

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Special Meeting

July 9, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. with Council members Bill Dowty and Tom Neuenschwander present. Bill Miller and Josh Barkley were absent.

Pursley opened bids for the water project as follows:

TSW Utilities Solutions	\$432489.00	Alt.	\$150,057.00
Crosby Excavating	\$322,703.55	Alt.	\$ 68,232.25

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources will review the bids and make a recommendation to Council at the regular council meeting on July 13.

Breckler presented Change Order #1 to the Street Project. This is an additional \$48,704.05. Neuenschwander moved to accept the change. Dowty seconded. Passed 3-0

Dowty moved to adjourn. Neuenschwander seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Town of Ossian
Executive Session
Ossian Town Hall - 507 N. Jefferson

An executive session was called to order at 6:15 p.m.
Time
on July 13, 2015 to discuss 2B - Initiation of litigation or
Date Subject
litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm
Time

Council Members Present:

Brad Pursley
Bradley Pursley

Joshna Barkley
Joshna Barkley

William D. Dowty
William D. Dowty

Thomas Neuenschwander
Thomas Neuenschwander

William V. Miller
William V. Miller

Guests Present:

Luann Martin

James P. Fenlos

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

July 13, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Barkley moved to approve the minutes of the June meetings. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

There were no questions or comments from Ossian residents.

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker, reported that the Fire Department has had several water rescues and they have learned a lot from these. He further stated that Town insurance coverage has been very good for the claims they have turned in recently. Fenstermaker requested the town purchase three (3) sets of turn-out gear to stay on track with their replacement schedule. The cost from Hoosier Fire Equipment, which Fenstermaker deemed to have the best quality, would

be seventy two hundred eighty nine dollars and forty cents (\$7289.40.) Jefferson Township will also purchase three (3) sets. Money is in the budget to cover this cost. Neuenschwander moved to approve this request. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Police Chief, David Rigney presented mileage and overtime reports for May and June because he was not able to attend June’s meeting. He also reported that Reserve Officer, James Robbins would be leaving Ossian’s ranks because he has accepted a full-time position in Montpelier, IN.

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OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 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 – Sec’y. Tim Miller - President, was absent.

Also attending: Luann Martin, Town Manager, Bill Miller, Town Council, Jim Breckler, ERI, and local residents Robert Blake, 901 Hickory and Mrs. Christine Petri, 205 Bittersweet Ln .

Minutes Approval ----- Rose made a motion to approve the minutes for the Stormwater meeting held on May 27, 2015, Dennis second, vote was 2-0 to approve.

Old Business

- Smith Drain – Haldrup Inc., Industrial Park ----- Luann reported nothing new has been decided.
- Homestead Ave. easements ----- Luann reported there is 1 easement remaining to be signed.
- Roe St. project----- Jim reported that Wisel Construction plans to start the first week of July. The substantial completion date is Aug 14 with the final completion date of Aug 28. Wisel would be interested in the additional contract of installing a new tile from Ogden St. Apts to tie into the new Roe St. replacement line, but would need to see the proposed details when available. Joel is approx.75% completed with the survey for the Ogden St. Apts. project.
Luann stated we will need to obtain an easement from Mrs.Jones but the remaining installation would be in Ossian alley. Mrs. Earhart was also notified of the project and had no objections. 1 easement from the new owners of the Angelo property remains to be signed after the deed is recorded.
- 600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area ----- Luann reported this project is temporarily on hold until the area is starts to dry out.
- Vactor Truck----- Luann informed the group that only one issue has come up regarding a safety switch. Otherwise, the new truck has been in use and everyone seems very happy with it.
- Siebold and LaFever Sts.- Luann and Bill reported that some washing occurred for a short period of time during the heavy rainfall. Some corn stubble could be seen in some areas. Bill commented that the water flow had subsided by noon.
- Storm Water Budget ----- With the down payment of \$ 4,666.66 transferred from Savings to Checking Acct. the approx. balances are \$ 44,386.07 in Savings and \$ 128,383.14 in Checking Acct.
- 901 Park St.----- Luann reported the line has been cleaned out all the way to Zuercher Ln and is flowing very well.
- 300 Eagle Court----- Dennis Ramey inquired about the possibility of the Town assisting in testing a Stormwater drain located near a retention pond at Brook Ridge. Luann said a die test could be performed to help determine which residences are attached to the line. This will be set up in the near future.
- Steve Jones, 613 Oakdale Dr.----- Previously, Town Crew went out to locate existing SW drain and it was deeper than thought. Mr.Jones has been notified about the depth. Luann provided sketches of the Stormwater drain approximate location to Mr. Jones at the April meeting. This is on hold until we hear back from Mr. Jones.

New Business

- Robert Blake, 901 Hickory Lane----- Mr. Blake spoke to the group about his concerns with drainage at the rear and around his property. Much of the concern arises from debris flowing from the north during heavy rains and as a result clogging up normal Stormwater routes. A lengthy discussion ensued about issues including the R.R., old urban track, farm field drainage, and other details. These issues will likely be explored for resolution as time goes forward.
Mrs. Christine Petri, 205 Bittersweet Ln----- the property owner is concerned that his swale adjacent to Bittersweet is not draining properly. As it appears nothing has changed with the drainage in the area, the Stormwater Board reviewed the letter issued to Mr. Petri back in December of 2011. It stated that the Board’s opinion is that the swale is draining properly and the Town will not be doing any further repair. This opinion

remains as is with no change. It can be noted that the rainfall for this year has exceeded the 100 year flood data.

- 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, July 29, 2015 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey Secretary

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Town Manager, Luann Martin reported for the Storm Water Board, stating that they have one (1) more easement to obtain for the Roe Street Project. The start date is the first week of July with a projected completion date sometime in August.

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**Ossian Park Board
July 6, 2015**

Attendance: Ashley Harmon, Joe Lewis, Tim Rohr

- 1) Read and approved minutes from meeting on June 1, 2015
- 2) Karen Ridman from Millside Court, concerned about not having bathrooms open at Melching Park. Concerned about traffic flow to the Archbold Wilson Park. Discussed having police department patrol during parks' hours. Park board requests from Ossian Town Council to have hourly patrols through parks and have restrooms checked. Also proposed the Police Department to open restrooms at 10:00 am on weekends and locked at 9:00 pm.
- 3) Phil Horton presented a letter of intent to become a Park Board member. Joe motioned to accept Phil as the latest member. Ashley seconded. All in favor. Passed 3-0.
- 4) Kody Kumfer was here requesting information about grants to have the ball diamonds upgraded. Learned the grant is a matching grant. Joe feels we may be able to raise between 5 and 10 thousand dollars. Discussed the house at the North side of the ball diamonds on Melching.
- 5) Discussed damaged parts on playground equipment in Melching Park. Joe motioned to purchase replacement pieces not to exceed \$1,658.00. Ashley seconded. Passed 3-0.
- 6) Cornhole is not yet installed in Melching Park due to vandalism. Decided to have cornhole boards installed and hope that vandalism stops.
- 7) Discussed equipment deemed problematic by our insurance agent in all parks. Luann is to get quotes to repair or replace all equipment deemed to be a problem.
- 8) Bill Dowty questioned whether the picnic tables and benches could be installed on top of the hill in Archbold-Wilson Park. He would get donations for expense so the Park Board would not incur any expenses.
- 9) Ashley motioned to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Joe seconded. Passed 3-0.

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Martin also reported for the Park Board stating that there has been considerable vandalism at Melching Park. Barkley suggested that wireless cameras be installed. After considerable discussion Council requested of the police department that the rest rooms be locked at 9:00 p.m. each evening and opened each morning at 8:00 a.m. with hourly checks during the day.

Neuenschwander moved to appoint Phil Horton to the Park Board serve on the board until December 31, 2017. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0 Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey administered the Oath of Office and he was duly appointed.

Neuenschwander moved to accept the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Ossian Resolution #15-7-2. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented an estimate from Snider Recreation, Inc. of sixteen hundred fifty eight (\$1658.00) dollars for replacement of park playground equipment. Some of the equipment is under warranty but some is not. Barkley moved for replacement with a second from Pursley. Passed 5-0

Martin brought up the purchase of the house at 113 South Melching, which has been for sale for aver a year. The town was bidding on it when it was being auctioned off several times a last year, but the bidding never met the reserve. Now, it's with a different company, so Martin proposed making an offer on it so the main entrance to the Archbold-Wilson Park could be at the end of LaFever Street. Dowty pointed out that the area could also be used to expand parking space. Barkley says the property has no use for the park and said that we could just move the

ball diamond and the concession stand to accommodate the entrance. Martin stated that a survey had been ordered for the property and that they are aware that Town owns part of the property where the carport is located. Council said the original authorization to bid up to fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars for the property still stands.

Martin presented a maintenance agreement from Innovative Concepts. She stated that this is merely a prepayment of fees. We would simply use it as we go along, but that signing the contract would put us at the top of the list when we need service quickly. There would be one (1) contract for the Police Department for twenty five hundred thirty five (\$2535.00) dollars and one (1) for the Town for twenty six hundred seventy five (\$2575.00) dollars. Neuenschwander moved to approve both these contracts. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin reported that she had ordered a pump for the sewer plant at a cost of seventy one hundred fifty nine (\$7159.00) dollars upon the recommendation of the Sewer Committee on Tuesday. She stated that currently only one (1) pump is working at 100% capacity and it cannot keep up. Two (2) pumps are needed, with each working at about 80% capacity, enabling the other one to take over temporarily if either one should fail. Neuenschwander moved to approve the expenditure. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin reported that she had gotten a lot of positive feedback from Ossian residents regarding the town's curbside pick-up and disposal of limbs down from the recent storms. Pursley said he had also received positive comments.

Jim Breckler from Engineering Resources presented the two (2) bids for the 2015 Water Project:

TSW Utilities Solutions	\$432,489	Alternate	\$150,000
Crosby Excavating	\$322,703.55	Alternate	\$ 68,232.05

These bids had been opened at a special meeting of the Council on July 9th. After some discussion, Miller moved to accept the Crosby base bid and the alternate bid. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to approve time cards as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to approve claims of \$148,358.60 as presented. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Joint Meeting of Ossian Town Council and Ossian Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners

July 27, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Andrew Wanner, Chairman of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Ron Werling and Steve Shadle and Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg were present, as well as, Ossian Town Council members Brad Pursley, Tom Neuenschwander, Bill Miller, Bill Dowty and Josh Barkley. Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg read a letter from Dave Rigney's attorney, Adam Henry, stating that Rigney would voluntarily assume the role of Assistant Chief of Police of the Town of Ossian, Indiana effective January 1, 2016 at 12:01 a.m. if he has not secured other employment prior to that date. If Rigney should assume the Assistant Police Chief position in January he requested the following conditions be met:

1. That Rigney's rate of pay shall not change after January 1, 2016
2. Upon verification, as requested by the Town Council of Ossian, Rigney shall not have to use vacation time, sick time or compensatory time when interviewing for alternate employment. He will not be compensated for this time.
3. That Rigney and the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of Ossian shall work together in a professional manner for the remainder of Rigney's tenure as Chief of Police

Wanner asked for discussion, which the two commissioners declined. Wanner moved to accept the terms of the letter and recommend to the council that they also accept the

terms of the letter. Werling seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 and was referred to the Ossian Town Council for immediate consideration.

Council President, Brad Pursley moved to open discussion of the recommendation and accept the Commissioners' recommendation. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 3-2 with Pursley and Barkley voting no. Hartburg then stated that in early December if it appeared that Rigney would remain a member of the Ossian Police Dept. he would draft a salary ordinance accordingly.

Wanner moved to adjourn. Werling seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with Council members Bill Miller, Josh Barkley, Bill Dowty and Tom Neuenschwander present.

There were no comments from Ossian residents.

Town Manager, Luann Martin requested that town employee, Jim Battin be taken off his probation period. Barkley moved to approve this and Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources presented information for engineering services for the installation of a generator at the Davis Road lift station. Barkley moved to accept the bid of fifty eight hundred (\$5800) dollars with an estimated cost of reimbursable expenses of five hundred (\$500) dollars. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0 Barkley moved to have Fuhrman Electric install overhead lines for a new 200 amp, three phase electrical service at the lift station at a cost of forty five hundred (\$4500) dollars. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Brian Carlton and Bill Lacari of TI Automotive presented an SB-1 for a ten (10) year tax abatement of new manufacturing equipment. Neuenschwander moved to grant this request. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Mike Lautzenheiser, director of the Wells County Area Plan Commission presented proposed changes to the county's zoning ordinances. Barkley moved for a "do pass recommendation" of the changes. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Sally Bracke introduced a new utility ordinance to the council. She stated that the new ordinance did not raise any current rates but would establish deposits for new customers and reconnect fees when customers are disconnected for non-payment. The proposed ordinance will be published in The Bluffton News-Banner and The Ossian Journal on Thursday. Copies of the proposed ordinance will be available at the Town Hall for residents to pick up. It will also be posted on the Town's website at www.ossianin.com. A public hearing will be held August 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ossian Town Hall to receive public comment. The first reading will be at the August 10th Town Council meeting with the second reading and adoption occurring at the August 24th meeting of the Town Council..

A.J. Reynolds of the Ossian Days Committee requested that the council approve a request for a detour on Highway 1 for the duration of the annual Ossian Days Festival. Neuenschwander moved to make the request from the Indiana Department of Transportation and also to approve the insurance policy obtained for the festival. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to approve claims of \$40,553.52 as presented. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.