

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 6, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

President LeClercq called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

ROLL CALL

Physically present: President LeClercq; Trustees; Gail Johnson; Jeff Lawson; Terry Michels; Judy Sollinger, and Scott Volpe. Trustee Tony Giles was absent.

Staff Present: Dwight Baird, Interim Village Administrator/Chief of Police; Jeanne Hoch, Village Clerk; Jerry Weaver, Public Works Director; Cpt. Nick Sikora, Acting Chief of Police; Rod Zenner, Community Development Director; Michele Bergeron, Community Relations Manager; Brian Schiber, Village Engineer; Tony Lucenko, Economic Development Director; and Karl Ottosen, Village Attorney.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Members Present: Karen Knight, Ron Elvin, Bobbi Burgstone, Donna Stanley, Village liaison Clint Smith, Park District liaison Chad Feldotto.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum was opened at 5:30p.m

There was no one that requested to speak; the Public Forum closed.

OSWEGO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION DISCUSSION

HPC Chair Karen Knight introduced the commission members that were present. The commission presented a power point presentation showing a number of historic properties located in and around the Village of Oswego. While this was playing Ms. Knight reviewed a handout outlining a timeline of the commission; copies of the ordinance creating the commission; copies of the ordinance regarding landmarking of property. Discussion focused on the commission's goals including creating a landmarking program; creating an historic district; developing a demolition ordinance; and applying for Certified Local Government (CLG) status. Ms. Knight explained that CLG is a joint federal, state and local certification established under the national park district. Each state maintains the program which provides grant opportunities. About seventy (70) Illinois communities have attained CLG status including Aurora, Champaign, and Belvedere. Three things must be in place before a community can apply. They must have an ordinance in place, a survey of historic properties, and a strong support for historic preservation. The Village is strong in all but the last item; support. Board discussion focused on maintaining a balance between property owners' rights and historic preservation; what areas would be designated as an historic district; effect on property values and ability to resell property in the district; what property owners in the district would and would not be allowed to do to their properties.

STRATEGIC PLAN – FINAL DRAFT PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Lynn Montei was present to review the final draft of the strategic plan. The community dialogue was held on October 18, 2011 where about fifty (50) stakeholders were present to review the draft plan. Changes from that session have been incorporated into the final draft. There were no changes to the Mission Statement or the Guiding Principles; there were two (2) changes to the Vision Statements. Under Prospering Economy and Community Enrichment words were added to clarify the statements; a strategy was added under Culture of Partnership. A goal was added to Governance and Municipal Services to include public safety. Water resources was added to the environmental section. All amendments enrich the plan. Under the Stakeholders section Arts and Culture and Health Organizations were added; the Senior Organization was moved to the not for profit section; there were a few other minor adjustments to this section. All who worked on the plan were thanked for their dedication and hard work. One additional change was requested; the document stated that there would be quarterly updates; the Board felt this was too frequent and asked that it be changed to annually.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Lawson and seconded by Trustee Sollinger to enter into Closed Session to discuss Pending and Probable Litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)]; Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Personnel or Officer [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]; Collective Bargaining/Negotiations [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)]; Sale, Lease, and/or Acquisition of Property [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) & (6)].

Aye: Jeff Lawson Judy Sollinger
 Scott Volpe Terry Michels
 Gail Johnson

Nay: None

Absent: Tony Giles

The motion was declared carried with five (5) aye votes, one (1) absent, and zero (0) nay votes. The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:25p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:38p.m.; upon roll call all members were still present.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole Meeting ended at 7:38p.m.

Jeanne L. Hoch, CMC
Village Clerk