

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

December 10, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

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

Dowty moved to approve the minutes of the September meetings. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Fire Chief, Ben F., asked permission to spend Fire Dept. yearend money to the amount of \$5,661.64. Dowty moved to permit spending up to \$5,661.64. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin reported for Park Board, received notification of approval of grant from Wells County Foundation for Sandalwood Park for shade sails in the amount of \$12,610.00. Kemper moved to accept the grant. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Pursley noticed high amount of spending with police overtime. Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, said this was due to being short an officer and officers using their remaining vacation time. Chichester informed of the uniform policy update that now allows officers to have beards as long as they're neatly trimmed. Police Commissioners will be holding a Special Meeting Wednesday, December 12th to hire another officer.

Rose Barrick, reporting for the Storm Water Board, reported that still waiting to hear from the railroad. Barrick then discussed the water retention pond at Lakewood Estates. It's never been dedicated to the town and it has been up for sheriff's auction a couple times and has not sold yet. There is concern that if someone else bought it they could potentially build a house on it. Barrick asked Council's permission for our attorneys to send a letter to Wells County Commissioners to give the Town of Ossian possession of the property. Pursley moved to have attorneys send a letter. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Storm Water will not have a meeting in December.

Changes needed to be made to resolution 18-12-1 for the unsafe building at 103 N. Jefferson. Council stated that after changes they would have a second meeting to approve the resolution before the end of the year.

Town Manager, Luann Martin, reported that she brought in Cheryl Laley for training and she did very well. Pursley moved to hire Laley. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin also discussed the INDOT Community Crossing grant for W. Mill Street. Pursley moved to enter into agreement with INDOT for Community Crossing grant. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Owner of 905 Woodcreek spoke about her shed on her property; it sits on an easement. Area Plan is requested that council either approve it or make her move it. Pursley moved to keep the shed at its current location with the understanding that it may have to be moved at some point. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Clerk-Treasurer, Erika Allison, presented the transfer of funds within a fund for 2018. Pursley moved to accept the transfers as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to approve the utility adjustment for Account 10347639 as presented. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Amber Ginet O'Daniels, from Groups in Bluffton, introduced herself to council, explained the company, and left handouts for Town Hall.

Dowty moved to approve time cards as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$156,237.23 as presented. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to approve payment to Fox Contractors for application for payment of \$193,939.47. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Kemper seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

December 17, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

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

Council set base bid for 103 N. Jefferson at \$5,000. This covers the amount the Town has spent on the building to date. Kemper moved to accept Resolution 18-12-1 with starting bid at \$5,000. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

December 5, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commission Chairman, Andrew Wanner. Commissioner Caleb Chichester was present along with council liaison, Bill Dowty. Police Chief, Dave Rigney and Officer Stephanie Tucker were also present. Commissioner Bob Miller was absent.

Caleb Chichester moved to approve the minutes, Wanner seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

Police Chief Rigney gave the monthly department report on mileage and overtime, there were no questions.

Chief Rigney also reported that all part time hires are fully training. They are mostly working weekends and covering time off. Currently we have 3 of the 5 positions filled and Chief Rigney is looking at others to fill the two open positions.

Matt Browns training is going well, he should be moving into phase two with Brian within the next 10 days. Once that is complete, he will move into phase three. Phase three is sometimes referred to as the ghost phase since the training officer is just there to observe and for officer safety.

Chichester asked Rigney about the Lexipol policies. Rigney replied that due to being short officers and the current case load, not much has been done.

Discussed recent additions to the Department issued vehicles policy made by Wanner. In section 1.1.4 added text limiting take home vehicles to officers living within 15 straight line miles of Ossian. 1.2.2.2, Only officers living within the town of Ossian can use the vehicles for personal use within town limits.

Also discussed was an addition to the Uniform and Equipment policy allowing use of the unmarked car while not in uniform for training and investigations. Also changed sections of this policy to be more lenient for tattoos and allow for neatly trimmed beards and facial hair.

Wanner moved to approve the uniform policy, with discussed changes, Chichester seconded, passed 2-0.

Chichester moved to approve the changes to the department issued vehicles policy, Wanner seconded, passed 2-0.

Wanner stated that we need to finish our reviews of policies for the year and renew the memorandums, if needed.

Chichester requested that Andrew send electronic copies of the updated policies.

Department Overview. Chichester stated several items that were discussed in the interviews that everyone had said were issues. These items were the need for more physical space, evidence room is packed and we cannot get rid of the evidence. Office space is cramped. More personnel is needed, the part times should help with this. Also mentioned was aging

equipment, but we have been working to update some of this. All in car cameras are new, radar is also new.

Rigney brought up that the Wells County IT department was approved for a grant to replace the computers and that Ossian Police Department has been included in that. We will be getting new computers in the next couple of months.

We will probably be looking at replacing the radios in the next 18 months as well as needing to purchase a new car within the next year. Vehicle maintenance costs are increasing due to the aging cars.

Rigney stated that performance reviews will be completed in January.

Full time officer position. After some discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting the week of December 10, 2018 so that all three commissioners could be present.

Chichester motioned to adjourn, Wanner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

December 12, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Commission Chairman, Andrew Wanner. Commissioners Caleb Chichester and Bob Miller were present along with council liaison, Bill Dowty. Police Chief, Dave Rigney was also present.

After some brief discussion, Chichester moved to make a conditional offer to Zachary Hess pending approval by PERF and him signing the 5 year reimbursement agreement. Bob Miller seconded, the motion passed 2-0, with Andrew Wanner abstaining.

The meeting was then adjourned.

OSSIAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Town of Ossian, Indiana
December 10, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

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

There was discussion on the Economic Development Plan. Resolution 12-1-18 would include the following businesses into the plan: Hillcrest U-Stor, S&P Rentals, Hillcrest Development, Bluffton Health System, Kemper Properties, W-CAP, and Harry/Lois Gerber. Pursley moved to accept Resolution 12-1-18. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0 Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.