

***OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL* – Regular Meeting**

April 9, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Josh Barkley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members, Bill Dowty, Jeff Kemper, Brad Pursley and Renee Sweeney present.

Dowty moved to approve the minutes of the March meetings. Sweeney seconded.
Passed 4-0

Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, announced that Police Sergeant, Victor Torres resigned effective April 10, 2018. He also informed the council that they are currently seeking applications for the Police Department.

Rose Barrick of the Storm Water Board mentioned the Storm Water Ordinance #18-4-1 and said she hoped to have everything ready by the next council meeting to go ahead with the Railroad Project. The next Storm Water Board meeting will be April 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Barkley moved to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance #18-4-3 at 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 2018 at the Ossian Town Hall. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0 Barkley moved to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance #18-4-4 immediately following the first hearing on May 14, 2018. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0 Both public hearings will be posted and advertised according to state requirements.

Pursley moved to adopt Ordinance #18-4-5, 2018 Salary - Ordinance for the Town of Ossian and to hire Ron Privett as general maintenance employee for parks and facilities. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

A tax abatement request for Pena Mechanical was tabled until the May 14 meeting because no one was present to represent Pena's.

Diane Johnson, Project Manager for Wells County Economic Development and Tim Fiechter of Rethceif Enterprises presented two (2) CF-1 compliance forms for tax abatements granted in previous years for personal property at Rethceif Enterprises, Inc. and a CF-1 for real property. Pursley moved to grant all requests. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Johnson and Michael Gerber presented three (3) CF-1 compliance forms for tax abatement for personal property placed in service in previous years at Trusted Supply Chain Partners LLC. Pursley moved to grant the abatements with a second from Dowty. Passed 5-0 Johnson and Gerber also presented an SB-1 for manufacturing equipment recently placed in service. Pursley moved to grant the ten year abatement to Trusted Supply Chain Partners for additional personal property. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Tom Neuenschwander of Amstutz Insurance presented quotes for the Town's insurance for 2018-2019 reporting an eight hundred (\$800) dollar increase from last year. Barkley questioned ownership of a Kubota Model KX0574 valued at \$60,000. Martin said the Kubota was not owned by the town, so this will be removed from the policy. Neuenschwander reported that IPEP (Indiana Public Employers' Plan) will be retained for Worker's Compensation, as the company is very proactive in helping Ossian to meet state requirements at no extra cost to the Town. The Town also saves fifteen hundred to two thousand (\$1500-\$2000) dollars just by being in the IPEP Pool. Neuenschwander reported that the rate for workers' compensation went down but the payroll went up, keeping the premium nearly the same for 2018/2019. Pursley asked if Ossian needed Cyber Liability coverage. Neuenschwander said he would look into the

possibility and get quotes and report back. Pursley moved to accept the 2018-2019 insurance package at a total cost of forty eight thousand five hundred ninety three (\$48,593.00) dollars. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney moved to adopt Ordinance #18-4-1, an ordinance which prohibits the dumping of refuse or yard waste in drainage areas. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented a proposal from Ortman Drilling for \$15,700 for rehabilitation of Well #3. Pursley moved to accept the proposal as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented a proposal from Nelson Tank Engineering for fifty one hundred (\$5100) dollars for water tower inspection, which is required every five (5) years. This includes both water towers. Sweeney moved to accept the proposal as presented. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Tim Wilson of 216 Ridge Court appeared before the board requesting a ten (10) foot variance for a swimming pool that was placed too close to the easement. He had obtained the necessary permits but inadvertently placed the pool too far back. Rose Barrick of the Board of Zoning Appeals stated that ten (10) feet would be plenty of room for trucks to get in to do necessary work. Pursley moved to grant the variance with a second from Dowty. Passed 5-0

A utility adjustment of two hundred twenty dollars and ninety six cents (\$220.96) was requested. Martin stated that this request did meet the town's criteria for an adjustment, but that the council may want to look into the policy for possible clarification in the future. Dowty moved to grant the request. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney moved to approve the March time cards as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented a maintenance agreement for the Town Hall's computers for twenty six hundred sixty five (\$2665) dollars and a maintenance agreement for the Police Department for twenty eight hundred fifty (\$2850) dollars from Innovative Concepts. There was a short discussion, after which, council asked Martin to check into some other options.

Pursley moved to approve claims of \$120,847.99 as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin announced that street cleaning would start soon. This will be done twice a month on street with curbs. She stated that the downtown area will be done during the night and residential streets will be done during the day.

Martin said she had spoken with Dan Baumgartner regarding the parking in down town areas. Council decided to prohibit parking from four hundred (400) feet north of 900 South to LaFever Street and from one hundred fifty (150) feet south of Heyerly Drive to the town limits.

Pursley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

April 4, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commission Vice-President, Caleb Chichester. Commissioner Bob Miller was present along with council liaison, Bill Dowty. Andrew Wanner was absent. Police Chief, Dave Rigney, Officer Stephanie Tucker, Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner and Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey were also present.

