

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OSWEGO VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSWEGO VILLAGE HALL
100 PARKERS MILL, OSWEGO, ILLINOIS
November 18, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ryan Kauffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chief Jason Bastin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Physically Present: President Ryan Kauffman; Trustees Jac Cooper, Rachelle Koenig, Karin McCarthy-Lange, Karen Novy, and Andrew Torres.

Board Members Absent: Trustee Jennifer Hughes

Staff Physically Present: Dan Di Santo, Village Administrator; Jean Bueche, Asst. Village Administrator; Tina Touchette, Village Clerk; Jason Bastin, Police Chief; Joe Renzetti, IT/GIS Director; Andrea Lamberg, Finance Director; Curt Cassidy, Public Works Director; Rod Zenner, Development Services Director; Kevin Leighty, Economic Development Director; Lisset Padilla, Communications Manager; and Dave Silverman, Village Attorney.

RECOGNITIONS/APPOINTMENTS

D.1 Proclamation- Brad and Judy Smith

President Kauffman asked Brad and Judy Smith to come to the front. President Kauffman read the proclamation and presented them with a copy. Brad Smith thanked everyone for the honor. Pictures were taken.

D.2 Cultural Arts Commission Artist Recognition at Village Hall- Luisa Cedin

President Kauffman asked Luisa Cedin and any members of the Cultural Arts Commission to come to the front. He read the proclamation and presented a copy to her. Luisa stated she appreciates the opportunity; this is her first expedition; very thankful. Pictures were taken.

D.3 Business of the Month Recognition - Church of the Good Shepherd

President Kauffman asked Ed Bradley and Melanie Bonham to come to the front. He read the following:

I'd like to extend our congratulations to Church of the Good Shepherd for being featured as the Economic Development Commission's Business of the Month for November. Each month, the Economic Development Commissioners nominate and vote on a business to feature which has demonstrated significant involvement in the Oswego community. This month features Church of the Good Shepherd, which is led by Pastor Steve Good and represented here tonight by Mr. Ed Bradley and Ms. Melanie Bonham. The Church of the Good Shepherd has stood at the corner of Washington and Madison Streets since the church was dedicated and first used for worship services in 1896, by members of the German Evangelical Association. Following the merger of the Evangelical and Methodist churches in 1968, the congregation adopted the name The Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist, the name it has retained to present day. Church of the Good Shepherd aims to serve its community through worship services, spiritual guidance, mission programs, and educational opportunities. They offer weekly traditional and contemporary worship services on Sundays, while also hosting a variety of events throughout the year

to build fellowship. Over its long history, the Church of the Good Shepherd has been considerably involved in the Oswego community. In addition to being active members of the Chamber and Downtown Association, the Church has been a regular Christmas Walk participant by holding a chili supper and nativity display. Church of the Good Shepherd has also served as a local food pantry and hosted or participated in many events benefiting others including their Veteran's brunch and the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. I ask you to please join me once again in congratulating Church of the Good Shepherd for being the November 2025 Business of the Month and thanking them for all the contributions they have made to our community.

The recognition was provided to them. Ed noted the church has been in the community for 130 years; they actively participate in the community; he invited everyone to come over for chili and pie at Christmas Walk. Pictures were taken.

D.4 Proclamation- Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, December 2025
President Kauffman read the proclamation.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum was opened at 7:15 p.m. There was no one who requested to speak. The public forum was closed at 7:15 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Kauffman read the items under consent.

G.1 November 4, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes

G.2 November 4, 2025 Regular Village Board Minutes

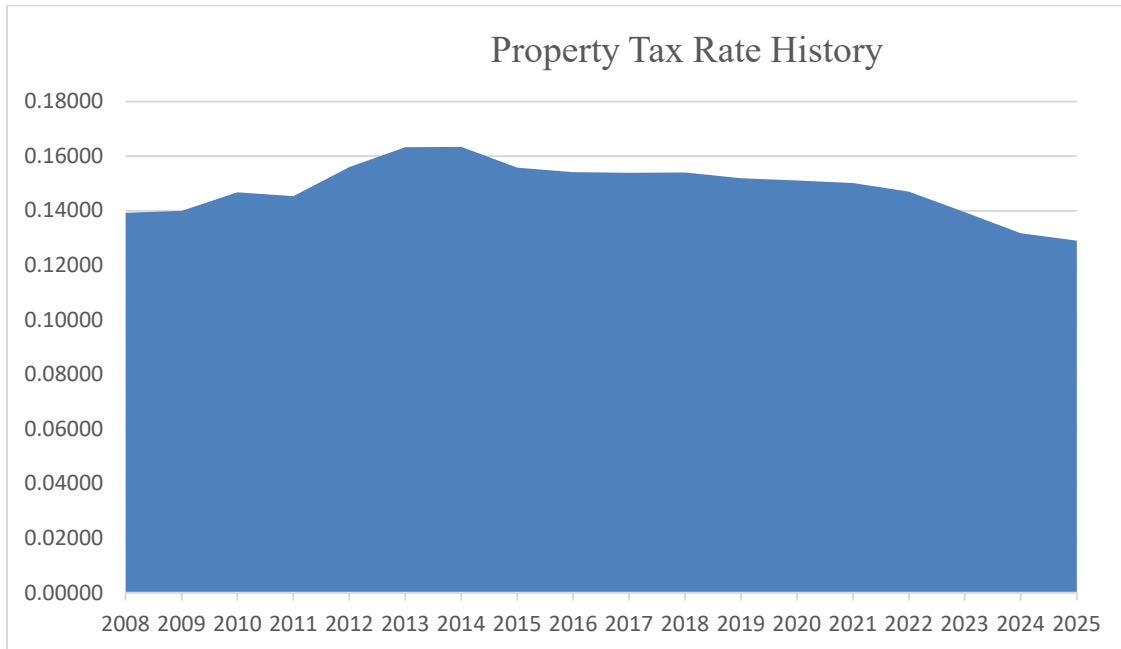
G.3 Special Service Area Tax Levies

- a) Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the 2025 Tax Year for Special Service Area SS60 Oswego 04-SSA-01 of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will County, Illinois.
- b) Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the 2025 Tax Year for Special Service Area SS84 Oswego 05-SSA-03 of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will County, Illinois.

G.4 Tax Levy Abatement Ordinances:

- a) Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on the \$27,105,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016, Dated June 8, 2016 of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will County, Illinois.
- b) Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on the \$5,070,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, Dated July 25, 2017 of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will County, Illinois.
- c) Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay the Interest on the \$14,585,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, Dated December 30, 2019 of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will County, Illinois.
- d) Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on the \$20,825,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021, Dated August 9, 2021 of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will County, Illinois.
- e) Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on the \$19,735,00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A, Dated May 6, 2025 of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will County, Illinois.

Director Lamberg addressed the Board regarding the 2025 property tax levy. The property tax levy rate was calculated using an estimated EAV of \$1,541,185,255. This amount is *based on the estimated EAV as of October 27, 2025, received from the Kendall County Supervisor of Assessments*. This is an increase in equalized value of \$140,344,524, 10.02%, from last year's EAV. The final EAV may change slightly due to assessment objections that can occur up until the final EAV is determined. A change in the final EAV could result in a change in the final calculated rate. Historically, this change has been immaterial. The current levy is \$1,845,047. The tax levy was discussed at meetings held on October 25, 2025, and November 4, 2025. The proposed levy is \$1,989,240 which represents a \$144,201 increase in dollars and a 2.0% decrease in rate. This will result in the lowest tax rate on record.



The chart below shows the history of adopted tax rates:

