

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL** – Regular Meeting July 9, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.  
Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Terri Hughes-Lazzell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members, Brad Pursley, Athena Brickley and Angie Dial present. Josh Barkley was absent.

Pursley moved to accept the minutes of the June meetings as written. Brickley seconded. Passed 4-0

There were no comments from the citizens.

Natalie Milholland and Marlyn Koons of the Ossian Revitalization Committee reported that the attendance at the Freedom Fest was small due to the intense heat. The children's parade was cancelled because of the heat and the fireworks had to be cancelled due to the burn ban issued by Wells County. They also said there was no news regarding the recent theft of some of the flags on the poles downtown. The committee moved the flag poles higher on the poles and now it requires a ladder to hang the flags. The committee is working on a welcome sign for the north and south entrances of Ossian. The north one will be by the PNC Bank and the south one will be by the industrial park. Ossian Bank wishes to purchase flower pots to match the other ones downtown to place in front of their building.

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**OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday July 3, 2012**

**Members present:** Jan Williams, Larry Heckber, Natalie Milholland, Linda Hambrick, Rod Johnson, Joel Fremion, Marlyn Koons, Judy Harkless, Larry Smith,

**Members not present:** Luann Martin, Chon Michael, Josh Barkley, Emeline Detrick,

**Guests:** Dan Cameron from Custom Designs: Go to his web site:

[fortwaynecustomsigns.com](http://fortwaynecustomsigns.com) for examples of Dan's work in Fort Wayne.

Minutes from the June 5, 2012 meeting were approved.

**Entrance Signs:** Joel Fremion

- Dan Cameron presented 3 sketches. The committee chose a preference and discussed our thoughts on wanting 2 Welcome to Ossian signs, one at the south entrance to Ossian and the second one at Ossian's north entrance.
- Larry Heckber will check with the Area Planning Commission for restrictions such as size, setbacks from the highway, permits, etc.
- Larry Heckber and Joel Fremion will work with Dan Cameron and bring back to the committee a more detailed plan and price.

**Freedom Fest Thursday June 28**

- Because of the heat and ban on fire works the Freedom Fest was poorly attended.
- No one signed up for the children's parade.
- Stacey Little will publish in the Bluffton News Banner a thank you to those who donated their time and financially for this event.

**Farmers Market:**

- Committee agreed to cancel this Wednesday's Farmers Market because of the 4th of July holiday and the heat.
- Natalie presented a schedule for Revitalization members to volunteer a 2 hour time period to supervise the event, Open- 3:30 to 5:30 / Close- 5:30 to 7:30.
- Linda Hambrick volunteered to set up the flags every Wednesday morning

**Bricks and Library update:**

- Printed bricks are in
- Larry Heckber is waiting on the contractor to put in the base. When this is ready he will notify the committee to meet at the site to help in the placement of the bricks.

**Pork Chop Dinner September 6, 2012**

- Discussed and assigned duties from the To Do List
- \$8.00 dinner price, \$9.00 at the door will remain the same

- Natalie will print 900 tickets and up to 1,000 depending on how pre sales are going
- Howard will make a list of ticket buyers from last year 2011 to be emailed to members for review.
- **Challenge:** find new businesses to pre purchase tickets for their employers!!
- Marlyn will ask Max Lake if Park Board wants to share in selling tickets and 5 of their members helping to work the event in exchange for profit after expenses of each ticket they sell.
- Judy Harkless will apply for a Lutheran Thrivent Grant
- Larry Heckber will ask Helen Witte if she is willing to make pies for auction
- Next meeting for Pork Chop Dinner planning will be Thursday July 26, at 5:00 at the Town Hall.

