

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

August 13, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Josh Barkley called the regular meeting of the Ossian Town Council to order with Council members, Bill Dowty, Jeff Kemper, Brad Pursley and Renee Sweeney present.

Pursley moved to approve the minutes of the July meetings. Dowty seconded.
Passed 5-0

Bids for the 2006 Crown Victoria were as follows:

Casandra Bachman – \$2350
Kraig Macke - \$2777.05
Julius Longardner - \$2216
Frederick Wile - \$2160

Pursley moved to accept Kraig Macke's high bid of Twenty Two Hundred Seventy Seven dollars and five cents (\$2777.05). Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

There were no questions on the Monthly Police Report. Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, reported that Officer Alig may be leaving soon to accept another position. He announced a deadline of August 15, 2018 for receipt of applications for the current vacancy created when Officer Torres resigned in April. If Officer Alig should leave, the deadline for receipt of applications for that vacancy will be September 14, 2018 at noon.

Chichester requested that council create three (3) new part time officer positions temporarily until the department is fully staffed again. He also requested a raise in part time officer pay from \$18.91 per hour to \$30.00 per hour. Pursley moved to approve both requests. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Rose Barrick, reporting for the Storm Water Board, stated that they have eight (8) bids so far for the industrial park drainage project. They will open bids for this project in a public meeting noon on August 24, 2018. We are still waiting on permission from Junior Springer's heirs for permission to run dump trucks over his property.

There will be a regular meeting of the Storm Water Board on August 28, 2018 at the town hall at 10:00 a.m.

Town Manager, Luann Martin requested permission to advertise for the open position for general maintenance. Council agreed by consensus.

Pursley moved to pass Ordinance #18-8-1, An Ordinance to Establish a New Fund for the Town "TIF Fund 446." Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented a quote from Ortman Drilling & Water Service in Kokomo for Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred (\$15,700) dollars to rehabilitate well #4. Dowty moved to authorize the work with a second from Pursley. Passed 5-0

A rezoning request from Larry Heckber was withdrawn.

The 2019 Budget was presented by Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey. There were no questions or comments from council or residents. Dickey will post the budget on the Indiana

Gateway Website per the Department of Local Government Finance requirements and schedule a Public Hearing on September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ossian Town Hall.

Adrian Halverstadt of Delaney, Hartburg and Garrot Law Firm, presented a letter that may be sent to the present owner of 103 North Jefferson. Retha Springer, the owner of 101 North Jefferson, next door, has been complaining about water coming into her building from the 103 building for some months now and she is afraid that when the water freezes in the winter it will damage the integrity of her building. The owner of the 103 property has removed the roof from the building which speeds up the deterioration process. The current owner of 103 North Jefferson lives in Kuwait and has no intension of returning to the United States. Repairing the building would be very expensive and probably exceed the current market value of the building. Demolishing the building would also be prohibitively expensive and could cause structural problems for the buildings adjacent it to the north and the south. Those buildings would then have no support for their outside walls. Everyone agreed that there isn't a good solution to the problem. It was decided that Haverstadt would send out the letter allowing thirty (30) days for the necessary repairs to be done.

Sweeney moved to approve the July time cards with corrections. Kemper seconded.
Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve claims of \$238,826.39 with corrections. Dowty seconded.
Passed 5-0

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

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

August 24, 2018 - 12:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Josh Barkley called the special meeting of the Ossian Town Council to order with Council members, Bill Dowty, Jeff Kemper, and Renee Sweeney present. Brad Pursley was absent.

Bids for the Ossian Industrial Park Drainage Project were as follows:

Fleming Excavating	– Total Bid	\$247,222.12	Alternate Bid	\$124,691.92
Fox Contractors	- Total Bid	\$175,635.00	Alternate Bid	\$ 49,735.00
API Corporation	- Total Bid	\$259,900.00	Alternate Bid	\$ 92,000.00

Total bids include drainage swale improvements, sanitary sewer manhole improvements and a work allowance of \$15,000. Alternate bids are for detention outfall improvements

Kemper moved to allow Josh Barkley to accept a bid on council's behalf after engineer, Jim Breckler, who was present at the meeting, checks the bids for accuracy and completeness. Sweeney seconded. Passed 4-0

Barkley moved to approve a letter of commitment for the Community Crossings Grant application. Sweeney seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to adjourn. Kemper seconded Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

OSSIAN STORM WATER BOARD

TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2018 10:00 AM

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Members present were, Tim Miller, Rose Barrick, Town Manager, Luann Martin and Jim Breckler, Engineering Resources.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes from the last meeting was approved by a motion approval of 2-0

OLD BUSINESS

RR / Rose Ann Heights Swale Update

- Applied for permit with Railroad. Awaiting response
- Have not heard from Valenti on easement.

TI Ditch and surrounding drainage / Industrial Park

- Permits have been applied for, awaiting response from permitting agencies.
- Easements need to be obtained for access to project site.
- Requested another meeting with Hillcrest Development on 7-17 18 at 10am

Budget

As of 6/26/2018, the Storm Water Budget is as follows,

Checking \$183,632.76 Savings \$86,632.36

Board Member

Position is still vacant at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed Storm water Standards draft with Jim Breckler
- Jeff Petrie having drainage issues, not present to hear from him.
- Discussed issues with detention pond located north of apartments

Update from Town Manager

Nothing new at this time

Next meeting

The next meeting for the Ossian Storm Water Board will be Tuesday, July 31st, 2018 at 10:00am at the Town Hall. A special meeting with Hillcrest Development at 10 am July 17th, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Miller, President

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

August 1, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

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

Chichester moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. There was no meeting in July. Wanner seconded. Passed 2-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney, presented his monthly report on mileage and overtime. There were no questions.

Rigney reported the new cameras have arrived and they will be installed around August 22.

Chichester reported on the ongoing policy discussion saying that town attorney, Mike Hartburg, has not returned the uniform policy and the discipline policy has not been reformatted by Commissioner Wanner. Commissioner Wanner reported that he has not completed the review of the Lexipol portion of the policy.

Rigney stated the he had received twelve (12) applications, seven of those are certified and five (5) are not certified. Three (3) of the certified have been eliminated and two (2) are questionable.

Rigney reported that Officer Alig has an interview with the Fort Wayne Police Department on August 16, 2018.

Officer Tucker recommended setting a deadline for applications for the current job opening of August 15, 2018 so they can get that position filled soon. Commissioners Wanner and Chichester concurred and set the deadline for August 15, 2018 by consensus. In preparation for the possible opening by Alig's leaving they also set a deadline of September 14, 2018 at noon for receiving applications for that position.

Rigney said he had also received an application for a part time position. Rigney suggested an increase in part time officer pay to thirty (\$30.00) per hour. He also stated the need for four or five part time officers. Chichester moved to increase part time officer pay temporarily to thirty (\$30,00) and the number of part time positions to five (5). Wanner seconded. Passed 2-0 Chichester will present this proposal to the Ossian Town Council at their next regular meeting.

The interviews with Ossian Officers have been completed but the Department Overview has not been compiled as of now. This was table until the next meeting.

The next meeting of the commissioners will be September 5. 2018 at 7: pm at the town hall.

Wanner moved to adjourn. Chichester seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

August 25, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commission President, Andrew Wanner. Commissioner Caleb Chichester was present along with council liaison, Bill Dowty. Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner, Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey were also present. Commissioner Bob Miller was absent.

Wanner moved to hire Jimmy Robbins as a part-time police officer. Chichester seconded. Passed 2-0

There being no other business before the Commission, Chichester moved to adjourn. Wanner seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.