Levy Year	Final Levy	County Extension	Dollar Change	Percent Change	EAV	% Change in EAV	Tax Rate	Tax Rate Change	Tax Rate %Change
2008	1,249,762	1,249,762	132,827	11.89%	897,802,932	7.47%	0.13920	0.0055	4.1%
2009	1,306,077	1,306,268	56,315	4.51%	933,315,018	3.96%	0.13994	0.0007	0.5%
2010	1,306,077	1,306,204	0	0.00%	889,906,116	-4.65%	0.14677	0.0068	4.9%
2011	1,216,000	1,216,073	-90,077	-6.90%	836,708,892	-5.98%	0.14534	-0.0014	-1.0%
2012	1,216,000	1,216,083	0	0.00%	779,490,106	-6.84%	0.15601	0.0107	7.3%
2013	1,216,000	1,216,099	0	0.00%	744,930,605	-4.43%	0.16325	0.0072	4.6%
2014	1,219,638	1,219,667	3,638	0.30%	746,521,305	0.21%	0.16338	0.0001	0.1%
2015	1,219,638	1,219,659	0	0.00%	782,841,868	4.87%	0.15580	-0.0076	-4.6%
2016	1,280,500	1,280,565	60,862	4.99%	830,834,534	6.13%	0.15412	-0.0017	-1.1%
2017	1,343,397	1,343,522	62,897	4.91%	872,705,185	5.04%	0.15393	-0.0002	-0.1%
2018	1,423,956	1,424,095	80,559	6.00%	924,736,842	5.96%	0.15398	0.0001	0.0%
2019	1,476,000	1,476,025	52,044	3.65%	971,585,725	5.07%	0.15192	-0.0021	-1.3%
2020	1,527,900	1,527,900	51,900	3.52%	1,011,235,535	4.08%	0.15109	-0.0008	-0.54%
2021	1,583,111	1,583,189	55,211	3.61%	1,054,409,920	4.27%	0.15014	-0.0010	-0.63%
2022	1,654,800	1,654,850	71,689	4.53%	1,126,136,585	6.80%	0.14695	-0.0032	-2.13%
2023	1,716,117	1,716,254	61,317	3.71%	1,230,736,678	9.29%	0.13945	-0.0075	-5.10%
2024	1,845,039	1,845,047	128,922	7.51%	1,400,840,731	13.82%	0.13171	-0.0077	-5.55%
2025	1,989,240	1,989,240	144,201	7.82%	1,541,185,255	10.02%	0.12907	-0.0026	-2.00%

Additional discussion included: EAV has increased and we are decreasing the rate 2%; may change with final EAV; happy to see it decreased and proud this Board is doing this; speaks to our commitment to our

community; thank you for bearing through two full sessions to discuss this; Village is still in better condition; keep breaking record on Village taxes going down; already expressed concerns with decreasing the rate. There was no further discussion.

President Kauffman asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak. There was no one else who wanted to speak. The public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

b) Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the 2025 Tax Year of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois.

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy-Lange and seconded by Trustee Torres to approve an Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the 2025 Tax Year of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois.

Aye: Jac Cooper
Karin McCarthy-Lange
President Ryan Kauffman

Rachelle Koenig
Andrew Torres

Nay: Karen Novy
Absent: Jennifer Hughes

The motion was declared carried by a roll call vote with five (5) aye votes and one (1) nay vote.

J.2 Ordinance Adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2045 of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois.

Director Lamberg addressed the Board regarding the capital improvement plan (CIP). The plan details over \$244.8 million in capital improvements identified for completion within the next five years. The CIP is intended to be a working document and not meant to suggest everything in the document will be completed as scheduled. All projects are brought to the Village Board for final approval before an identified project is begun. A total of \$124.7 million in capital improvements is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Village Budget. These projects are included in the budgets of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Tax Increment Financing Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Water & Sewer Capital Fund, and the Municipal Fleet Fund. The following changes have been made since the Budget Workshop was held on October 25, 2025.

1. Capital Improvement Fund – Remove the Project Development Report (PDR). Information was received from IDOT that this project can be deferred.
 - Impact – Decrease Infrastructure expenditures (3003000-572000) by \$750,000. From \$18,354,533 to \$17,604,533. Decrease related grant revenue (3009999-433401) by \$750,000. From \$12,743,459 to \$11,993,459. The net impact to the bottom line for this change is \$0.
2. Water & Sewer Capital Fund – Decrease the budget for the Main Street Watermain. 5% of the project is located within TIF boundaries and can be expensed to the TIF Fund. The TIF expense was properly budgeted in the TIF Fund, and mistakenly also budgeted in the Water and Sewer Capital Fund.
 - Impact – Decrease Utility System Improvements expenditures (5106070-574000) by \$255,400. From \$87,151,568 to \$86,896,168.
3. Water & Sewer Capital Fund – Decrease the budget for Wolf’s Crossing Watermain. IDOT has approved the use of remaining Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Rebuild Infrastructure (RBI) grant funds for a portion of this expense. The related expense was properly budgeted in the MFT Fund, and mistakenly also budgeted in the Water and Sewer Capital Fund.

