins and Mr. LaLonde explained the Kendall Area Transit (KAT) service. They are working with the Village of Oswego to determine how KAT could provide service for the Park and Ride and also fulfill the transportation needs of residents of the Village of Oswego and surrounding community. Applications with the State of Illinois will have to be submitted and different vehicles will be required for the Park and Ride service. KAT is investigating the cost to lease the vehicles instead of purchasing them. They hope that everything will be finalized by spring, 2012. They anticipate adding two (2) morning routes and two (2) evening routes for a total of five (5) morning and five (5)

afternoon routes for the Park and Ride. Mr. Wilkins explained that they are trying to offer both services for less than the current cost of the Park and Ride service.

Oswegoland Park District – Mr. McAdams reviewed the park district programs, registration and participation levels. Projects that he highlighted included Prairie Point Park, this is near completion and will be ready to open in spring, 2012; Thompson Park is completed and it is the 3rd fully accessible play surface for the park district. The Little White School Museum received a grant that was used to install a new chair lift, gutters, lighting, and landscaping. Holiday events include the Limelight Theater presentation of “It’s a Wonderful Life” and the North Pole Express. Other points of interest included the recently run Hobbler Gobbler with over 800 participants; increased attendance at the aquatic park; upcoming strategic plan and survey; community maps have been completed and the sled hill will be open this year.

Oswego Community Unit School District 308 – Dr. O’Donnell noted that enrollment is up 600 students over last year with just under 1,800 staff members. Construction continues; at this time there will be no 3rd high school, Oswego High School and Oswego East High School will both have additions built. Capacity at both schools will be 3,200 when the additions are completed. The school district represents five (5) communities, Oswego, Plano, Montgomery, Aurora and Yorkville. Students are excelling academically and athletically with 87% of the students meeting or exceeding state standards.

Oswego Public Library District – Director Sarah Skilton noted that the door count in October was 30,936; 16,881 library cards were used and about 60,000 are served by the Oswego Public Library District. EBooks are now available for most e-readers including Kindle; a new gaming service will begin in January, 2012.

Oswego Township – Tom Yackley reported that the Oswego Township makes up just a small percentage of the overall property tax bill but they have been working to reduce their levy and have successfully reduced the levy 2.44%. Township Board members have attended seminars in Springfield and regional seminars. The Oswego Township worked with the Village this year to make repairs to Woolley Road; Mr. Yackley hopes that they can do the same for Wolf Road next year.

Kendall County – Mr. Wilkins reported that the Kendall County Board is holding off budget approval for two (2) weeks to discuss the levy with the hope that they can reduce it; they make up about 7-7.5% of the overall property tax bill. Money saving projects include refinancing some debt, LED lighting, electric service aggregation, proposal to keep the County Clerk/Recorder one position and to eliminate the requirement of an Internal Audit Office. Economic Development continues to be a concern and Kendall County is working with municipal economic development departments. Kendall County participated in their first industrial market show.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Economic Development** -- President LeClercq introduced Tony Lucenko, the Village’s new Economic Development Director. President LeClercq has asked Mr. Lucenko to develop a group of representatives from the various taxing district to collectively promoted economic development.
- **Teen Programs** – Brent Findlay of the YMCA made those present aware that 37 teens of character were recognized last year; their goal for 2012 is for 55 teens to be recognized. The purpose is to lift up all the great things that teens are doing to represent the Pillars of Character. The YMCA’s after school program serves teens; they have about 900 square

feet devoted to teens. Programs addressing teen obesity; programs for teens; police advisory council and character counts are just some of the many programs available to teens. Club Friday will begin again in January; there has been great participation in this program for middle school kids. Dr. O'Donnell noted that because the two (2) high schools will have such large populations there will be many children and teens that do not make teams, or be able to participate in other after school activities such as plays, choir and band. With more parents working longer hours it is more important than ever to make sure there are positive activities for teens.

- **Phosphorous Fertilizers** – Mr. McAdam, explained that run off into detention facilities creates algae blooms and smells. This is in large part due to the use of phosphorous fertilizers; laws effective in other areas were presented. Mr. McAdam would like to have the taxing bodies work together to educate the public on the effects of phosphorous fertilizers and alternatives. Mr. Zenner noted that ECO has been discussing this issue and feel that state regulations would be more effective than local regulations; it would be difficult to monitor. ECO will be developing an education plan. Most area retailers are aware of the issue and are planning for future restrictions.
- **2012 Meeting Dates** – The 2012 meeting dates were presented as May 15, August 21 and November 13. President LeClercq asked if these were acceptable to all present; no objections were expressed. He also asked the taxing bodies to notify the Village of any date conflicts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 7:45p.m.

Jeanne L. Hoch, CMC
Village Clerk