

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL  
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS  
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President LeClercq called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Staff Present: Dwight Baird, Interim Village Administrator/Chief of Police; Jeanne Hoch, Village Clerk; Jerry Weaver, Public Works Director; Rod Zenner, Community Development Director; Mark Horton, Finance Director; Michele Bergeron, Community Relations Manager; Ann Spears, HR Director; Brian Schiber, Village Engineer; Tony Lucenko, Economic Development Director; and Karl Ottosen and Tim Hoppa Village Attorneys.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Public Forum was opened at 5:32p.m.

Attorney Daniel Kramer spoke on behalf of his clients Morris, Rose & Co., and Beztek requesting Board consideration of their rezoning request at the January 24, 2012 meeting. They are requesting rezoning to R-4 General Residence District. Also to be considered is a parcel to be set aside for future Metra or Amtrak service.

Linda Porter, village resident spoke in opposition to the request from Westphal Chevrolet for a sales tax rebate.

There was no one else that requested to speak; the Public Forum closed at 5:40p.m.

**WESTPHAL CHEVROLET SALES TAX REBATE DISCUSSION**

The request from Ron Westphal Chevrolet for a sales tax rebate was presented. The dealership has been mandated by General Motors to make renovations. Westphal Chevrolet has been a part of the Village and has contributed to the Village's sales tax revenue. Historical and projected sales data was presented to the Board. The request is for the Village to rebate \$300,000 to Westphal. It is estimated that the Village has received an average of \$173,000 in sales tax revenue from Westphal over the last three (3) years. The Village would continue to receive \$173,000 in sales tax; after that figure has been met the Village would split any additional sales tax 25% for the Village and 75% to Westphal Chevrolet. This split would continue until Westphal received \$300,000 or the ten (10) year period was met, whichever came first. The rebates would be completely contingent on sales tax revenue. Board discussion focused on retaining and supporting businesses; retaining jobs; loss of revenue if they locate to a different community; government not subsidizing commercial development; improvements are part of the cost of owning a business; and treating all businesses equally.

This will be presented for Board consideration at the Regular Village Board Meeting held immediately following this Committee of the Whole Meeting.

### **NEW REVENUE SOURCES DISCUSSION**

Mr. Horton presented a memo outlining statutory sources of municipal revenue. The recently approved Strategic Plan calls for a diversified revenue stream. Board discussed conditional support of a special assessment, some support of a liquor tax and of a vehicle sticker if tied to the repeal of the overnight parking restrictions. It was suggested that any new or increased taxes should go to referendum.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Trustee Lawson and seconded by Trustee Sollinger to enter into Closed Session to discuss 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                        Tony Giles  
              Gail Johnson

Nay:        None

Absent:     Terry Michels

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 6:31p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:35p.m.; upon roll call all members were still present.

No action was taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting ended at 7:35p.m.

Jeanne L. Hester, CMC  
Village Clerk