

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

February 9, 2015 - 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 Bill Miller and Tom Neuenschwander present. Terri Hughes-Lazzell and Josh Barkley were absent.

Neuenschwander moved to approve the January minutes with one (1) correction on page 196. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

There were no comments from Ossian citizens.

Ossian Days Committee, A.J. Reynolds, Stephanie Tucker and Rose Barrick requested the dates of September 10, 11 & 12 for Ossian Days. Neuenschwander moved to accept these dates and to have the highway closed on the same dates after the certificate of insurance is received. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

OSSIAN PARK BOARD

February 2, 2015

Attendance: Bill Dowty, Jason Heckber, and Tim Rohr

- I. Read and approved minutes from meeting on January 5, 2015
- II. Jason questioned replacing PA system at minor league. System to have 3 horns and 3 speakers. The minor league to cover all costs of equipment and installation. Quotes received from Stylus in Bluffton. Costs to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000, depending on options yet to be determined. Bill motioned to take proposal to Town Council for approval. Tim seconded and passed 3-0.
- III. February 24, 2015 will be a meeting with High Performance Government and the steering committee at 4pm.
- IV. Joseph Lewis, Ashley Harmon, and Monte Fortney have presented letters of intent to become Ossian Park Board members. After discussions, Bill motioned to accept Joseph Lewis and Ashley Harmon. Jason seconded. Passed 3-0. Each person will need to be accepted by Town Council and sworn in.
- V. Discussed budget, as presented, we will have \$39,300 to work with as long as the State of Indiana approves.
- VI. Discussed charging a fee to use the pavilion at Melching Park. Luann to contact our attorney, to see what charging a fee would entail.
- VII. Discussed ball diamond maintenance and mower positions. Board discussed a 30 hours week at 6 hours per day position. Pay will be \$8.50 per hour. Position to start March 30, 2015 or weather permitting. Position to last through August 28, 2015. This employee will report to Luann. Job description discussed and was presented to Park Board by Luann. Tim motioned that it be presented to Town Council. Bill seconded. Passed 3-0.
- VIII. Next meeting March 2, 2015.
- IX. Meeting adjourned 7:57pm.

The Ossian Minor League requested permission to replace the worn out public address system at the ball diamonds. They estimated the cost at \$1525 - \$1900. This cost would be paid by the Minor League. Neuenschwander moved to accept this proposal and Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

The Park Board recommended Joseph Lewis and Ashley Harmon to replace Max Lake and Steve Andrews, both of whom have resigned. Both of their terms will expire December 31, 2015. Neuenschwander moved to accept these appointments. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0 The Oath of Office was administered to Lewis and Harmon by Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey.

OSSIAN POLICE COMMISSION – Regular Meeting

February 24, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

The Ossian Police Commissioners met for the first time in 2015 with Steve Schadle, Andrew Wanner and Ron Werling present. Ron Werling, the newest member of the commission nominated Andrew Wanner as the chairman. Steve Shadle, the senior member of the commission, seconded. Passed 3-0 Wanner nominated Werling as vice-chairman. Schadle seconded. Passed 3-0

Werling began the discussion of shift coverage stating that the taxpayers of Ossian expect and should have 24 hour coverage. Looking at the schedule presented by Police Chief, Dave Rigney, he stated that there was a considerable amount of double coverage and several gaps where there was no coverage at all. Rigney stated that the periods of double coverage were when the most calls came in and he did not want to endanger his officers by not having back-up available. Werling stated that back-up was always available from the county, which Ossian is a part of. Officer Tucker reported that the schedule has changed in recent years. She said that all the officers work together to attain maximum coverage. Rigney said they will look at this and come up with a recommendation to discuss at the next meeting.

Wanner stated that Rigney should have the least overtime. He further stated that the council had asked the commissioners to look at the overtime situation.

Police Chief, Rigney presented the 2015 Annual Report and went over it briefly. He stated that the overall calls were down slightly. He noted that it this is because the Community Market changed their procedure and did not require an escort to the bank as much as they used to. Rigney went on to explain that 86% of the traffic stops result in a warning because a lot of these are for non-working light or other things that really don't warrant a ticket or fine. He noted that habitual offenders, however, would be ticketed.

Rigney reported that the police server went down in mid-January and had to be replaced. Since then they have not been able to access information previous to 2009 because the new server cannot access the old information. He said Innovative Concepts is not able to correct this and they suggested we contact In-Synch Systems, who may be able to help.

Rigney also said the computers in the vehicles are outdated. He said they are working on Windows XP, which is no longer supported by Microsoft. He would like to take a proactive approach and replace these before problems occur. He presented information on Bright computers to replace the ones we have now. There will be a demo on these computers in Bluffton on Wednesday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m. which Rigney plans to attend.

Rigney requested the Police Commissioner recommend to the Town Council to send Officer Tucker to leadership training in Ligonier May 11-15, 2015. He stated that the department is aging. He noted that officer Foreman has been with the department for nineteen (19) years and has stated his intention to leave when he has achieved retirement status. Schadle moved to approve this training and Werling seconded. Passed 3-0 The Commissioners will recommend to the town council that they approve Officer Tucker's training.

Rigney announced that Officer Hunt had completed training and testing to become a Drug Recognition Expert. He reiterated that this was a very extensive and difficult training and that it required passing twelve (12) live tests to receive certification. Officer Hunt is the only certified Drug Recognition Expert in Wells County.

Wanner announced the next meeting to be held April 7, 2015 at 7: p.m. at the town hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the monthly Mileage Report and Overtime Report. He also requested permission the seek prices for in-car computers. He said the computers in use now were acquired in 2007 and are using the Windows XP operating system, which is now unsupported by Microsoft. Rigney said the cost at that time was \$4000 each. Council had no objection to Rigney getting pricing information to present at a future meeting.

Rigney stated that he would have a 2014 Summary Report at a later date.

(Josh Barkley arrived)

OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

The Ossian Stormwater Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Stormwater Board members present included Rose Barrick, V.P., and Dennis Ramey, Secretary. Also attending: Luann Martin, Town Manager, Bill Miller, Town Council, Glen Werling of The News-Banner, Bill Dowty, Park Board President, and Jim Breckler, P.E., of Engineering Resources. Tim Miller, President, was absent on vacation.

Minutes Approval -----Rose made a motion to approve the minutes for the Stormwater meeting held on January 28, 2015, Dennis second, vote was 2-0 to approve.

Old Business

- Smith Drain – Industrial Park ----- nothing new to report this month.
- Roe St. project -----Jim reported he conducted a pre-bid meeting in February for this project. 14 contractors have expressed interest in bidding this job. Due to an error of not

printing the second notification which was scheduled to appear in the News-Banner, the time-table has been bumped up. Bids are due at the March 9th Town Council Meeting, Stormwater moved their regular monthly meeting to March 18 to be able to review the bids and make recommendation to Council, and Council will review Stormwater's recommendation at regular Town Council meeting for approval at March 23 meeting.

- 600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area -----Jim informed the group that he has received feedback from contractors interested in bidding this job about wet ground conditions. The plan is to see if a few temporary sump pump holes can be dug to attempt and drain the excess water. Also, a temporary plastic drain line may be run to re-route a drain source that seems to be running almost continuous. Jim will report back when further info is available.

If the excess water cannot be removed soon, the project may have to wait until later in summer when ground is dried out. This project is going to be weather/ground conditions related as for scheduling.

- Vactor Truck-----Arrival still expected in late March/ early April, 2015. The down payment amount of approx. \$ 14K will be split between Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Depts.

Siebold and LaFever Sts.----Bill reported that there was no problems in the swale when the snow was melting off recently.

Storm Water Budget -----Luann/Rose reported \$ 83,787.26 in checking and \$36,000.00 in savings.

901 Park St.----- Luann will have the basin checked out and cleaned as soon as possible, weather permitting.

Depot & Mill Sts.----Stormwater draining from parking lot adjacent to Energy Control, Luann will have it checked out.

New Business

Update from Town Manager on Projects-----

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

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary

Rose Barrick reported for the Storm Water Board reporting that bids are open for the Roe Street Project. Town Manager, Luann Martin, said there had been thirteen (13) bid packets picked up so far. Martin said bids are due by February 12, 2015 and will be opened at the February 23 regular council meeting.

Martin presented information on a 2009 International 4300 model truck from Imel Motors. She said Scott Kling, a town employee, had driven it and was pleased. Neuenschwander moved to purchase the truck for \$57,040 one half (1/2) to be taken from sewer funds and one half (1/2) to be taken from water funds. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented a bid from W.A. Jones for a snow plow replacement for \$5582. Barkley moved to purchase the Western snowplow for the bid price. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented a job description for a part-time seasonal employee to maintain the ball diamonds. She also asked for approval to take applications for the job in order to be ready when baseball season started. Neuenschwander moved to approve the job description, as well as to advertise for applications. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

A request for a sewer adjustment was presented. Council inquired as to whether the water had gone through the sewer system. Martin stated that it had not. Neuenschwander moved to approve the request and Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander moved to accept the resignation of Terri Hughes-Lazzell, who has taken a job in Michigan. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0 Letters of intent to replace Hughes-Lazzell should be submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer before noon on March 5, 2015. The opening will be advertised on the town hall message board and in the newspapers. A replacement is scheduled to be chosen at the regular council meeting on March 9, 2015. Applicants should attend this meeting and be available to answer questions

Martin announced that town employees will be filling potholes with cold patch as the weather permits. She pointed out that this is only a temporary fix.

Neuenschwander moved to approve the January time cards as presented. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Barkley moved to approve claims of \$188,800.55 as presented. Miller seconded.
Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander asked Police Chief, Dave Rigney if the recently replaced server was up and running properly. Rigney replied that the server was working fine but there has been some difficulty retrieving some of the old data. They are still working to rectify that situation.

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Josh Barkley and Tom Neuenschwander present. Bill Miller was absent.

Ossian resident, A.J. Reynolds, asked if Ossian's nepotism policy was more stringent than the Indiana Code. Barkley stated that it was not but he thought it should be.

Jim Smith of Republic Services reported on the garbage and recycling for 2014. He stated that the amounts were fairly consistent with other years. He announced that the clean-up days for 2015 in Ossian will be June 27 and October 24. These are both Saturdays.

Pursley read Ordinance #15-1-1, An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate Located in Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 12 East, Wells County, Indiana to the Town of Ossian, Indiana. There being no objections, Neuenschwander moved to adopt the ordinance. Barkley seconded.
Passed 3-0

The council referred the training request for Officer Tucker to The Police Commissioners, who already have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. The training was presented to council because it was over the five hundred dollar (\$500) limit that department heads are authorized to approve.

Neuenschwander moved to have town attorney, Mike Hartburg make recommendations for updating the Employee Handbook at a cost of no more than twelve hundred fifty (\$1250). Barkley seconded. Passed 3-0

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey announced that the Clerk-Treasurer's office will be closed on March 2, 3 & 4, 2015. Dickey and her deputy, Sally Bracke will be at Ball State in Muncie for training on those days.

Barkley moved to approve claims of \$122,398.54 as presented. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 3-0

Barkley moved to adjourn. Neuenschwander seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.