**Other Business:**

- 7 downtown American Flags were stolen on Friday, June 29 around 6:00 pm right after the big 3:00 pm wind storm that put many area residents out of power for several days. Poles for the flags were bent. At present there are 4 flags flying for the 4th of July. Poles are going to be raised above the pots out of reach to vandals. Bad news, Larry will need a ladder to attach the flags.
- Ossian State Bank wants to buy some large round pots for the front of their building on Jefferson Street. Jan Williams will ask Luann for a price to order 12, and or 6.
- We need members to attend at least one Indiana Main Street meeting. Rod Johnson volunteered to attend the meeting on September 18th in Noblesville. Jan Williams will give that information to Luann so she can get him registered.
- P.S. I hope Jan Williams can remember all the items to discuss with Luann !! Ha May be good to call ahead for an appointment with Luann on Wed July 5th

**Pork Chop Dinner planning meeting July 26 at 5:00 at the Town Hall.**

**Next Revitalization meeting Tuesday, August 7 at 6:00 at the Town Hall.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jan Williams

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**MINUTES  
OSSIAN STORM WATER BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012  
6:00 PM**

The Ossian Stormwater Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Stormwater Board members present included Tim Miller, President, Rose Barrick, V.P. and Dennis Ramey, Sec'y. Also attending were Luann Martin, Ossian Town Manager, Athena Brinkley, Town Council, and Jessica Williams, The News-Banner.

**Minutes Approval** -----The minutes for May 30, 2012 Storm Water meeting were approved, 3-0.

**Old Business**

**312 W.LaFever**----- Luann informed the group that everything has been going very well with the work, and the crew will likely be completed with the project tomorrow. There is a spot in the yard that apparently is still wet as the grass is green, and the crew will dig this up to see if they can find the source of drainage. A total of 4 catch basins will be installed in this new section of line and in the existing line which taps into the Storm Water pipe. This should also improve drainage for the residents adjacent to the new pipe.

**Bittersweet update**----- Installation of piping and the swale at Homestead Ave. and Bittersweet Ln. is nearly completed. Luann said all that remains to be done is topsoil and leveling on this property. The next step in this area is to open the next ditch. The elevation of the culvert under the next driveway is perfect, even though we went deeper with the swale. Rose commented that one of the ditches in this area had stone installed years ago, and may have to be removed as we move forward to the west.

The hole that developed in the SW pipe at Hickory, was opened up and fixed temporary until the truck traffic has subsided. Luann told the group that there was no bottom left in

the pipe which is approx. 35 years old. The new replacement pipe is available and will be installed later this summer.

**Roe Street project-----** Marty from F & V Eng'r, has taken the elevations to draw a proposal sketch for this area. Luann reported that Randy Kriscunas of F & V, informed her at the Council meeting on Monday evening that he thought Marty has the drawing completed, but there must have been a conflict. Luann said she will forward the drawing to Crosby Excavating for a price when she receives the drawing.

This sketch will detail the installation of a new section of pipe running in the easement area between Mill and Roe Streets, to carry Stormwater down to the corner of Highland and Mill, and then tap into an existing line to carry it on into the Eight Mile Creek. Last month, Luann reported that she has talked to Crosby Excavating to see what information they would need to install the proposed section of new line. Crosby said if it was mapped and engineered (F&V) for size of pipe, the main item they would need is elevations at structures and any turns.

If the estimated price is less than \$75 K, the work would not be required to be put out for bid. If this plan can be worked out, then the future focus would be to look at installing a new section of line to connect Ogden to Highland. A smaller project is already in the lineup for Metts upgrade which should be around \$ 6,500.

**Street Paving update -----** Luann reported that this is out for bid, and scheduled to open the first week in July. She believes Council will award the bid at Council meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Town Council has postponed the Hyerly Drive section of street paving and updates. This will lower the estimate for Stormwater work for new catch basins and other equipment for the Metts Street portion to approx. \$ 6,500.

**Storm Water Budget (funds available)-----** \$ 96,675. (after July payments and June's receipts).

**Repair of old Camera-----** Luann reported that she had an estimate to repair the small, old camera, and the rep said it was too old to consider investing in money in.

**New Business----**

Briefly discussed using the rented backhoe on rubber tracks to remove rip-rap in the easement area south of Bittersweet Ln.