Chichester moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Miller seconded.
Passed 2-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney gave his monthly report. There were no questions. Rigney also reported that the new police car is currently at the outfitters waiting on the receipt of the camera and radar systems. The radar is expected to arrive in two (2) weeks.

Rigney announced the resignation of Sergeant, Victor Torres effective April 10. His last day was March 29. Chichester said that he would like an exit interview with Torres. He stated that Torres had already consented to an interview but, would be on vacation until April 10. Chichester will schedule the interview for late April or May. The panel will consist of the police commissioners and Council liaison, Bill Dowty.

Rigney also reported that Officer Alig is currently interviewing with the New Haven Police Department, stating that his departure could be on the horizon.

Rigney suggested running another ad for officers stating that there is currently an opening for a sergeant, as well as, for a part time officer. Rigney went on to suggest the pay rate for part time officers be raised from eighteen dollars and ninety one (\$18.91) cents to between twenty five (\$25.00 to \$30.00) dollars per hour in order to attract more certified officers. Chichester asked Rigney to look into what other towns/counties are currently paying. Rigney said Decatur and Adams County are the only area entities that currently have part time officers. A short time later Officer Tucker looked on the internet and found that Adams County and Decatur are both currently paying eighteen (\$18.00) dollars per hour.

Rigney stated that Bluffton is also hiring police officers and the response has been slow there, as well.

Chichester moved to advertise again for certified and non-certified officers. Miller seconded. Passed 2-0

In regards to Lexipol Policy Sections 100 and 200, Chichester suggested the Police Commission should approve all policy and policy changes, as well as the Police Chief. Miller moved to approve the policies pending the addition of the commission to the policy approval authority. Chichester seconded. Passed 2-0

Miller moved to adjourn. Chichester seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
Next Meeting is May 2nd at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

OSSIAN STORM WATER BOARD

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

10:00 AM

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 am. Members present were, Tim Miller, Rose Barrick, Town Manager, Luann Martin, Town Council Member Jeff Kemper and Jim Breckler, Engineering Resources.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes were approved by a motion approval of 2-0

OLD BUSINESS

RR / Rose Ann Heights Swale Update

Heard from Luann that Valenti's are ok with the wording of the easement, but would like for the town to keep others along the swale using it as a dump site for yard waste and debris.

Luann said after doing some checking, she found that under what the town currently has for an Ordinance would make it difficult to enforce due to the wording of the Ordinance.

The Board reviewed several pages of Ordinance information that Luann obtained from Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg. A motion was made by Rose, and passed 2-0, to have Mike Hartburg draft an Ordinance to be presented to the Town council on the use of easements and swales as dump sites for yard waste and debris.

Heard from Jim that Witte would like to have the easement marked off. Luann will contact the surveyor to have this done.

Another motion was made and passed 2-0, on the removal of a large tree on the Valenti property that is in the easement / construction area. The cost will be added to proposed project.

Jim added that we still need to obtain an agreement from Springer's to access their property from the north side of Rose Ann Heights. Once these pieces are completed, I can move to the next phase which is submitting plans to the Rail Road.

TI Ditch and surrounding drainage / Industrial Park

Jim said they have started the design phase of this project. We have started establishing drainage areas and calculating the amount of water run-off going to the ditch.

Budget

As of 3/27/2018, the Storm Water Budget is as follows,

Checking \$168,275.17 Savings \$79,602.36

Board Member

Position is still vacant at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing new to report at this time

Update from Town Manager

Nothing new at this time.

Next meeting

The next meeting for the Ossian Storm Water Board will be Tuesday, April 24th, 2018 at 10:00am at the Town Hall.

With no further business for the board to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Miller, President

Ossian Park Board

April 23, 2018

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Crystal Streeter, Janet Riley, Ashley Harmon, and Joe Lewis

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on February 26, 2018
2. Discussed updated 5-year plan with a few updates. Board members signed updated plan to be submitted to DNR for grant approval.
3. Discussed amphitheater costs. Total estimated cost would be \$742,500. Construction design cost will be \$12,500. Tuesday May 9, 2018, will be a fundraising meeting at 7pm at the Ossian Town Hall. Ossian Revitalization presented a check for \$50,000 to start the amphitheater project. Ashley made a motion to accept PDM as the company to draw certified plans for amphitheater. Crystal seconded. Cost will be \$12,500. Passed 5-0.
4. Rose Barrick here representing Ossian Days Committee. They would like to rent the ball diamond during Ossian Days. This would prevent any tournament from happening. Last year some damage occurred during Ossian Days to carnival vehicles parked at the diamond. Park Board decided to set diamond curfew at 10pm.
5. Dustin Bookmiller requested permission to use big diamond for softball practice. Park Board decided it needs a schedule and more info concerning their organization before making a decision.
6. Crystal motioned to accept proposal from H&H Fencing for a new backstop at the big diamond for a cost of \$1,250.43. Ashley seconded. Passed 5-0.
7. Next meeting May 9, 2018
8. Adjourned at 9:04pm