

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 20, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

President LeClercq called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Dwight Baird, Interim Village Administrator/Chief of Police; Jeanne Hoch, Village Clerk; Michele Bergeron, Community Relations Manager; and Tony Lucenko, Economic Development Director.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum was opened at 6:32p.m

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Sales Tax Rebate Agreement for Westphal Chevrolet (Second Read of Ordinance)

This was presented for first read of ordinance at the December 13, 2011 Regular Village Board meeting. Interim Administrator Baird explained that Westphal Chevrolet is being required by corporate to update their building; Westphal has requested a sales tax rebate to help defray the cost of the improvements. They have been approached by other neighboring communities to relocate and have been offered incentives to do so. The rebate presented was structured so that the Village would continue to receive the sales tax dollars that they had been getting over the last few years. This was averaged out to be \$173,000 annually; after the sales tax reaches that amount Westphal would receive 75% and the Village would receive 25% until \$300,000 was reached or ten years whichever came first. Improvements to the property would increase the assessed value which would help other taxing bodies. Westpahl has been in the community for over twenty (20) years. Board discussion focused on wanting documentation on the costs of the proposed improvements; improvements are a cost of doing business; feeling by some that this is a win-win situation, and that the Village will not be losing and tax revenue only rebating in excess of what they had been receiving. Also considered were the jobs created by the dealership; long term benefits of the rebate and retaining the business; how to handle similar request in the future, will this be setting a precedent; and offers from other communities. Additional discussion focused on postponing vote until all trustees were present and not voting on this until all were present.

Ordinance No. 11-95 – A motion was made by Trustee Giles and seconded by Trustee Lawson to approve Ordinance No. 11-95 an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Sales Tax Rebate Agreement Between the Village of Oswego (“Village”) and Ron Westphal Chevrolet, Inc.

Aye: Gail Johnson, Judy Sollinger

Nay: Tony Giles Jeff Lawson

Terry Michels

Absent: Scott Volpe

The motion was declared failed with three (3) nay votes and two (2) aye votes and one (1) absent.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Lawson and seconded by Trustee Sollinger to adjourn the meeting; upon a voice vote with all member present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12p.m.

Jeanne L. Hester, CMC
Village Clerk