Clean out basins and lines on Metts next in line for maintenance prior to paving.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, July 25, at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Ramey, Secretary

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Roseann Barrick informed the council that the drainage project behind Eileen May's house is almost finished. They are still discussing the Roe Street project. A lot depends on the cost of the Metts Street project. She also brought up purchasing a small sewer camera because the one they have now is too big to fit in some of the places they need to look.

The Park Board reported that the Archbold-Wilson Park Project is almost ready to bid.

Town Manager, Luann Martin said that the DNR has asked that we limit water usage because of the drought. She is considering reducing the hours for the splash pad.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the June mileage and overtime report.

He also presented the council with information on merit-based pay raises and longevity pay for the Police Dept. Hughes-Lazzell said the raises should not be any more than the maximum allowed by the council. Rigney raised the question of when the evaluations would be done and it was agreed that those details could be worked out later. He also stated that evaluations would be done regardless of whether raises were granted. Martin questioned whether the same principles would apply to the town utility workers. Rigney thought she could apply the same principles and work out something for them. No decision was made.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A pay request of \$17,550 was submitted for Phil Rorick Electric for work on the sewer plant. Brickley moved to pay this. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Marty Spees, of Fleis & Vandenbrink presented bids for the Metts Street Paving Project. He recommended accepting the bid from Brooks Construction of \$372,231. Pursley moved to accept this bid. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0 Spees also presented a bid of \$29,700 for inspecting the project upon completion. Pusley moved to accept the inspection bid. Brickley seconded. Passed 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The council rejected a request from the Ossian Methodist Church at advertise their garage sale on the Town Sign.

In other business Martin reported that there had been a couple of water breaks over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week-end. Pursley commended the town employees for their good work and dedication. Martin also reported that the request by Dollar General to relocate had been approved by the county with several conditions. Martin reported that the town will pick up limbs from the storm this Tues. & Wed., July 10 & 11. Police Chief, Rigney said the new firearms had just arrived.

Dial moved to approve the time cards. Brickley seconded. Passed 4-0

Brickley moved to approve claims of \$18,055.17. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Pursley moved to adjourn and Brickley seconded. Meeting was adjourned.at 8:20 p.m.

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting July 23, 2012 7:00 p.m.**

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Terri Hughes-Lazzell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members, Brad Pursley, Athena Brickley and Josh Barkley present. Angie Dial was absent.

There were no comments from the citizens.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Marty Spees, of Fleis & Vandenbrink presented bids for the water tower restoration project. He recommended the low bid of \$256,000 from Fedewa of Nashville, MI saying they have had no issues in the past with their quality or their schedules. Barkley moved to accept the Fedewa bid. Brickley seconded. Passed 4-0

Seven bids were received for the water main extension project in the industrial park. The low bidder was Ironclad Excavating. Jim Breckler and Derek Frederickson represented Ironclad giving the council information about their company and the project. Brickley moved to accept the Ironclad bid. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Scott Holliday represented the Police Dept. due to the absence of Police Chief, Dave Rigney. He presented the merit raises and the longevity pay program discussed at the last meeting. Hughes-Lazzell stated that the salary ordinance should establish a base rate for new officers. Holliday said he and the other Police Commissioners recommended the merit pay program. Brickley moved to accept and Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0. Council requested that Town Manager, Luann Martin present a plan for pay raises for the other departments at a later meeting.

Barkley moved to initiate a longevity pay policy starting with a \$500 increase for each 5 years worked. Brickley seconded. Passed 4-0

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Pursley asked what had happened with the street light project. Martin reported that it was on hold pending some help from the council. Pursley also suggested we look

into buying a mini excavator so we wouldn't have to rent. Barkley suggested we keep renting because they are very expensive and we don't need one very often.

Spees reported that they are waiting on a supplier for some of the drainage project. He also asked the council about replacing a stamped driveway. He said it was up to the council, but they should keep in mind that they will be setting a precedent, no matter what they decide. He stated that other communities have handled it in various ways. He also said that not all communities replace ornamental trees, shrubs etc. Martin reminded them that they haven't been very consistent in the past.

