

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

December 12, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

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

Barkley moved to approve the minutes of the November meetings as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0 Jeff Kemper arrived.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney, requested permission to purchase additional Taser equipment at a cost of forty six forty dollars and eighty eight cents (\$4640.88). Dowty asked if he had presented the request to the Commissioners. Rigney replied that he did not because the Council has to approve any monetary requests. Dowty stated that he still should present requests such as this to the Commissioners and the Commissioners would make a recommendation to Council. Dave said that he had not done it that way in the past and he had not been informed of any change in procedure. Barkley moved to approve this purchase. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester asked if Council had made any decisions as to the part-time police officers. The original intent was to keep them until the end of 2016. Rigney stated his desire to keep them available because they cost less than the regular officers. Council decided to table this until the next Police Commission meeting, and asked the commissioners to make a recommendation. Kemper asked Chichester to compare the cost of using part time officers to the cost of regular officers' overtime.

Dennis Ramey and Rose Barrick representing the Storm Water Board asked about the plans to include storm water work in the Mill Street Project. Barrick stated that the board did not have two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars available at this time. They agreed that if drainage work needs to be done it should be done while they have the street dug up and not dig the street up again in a few years, but they are concerned about raising the funds. Barrick explained that they are currently working with the railroad on a project that will cost in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars and another two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars is just not in the budget. Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources explained that the cost of drainage for the street project could be included in the grant request.

Ken Dunn, representing Mobilitie, returned to hear the council's decision about a Data Transmission Tower to be located in Ossian. His information had not changed from the last meeting. Barkley asked him, again, why the tower could not be located in the industrial park. Dunn, again replied that it did not meet their specifications. Barkley persisted and Dunn said he could inquire about possibly installing a higher pole in the industrial park. Council agreed to this. Dunn will work with Town Manager, Luann Martin from now on so he doesn't have to come to meetings.

Barkley moved to allow Engineering Resources to go ahead with a preliminary design for the 2017 Mill Street Project. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Doug Bieberich of W.A.T.C.H. TV dba/Onlyinternet presented a renewal agreement to keep their antenna on the water tower. Onlyinternet will pay the Town of Ossian fifty (\$50) dollars every month as rent for their tower and provide free internet service to the Town's offices. Dowty moved to approve the agreement with a second from Kemper. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to continue to have the Council meetings on the second and fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall for 2017. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley announced that Letters of Intent to serve on the Park Board, Storm Water Board and Police Commission will be accepted through December 30, 2016 at the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Barkley moved to appoint The Ossian Journal as the official newspaper for the Town of Ossian in 2017. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

A utility adjustment was presented and no action was taken because it did not qualify for an adjustment per our utility ordinance.

Dowty moved to approve the November time cards as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney moved to approve claims of \$107,765.70 as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

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

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Commission Chairman, Andrew Wanner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with Commissioners Caleb Chichester and Bob Miller present. Town Council Liaison, Bill Dowty was also present.

Wanner moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Chichester seconded. Passed 3-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney did not have the monthly report available.

Chichester presented two (2) Memoranda for approval. These had been approved earlier in the year, but will expire at the end of 2016. One concerned the monthly reports and was not changed. The other pertained to the schedule and requires the chief to notify the Commission at least a week prior to leaving if he is going to be farther than one hundred fifty (150) miles away from Ossian and what his location will be. Chichester moved to accept both memoranda with a second from Miller. Passed 3-0

Wanner requested that Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey email the memoranda to the commissioners and Chief Rigney.

Miller stated that he would have his portion of the policy ready for the next meeting.

Chichester said he would like to recommend to the council at their Monday meeting that Chief Rigney be put on salary. He suggested it would be Rigney's regular 2017 salary plus forty two hundred (\$4200) dollars for overtime. Rigney said there are Federal Regulations regarding the percentage of administrative work required in order to place him on a salary. Chichester reported that, per Commission attorney, Holly Brady, job duties are based on the job description

for the position. Rigney stated that if he was put on a salary he would like to have comp time for overtime.

Miller moved to set the 2017 meetings for the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Chichester seconded. Passed 3-0

Rigney was asked if the monthly report would be ready to put in the Council packets on Friday. He assured it would be ready for Friday packets.

The next meeting will be January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall

Wanner moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners
Executive Session
507 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

An executive session was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Time
on December 27, 2016
Date
Subject
To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

We, the undersigned, certify that no final action was taken on this matter and that no other subjects were discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03
Time

Commissioners Present:

[Signature]
Andrew Wanner
[Signature]
Caleb Chichester
[Signature]
Bob Miller

Guests Present:

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OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

December 30, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.
Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Commission Chairman, Andrew Wanner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Commissioners Caleb Chichester and Bob Miller present. Town Council Liaison, Bill Dowty was also present.

Wanner reported that Officer Arnold had turned in his resignation and his last day will be 12-31-16.

The commissioners made no changes to the job description for the sergeant position. A sergeant is being sought to shorten the time before the new officer will be on his/her own. It was requested that the job be posted as soon as possible and applications will be due no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2017. Interviewing will begin on February 4. Miller motioned to approve the above hiring process. Wanner seconded. Passed 3-0

The next meeting will be January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall

Wanner moved to adjourn. Chichester seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

MINUTES

OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016

The Ossian Storm water Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Storm water Board members present included Tim Miller – President, Rose Barrick - V.P., Dennis Ramey – Sec’y. Also attending Luann Martin - Town Manager, Jim Breckler – Engineer, ERI, and Glen Werling -The News-Banner.

Minutes Approval ----- Tim made a motion to approve the minutes for the Storm Water meeting held on October 26 , 2016, Rose second, vote was 3-0 to approve.

Old Business

□ **Railroad Drainage west of Rose Ann Heights ----** Jim updated the group on the response from AEP concerning the proposed excavating in the ditch area adjacent to AEP poles and down guy anchors. Options were discussed if excavating around the poles isn't practical or affordable and included using rip-rap and/or a 24 or 30" pipe for approx. 60'. Jim is still in discussion with AEP Transmission engineer for some pricing. A decision on which plan to proceed with will likely depend on prices provided by AEP to alter the existing pole line. Another factor will be the outcome of proposed plans for the Mill St. discussion to install a replacement SW pipe at an estimated cost of around \$ 250,000.00.

At some point in the process, the Town will also need to obtain a long term working agreement with the R.R. to avoid going through all these steps every time the swale needs cleaned or re-graded.

□ **600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area -----** Luann reported that she has not been in contact with Minnich's Lawn Care after paying 75% of the bill. The remainder is to be paid upon completion of the project. Rose

mentioned that the catch basin needs to be cleaned out when possible.

□ **Mill Street rebuild proposal-----** A group discussion on the possibility of a new Storm Water pipe to replace the existing pipe on the Mill St project included possible funding, cost, and future Storm Water projects. The Storm Water Board members plan to attend the next regular Town Council meeting on Monday, December 11 to gain additional information.

□ **LaFever St across from Countryside-----** Luann reported that the crew has completed work on this broken line.

□ **Storm Water Budget -----** 11/30/2016 Report Balances are \$ 63,008.78 in Savings and \$ 90,544.25 in Checking Acct.

▪ Goals for 2017: the group will be reviewing budget items for

future consideration.

New Business

□ **Update from Town Manager on Projects-----** Luann reported that a catch basin will be installed on Dehner Dr. to eliminate a ponding issue on the road.

**With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.
The next regular monthly meeting for the Storm water Board will be
on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Ramey, Secretary**