

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Special Meeting

January 7, 2016 - 1:00 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with Council members Bill Dowty and Renee Sweeney present. Bill Miller and Josh Barkley were absent. Also present were, Town Manager, Luann Martin, Jim Breckler representing Engineering Resources and Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey.

Pursley opened bids for the UV Disinfection System for the Sewer Plant as follows:

Mason Engineering	\$85,100
Crosby Construction	\$54,985
MK Betts Engineering	\$76,340

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources will review the bids and make a recommendation to Council at the regular council meeting on January 11, 2016

Dowty moved to adjourn. Sweeney seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

January 11, 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 Bill Miller, Bill Dowty, Josh Barkley and Renee Sweeney present.

Miller moved to approve the December minutes as submitted. Barkley seconded.
Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to re-elect President, Brad Pursley. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0
Dowty moved to re-elect Josh Barkley as Vice-President. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Ric Bookmiller, Ossian resident, asked for more safety measures regarding the pond in the Archbold-Wilson Park. Council stated that they have done all they can. Bookmiller then asked if they could fill in the pond. There was no response from Council.

Bookmiller brought up the Disc Golf, stating that this was a hazard to the kids on the sledding hill, as well as a hazard to people using the walking trail. He asked if the baskets could be taken down for the winter in order to prevent using the sledding hill from running into them. Dowty pointed out that there would still be a pipe sticking up about eight (8) to ten (10) inches high. Council did not consider this an option. Then Bookmiller asked if those disc golf holes near the sledding hill and the pond could be moved. Council stated that this has been discussed before. Bookmiller then asked the council to please keep safety in mind as they develop the Archbold-Wilson Park.

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker, reporting on the Christmas Eve fire at Energy Control, said they had run out of water fighting this fire and requested that we install two (2) or three (3) dry hydrants along the Eight Mile Creek in order to be able to pull water from the creek for

larger fires. He further requested that these hydrants not be paid for from the Fire Dept. budget suggesting they might be paid for from the water department or the hydrant rent money. Council asked him to get some estimates and come back at a later meeting.

Fenstermaker stated there had been a report of someone falling in the pond at the Archbold-Wilson Park this past week-end. There actually was no one in the pond but Fenstermaker recommended possible putting up a few more signs.

Fenstermaker reported that all the year-end equipment had arrived except for the air packs, which he expects shortly.

Town Manager, Luann Martin asked where he would like the additional hydrants located. Fenstermaker suggested putting a dry hydrant on Mill Street just east of the bridge and one on LaFever Street close to the entrance of the Sewer Plant, pointing out that these locations provide adequate turn around space for large fire trucks.

Lynn Lipp, Ossian resident stated that most of the time they would not be able to pump much water from the Eight Mile Creek because it usually doesn't have much water in it.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney reported that the new computers had been installed in all the police cars and all that remained was the installation of drivers for the printers.

He also reported on the fatal car/truck accident that occurred last week saying that he did the accident report, but that other agencies would be doing the investigation and the reconstruction.

Martin presented pricing for the repairs to the merry-go-round in Melching Park. Kidstuff Playsystems, Inc. of Gary, Indiana quoted nine hundred fifty six dollars and seventy five cents (\$956.75) for the replacement parts. AAA State of Play submitted a price of eleven hundred twenty eight (\$1128) dollars for a wear mat to be placed under the merry-go-round. The wear mat is required by the Town's insurance company. Barkley moved to make the necessary repairs at the specified prices. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Town Manager, Luann Martin, presented a contract for the management of the pond in the Archbold-Wilson Park for 2016. Martin pointed out that the price of eight hundred fifty (\$850) dollars is the same as it was in 2014 and 2015. Barkley moved to accept the proposal. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Rose Barrick reported for the Storm Water Board saying that their next meeting will be January 13, 2016. She said this replaces the December and the January meeting.

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources presented the bids for the UV Disinfection System Installation which had been opened at a special meeting on January 7. He reported that all bids were complete. He recommended Crosby Construction for the project as it was the lowest and was all-inclusive. He stated that Crosby would use Design Build for the electrical. Barkley moved to accept Breckler's recommendation. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey, presented a settlement statement from the Ossian State Bank for a short term loan taken out by council for the purchase of a pick-up truck for the fire department. This was approved at the December 14, 2015 meeting for thirty one thousand (\$31,000) dollars but the actual amount was thirty two thousand six hundred ninety nine dollars and forty six cents (\$32,699.46). Miller moved to approve the extra amount with a second from Barkley. Passed 5-0

Council President, Brad Pursley appointed Bill Miller, Bill Dowty and Josh Barkley to serve on the Ossian Redevelopment Commission for a two (2) year term and Gene Donaghy, of

the Northern Wells School District, to be the non-voting advisor to the Ossian Redevelopment Commission. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0 Barkley moved to appoint Brad Pursley and Renee Sweeney to serve on the Ossian Redevelopment Commission. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to retain Engineering Resources of Fort Wayne as the Town Engineer for 2016. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Miller moved to designate Mike Hartburg of the Delaney, Hartburg, Roth & Garrott legal firm in Huntington, as the Ossian Town Attorney for 2016. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Miller moved to designate The Ossian Journal as the official newspaper of Ossian. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to retain Joe Lewis and Ashley Harmon for a three (3) year term on the Ossian Park Board. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to appoint Rose Barrick to a three (3) year term on the Ossian Storm Water Board. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley announced that the Police Commissioner would be appointed after Council had met in executive session to go over the applications received. A date for the executive session will be set later. Interviews will still be conducted at a public meeting.

