



**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 21, 2021**

The Oswegoland Park District Board of Park Commissioners met on the above date at South Point, 810 Preston Lane, Oswego, Illinois.

**CONVENING THE MEETING**

Vice President Behrens called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The Secretary then called the roll. Commissioners Behrens, Ijams, Tartol, and Wilson were physically present. Commissioner Wise was absent.

Staff in attendance included: Rich Zielke, Cindy Benson, Tina Ward, Bob Kohlstedt, Tom Betsinger, Erik Enslen, Laura Finch, Keith Zalewski, and Ben Nachtwey.

No guests were in attendance. Legal Counsel was not in attendance.

**Announcements and Changes to the Agenda**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Recognition of Visitors**

None

**Written Correspondence**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice President Behrens listed items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the regular Board meeting on September 16, 2021
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's report as of September 30, 2021
- Approval of Payables for the period of September 17, 2021 – October 21, 2021 in the amount of \$811,132.32

Commissioner Ijams made a motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Ijams, Tartol, Behrens, and Wilson
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioner Wise

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Commissioner Comments**

None

## STAFF REPORTS

### Executive Director Report (shared by Rich Zielke)

- The District is recognizing a savings averaging around \$500/month resulting from the solar contract it entered into. Year-to-date, the District recognized around \$3000 in savings.
- Registration will begin this fall for the annual IAPD/IPRA State Conference. However, it has not yet been determined if the conference will be virtual and/or in-person. The dates will be January 27-29, 2022.
- The Legal Symposium will be held on November 4 and will be both in-person and virtual. Zielke will be attending virtually to allow for other staff members to attend as well.
- A Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting has been scheduled for November 4 at 5:30 pm at Prairie Point to discuss the FY22 budget.
- Upcoming Special Events include Monster Mash Bash on October 30 and the Gobble Hobbler on November 14.

### Written Staff Reports

- Commissioner Wilson thanked Everhart and staff for arranging for the Oswego Baseball & Softball Association to use Prairie Point ballfields for "Fun Fridays" during the fall, that brought many younger age groups out to play "under the lights."

### PrairieFest Report

- Vest provided the Board with a written report regarding this year's PrairieFest.

### Aquatics Report

- Betsinger and Enslin provided the Board with a written summary of this year's Aquatics season.

## ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Tartol made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 211021-1 declaring the following equipment as surplus property to be sold for the highest compensation "as is" to the highest bidder: 2014 MFSAB Bus #40 (VIN # 1GB3G2BG0E1114326) and 2014 MFSAB Bus #43 (VIN # 1GB3G2BG8E1134453). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ijams.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Tartol, Ijams, Behrens, and Wilson
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioner Wise

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to appoint Rich Zielke as delegate and Commissioner Behrens and Tartol as alternates to serve as the District's official representative at the IAPD (Illinois Association of Park Districts) annual meeting on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Wilson, Tartol, Behrens, and Ijams
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioner Wise

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Betsinger and Enslin left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Tax Levy Discussion**

Zielke reminded the Board that the District is only authorized to receive money based on the state statute. In addition, the two scenarios provided uses an estimate for both EAV and New Growth, so these scenarios are subject to change based on the actual numbers determined. The District is required to hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing when requesting 105%, or more, in additional money. However, in the past, the Board typically chooses to hold this hearing regardless of the percentage it is requesting.

Ward provide the following two scenarios to the Board for their consideration:

- Scenario 1: Estimated New Money from CPI and New Growth, plus extra money in Corporate Fund (in case county estimates are incorrect and to capture all potential money) Truth in Taxation – 104.89%.
- Scenario 2: Estimated New Money from CPI and New Growth, plus extra money in Corporate Fund (in case county estimates are incorrect and to capture all potential money) Truth in Taxation – 108.92%.

Following discussion, and based on staff recommendation, Board members present were in consensus to move forward with Scenario 1. The Board confirmed that the District would still like to hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing, although it is not required. Zielke confirmed this Hearing will take place, as well as the Board being asked to approve the Levy, at the November 18, 2021 Board meeting.

### **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session, for the following purposes: to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act; to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act; and for the review of Closed Session Minutes for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes and/or semi-annual review of the minutes, pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act at 6:26 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Ijams and seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Ijams, Wilson, Behrens, and Tartol
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioner Wise

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Commissioner Tartol made a motion that upon review, all Closed Session minutes shall remain closed as sufficient reasons exist to keep these minutes confidential at this time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Tartol, Wilson, Behrens, and Ijams
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioner Wise

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Tartol.

Roll Call:	Ayes	Commissioners Wilson, Tartol, Behrens, and Ijams
	Nays	0
	Abstain	0
	Absent	Commissioner Wise



Cindy Benson, Board Secretary  
November 18, 2021