Pursley moved to approve claims of \$96,834.35. Barkley seconded Passed 3-0

Barkley asked if the issue of mileage had been addressed at the last meeting. Hughes-Lazzell stated that she thought they should pay all mileage. Barkley so moved and Brickley seconded. Passed 3-0 with Hughes-Lazzell abstaining because she had not been present for the discussion at a previous meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL** Regular Meeting August 13, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Terri Hughes-Lazzell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Brad Pursley, Athena Brickley and Angie Dial all present. Josh Barkley was absent.

There were no comments from the public.

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### **OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday August 7, 2012**

**Members present:** Jan Williams, Larry Heckber, Natalie Milholland, Linda Hambrick, Marlyn Koons, Judy Harkless, Larry Smith, Luann Martin, Chon Michael, Eme Detrick,

**Members not present:** Rod Johnson, Joel Fremion, Josh Barkley,  
Minutes from the July 3, 2012 meeting were approved.

#### **Pork Chop Dinner September 6, 2012**

- Sign up for duties : *Tuesday, Sept 4* wash potatoes at Methodist Church; *Wednesday, Sept 5* food prep at Methodist Church; *Thursday, Sept 6* tent set up, servers, ticket sales at door, and clean up
- Ask Karen Crane and Lani Mahnensmith for volunteer help.
- Pre ticket sales Thursday until noon.
- Park Board not interested in helping with this event in exchange for profit from their ticket sales.
- Ask "Bessie the Cow" to carry a sign "Eat Pork" for advertisement
- Larry Heckber checking on price for 1 or 2 signs or 3'X8' banner to advertise:  
Ossian Days, Pork Chop Dinner September 6, 4:30 to 8:00

#### **Farmers Market:**

- Not doing as well as expected

#### **Bricks and Library update:**

- Larry Heckber is working with contractors for completion.

**Entrance Signs:** Larry Heckber met with Michael Lautzenhiser who had some issues with placement of the north and south signs. Luann will give Michael Lautzenhiser a call to try to work out these issues.

**Other Business:** Does the committee want to take on another Wine Tasting January 2013?

Natalie will meet with Jerry Springer with questions and availability.

Discussed Water Tower Painting project. Luann will check price for painting a Hot Air Balloon/w Welcome to Ossian on the tower.

Committee is aware that Brew Ha will close Sept 1, 2012. This will affect Natalie's membership to Revitalization. No action taken at this time.

**Pork Chop Dinner planning meeting Tuesday, August 28 at 5:00 at the Town Hall.**

**Next Revitalization meeting Tuesday, September 11, at 6:00 at the Town Hall.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jan Williams

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Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the monthly fuel & overtime report. He also reported that Chad Foreman would be taking a couple of weeks off after having surgery on August 29.

Assistant Fire Chief, Eventt Norris told the Council that the radios and pagers were being rebanded. Wells County received a grant for half of this cost. The grant will be distributed among Wells County Agencies. Ossian's cost will be split between the Town and Jefferson Township. He also reported that a laptop computer and radio were hit by lightning on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman, Pursley moved to pay the third pay request of \$54,210 payable to Phil Rorick Electric for the emergency sewer work. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Councilman, Athena Brickley moved to pay the first pay request of \$81,374.88 payable to Brooks Construction for the Metts Street Project. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Marty Spees of Fleis & Vandenbrink reported that the contractor working on the Metts Street project is on target to be substantially finished before Ossian Days. He also said they had to take out four (4) trees – Two (2) were dead and two (2) were unstable after having a substantial amount of their roots removed to install drainage.

Town Manager, Luann Martin reported that she had sent the easement documents for Dollar General to Town Attorney, Andy Carnall. When the contracts are signed they can be released.

The color of the water tower was discussed but no decision was made.

Town Manager, Martin presented a contract from Fleis & Vandenbrink for engineering fees for the Dollar General sewer extension for \$6800. Pursley moved to approve this and Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Mike Lautzenheiser presented petition #A 12-08-18, an amendment to regulate manure lagoons in Wells County. Dial moved to accept this amendment. Brickley seconded. Passed 4-0

Hughes-Lazzell asked Lautzenheiser about all the fill dirt being dumped by the south entrance to the Sandalwood Addition. He said the DNR halted that because proper permits had not been obtained. Martin said dirt from the street project had been dumped there without her permission, but she did not allow any dirt from the Industrial Park waterline extension to be dumped there.

A sewer adjustment was brought before the council for approval. It was established that it met the criteria required for such an adjustment. Dial moved to grant this adjustment. Brickley seconded. Passed 4-0

Pursley moved to approve the time cards and Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Brickley moved to approve claims of \$29,108.69. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting August 27, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.  
Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council Vice President, Josh Barkley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Brad Pursley and Angie Dial present. Athena Brickley & Terri Hughes-Lazzell were absent.

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**OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday August 28, 2012**

**Members present:** Jan Williams, Larry Heckber, Natalie Milholland, Marlyn Koons, Judy Harkless, Larry Smith, Eme Detrick,

**Members not present:** Rod Johnson, Joel Fremion, Josh Barkley, Luann Martin, Linda Hambrick, Chon Michael

Minutes from the August 7, 2012 meeting were approved.

Motion by Larry Heckber, seconded by Marlyn to accept Jim Brewer as a member of Ossian Revitalization. Motion voted on and passed.

**Pork Chop Dinner September 6, 2012 4:30 to 8:00**

- Review of ticket sales - all members asked to continue to make contacts with past buyers and search for new sales
- Scheduled work assignments for food preparation on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday set up, delivery, and serving line.

**Wine and Roses Event, January 26, 2013:** Work begins at the next meeting.

**New Business:** Ossian Days Parade Marshal, Jessica Rupright, Miss Indiana Basketball 2012

- Natalie will create a poster to have made into a 3x6 banner. Jessica lives on highway 1 in Ossian. This banner will be in Rupright's yard until parade night. We will ask fans or family members to carry the banner and lead her Parade Marshal car. After Ossian days the banner becomes Revitalization's gift to her.
- Jan Williams will ask Chuck King to announce Ossian Parade Marshal in the paper.
- Luann will print a small poster for her to autograph for fans after the parade.

**Bricks:** Bricks are still available for sale. Town Hall and Library will have order forms for people to fill out and make payment at the Town Hall.

**Next Revitalization meeting Tuesday, September 11, at 6:00 at the Town Hall.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jan Williams

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Siegfried Schach asked about spraying for mosquitos. Town Manager, Luann Martin said that they pretreat instead of spraying and that seemed to be doing the job so far. Schach was concerned about the reports of West Nile Disease. Martin explained that if there were a problem with West Nile she would be notified by the Wells County Health Dept.

Ordinance #12-8-2 establishing longevity pay for the police dept. was presented. This had been passed at the July 23 meeting but the final copy had not been presented because Town Attorney, Andy Carnall, had been on vacation. Pursley moved to accept the final copy. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0 It will be affective the next pay period.

Dial moved to establish Trick or Treat hours on October 31, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pursley seconded.  
Passed 3-0

A thank you from the family of Mary Shafer was read. Shafer, who had been the Clerk-treasurer for the previous 20 years, passed away August 7.

The color of the water tower was discussed. Barkley moved to paint it black or charcoal gray at the bottom and light blue at the top with the lettering matching the bottom color. Black or gray depends on the company's recommendation. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0

Vice president Barkley said the discussion of the budget would be tabled until the next meeting when all members were present.

Pursley asked about insurance for Ossian Days. Martin informed him that it was taken care of. Pursley asked if the hold harmless clause would hold up if challenged. Martin said she would run it past Carnall. Barkley asked Martin to check with Tom Neuenschwander, the town's insurance provider, to make sure everything was proper.

Martin reported that the Metts street paving would be completed by Sept. 4. She also reported that the engineering for the sewer extension for Dollar General was finished.

Martin stated the water line extension in the Industrial Park is ready for testing.

Martin said she had received several bids for the Archbold-Wilson Park Project.

Dial moved to approve claims of \$242,247.83. Pursley seconded. Passed 3-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Barkley seconded. Meeting was adjourned.at 7:30 p.m.