Council made the following appointments to represent council on other boards:

Park & Recreation – Renee Sweeney

Storm Water – Bill Miller

Chamber of Commerce – Luann Martin

Ossian Development Corp. – Brad Pursley

Wells County Economic Development Council – Josh Barkley

Area Plan Commission – Dan Baumgartner

Solid Waste District – Bill Dowty

Police Commission – Bill Dowty

Board of Zoning Appeals – Rose Barrick

Fire Department – Bill Miller

Pursley moved to make the above appointments. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Miller moved to approve Resolution #1-1-16 A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Funds Within a Fund as presented by Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey. Dickey pointed out that these transfers are only to balance out accounts within a fund at the end of the year. They require no additional funds. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Dickey presented an additional appropriation for approval for advertising. She explained that the additional appropriation approved for the police computers in 2015 expired December 31, 2015. Therefore, that money has to be re-appropriated for 2016. Since the police computers and the fire truck are both being paid from the LOIT Public Safety Fund, the amounts are combined. Barkley moved to approve an additional appropriation of fifty three thousand (\$53,000) dollars in the LOIT Public Safety Fund for advertising. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0 Dickey will submit this for advertising as soon as possible. A public hearing and final approval will be at the February 8th regular council meeting.

Martin presented a correction to the handbook, which had been approved at the last meeting. This was only to correct a typing error in the vacation section on page 10 that everyone had missed. Dowty moved to insert this correction in the handbook. Miller seconded.
Passed 5-0

Martin presented information regarding a water inspection on December 1, 2015. There has been a lot of fluctuation because of the manner of testing required. Because of this, The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) wants us to try changing the way the wells are coming on to see if that helps. Martin will be addressing this and report IDEM within 30 days.

IDEM is also requiring us to put cross connections on business accounts in order to prevent flow back. We will have to inspect the businesses to make sure they have these and to make sure they have been installed correctly. Martin said she has already met with Mike Hartburg and the engineers and they hope to have an ordinance ready for the next meeting.

Miller moved to approve the December time cards as presented. Barkley seconded.
Passed 5-0

Miller moved to approve claims of \$129,717.72 as presented. Barkley seconded.
Passed 5-0

Ossian resident, Lynn Lipp, asked the purpose of the executive to which Pursley stated it was to consider applications for Police Commissioner. Lipp asked who the applicants were. Barkley announced the three as Caleb Chichester, Kevin Pritchard and Brian Grear.

Dowty moved to adjourn. Barkley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

OSSIAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2016 - 7:46 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Commission President, Josh Barkley called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. with members Bill Dowty, Bill Miller, Renee Sweeney and Brad Pursley present. Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey administered the Oath of Office to all members.

Pursley nominated Barkley for President. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley nominated Pursley for Vice-President and Dowty for secretary. Miller seconded.
Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Town of Ossian
Executive Session
207 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

An executive session was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
Time

on January 25, 2016
Date

Subject

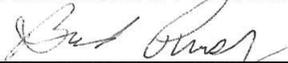
To consider applications for Police Commissioner

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

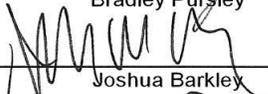
Meeting was adjourned at 7:15
Time

Council Members Present:

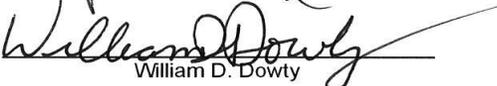
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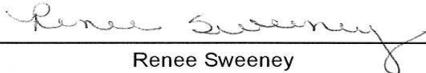
Bradley Pursley



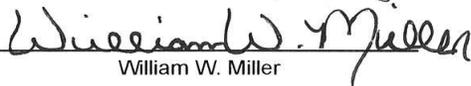
Joshua Barkley



William D. Dowty



Renee Sweeney



William W. Miller

Ossian Park Board

January 4, 2016

Attendance: Jason Heckber, Phil Horton, Ashley Harmon, Joe Lewis, and Tim Rohr

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on December 7, 2015
2. Joe Lewis to be President. Jason to be Vice President. Tim to be Secretary. Meeting times to be 7pm on the first Monday of each month. Jason motioned. Joe seconded. Passed 5-0.
3. Batting cages are moved to the northeast corner of the big diamond. Stones to be used as flooring. Jason recommended pea gravel. Some screen was replaced. No bill has been received at this time. Drainage to be discussed concerning big diamond, since new dirt was added this caused water to go close to well building.
4. Stephanie Tucker here stating the Girl Scouts would like to do a couple of projects in Archbold Wilson Park. A possible dog run area and a butterfly exhibit area. Possible 120'X140' dog area. The dog area to be in the southwest corner. Stephanie to look into any possible grants and let Girl Scouts know to proceed with plans and costs.
5. Bailey Ulfig here from Boy Scouts. He has story walk ideas for Archbold Wilson Park. Eighteen story boards to be installed. Project to be completed by early summer.
6. Melching Park merry-go-round to be repaired at a cost of \$2,084.75. Parts to be ordered and be repaired in early spring of 2016. Ashley motioned to repair with second by Phil. Passed 5-0.
7. Discussed portable bleachers for big diamond. BSN Sports provided a quote of \$1,100 for 15' which would seat 32 people. Tabled until next meeting pending further information.
8. Aquatic Management sent proposal of \$850 for treating the pond in Archbold Wilson Park. Treatments will be from 4-1-16 through 10-31-16. Joe motioned to approve quote. Phil seconded. Passed 5-0.
9. Next meeting February 1, 2016
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm