

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting
July 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 minutes of the June meetings as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley expressed his condolences to Ossian residents on the passing of Ron Werling. Werling passed away on July 7. He was a former Town Marshall and, more recently, a Police Commissioner. Pursley said he will be missed by everyone.

There were no reports from the Fire Department, Park Board or the Police Commission.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the monthly Mileage and Overtime Report. There were no questions. Rigney announced that the two (2) new officers started at the Law Enforcement Academy today and will be there Monday through Friday until October 21, 2016. He estimated that they would be ready to work on their own by the end of the year.

Rose Barrick, reported for the Storm Water Board, saying that they are still hoping to work with the Norfolk & Southern Railroad to get the ditch on the west side of Ossian cleared up. Ossian resident, Lynn Lipp asked about the location of some tiles near his property. There was some discussion about these tiles, but there were no definitive answers. Barrick announced the next meeting of the Storm Water Board to be July 27 and invited everyone to attend.

Barrick and A.J. Reynolds, representing Ossian Days, Inc., asked permission to close East Craig Street on Tuesday afternoon, September 13, prior to Ossian Days this year. They have a ride company who is willing to come to Ossian this year, but they are requesting to set up on Tuesday. Rides have been absent for several years because most small companies have gone out of business. Both Barrick & Reynolds met with the owner and they think this would be a good thing for Ossian Days. Barrick stated that she had talked with Ossian State Bank, who asked that the closure take place after noon on that day, Hair Razors, who said they understand and will work around the inconvenience and Nel's. These are all businesses located on East Craig Street, and they are all on board with this addition and the street closure. Ossian resident, Joyce Books expressed her displeasure about Ossian Days, saying that she thinks people spend money that they don't have. Dowty moved to approve the closure with a second from Sweeney. Passed 5-0 Reynolds announced that paperwork would be coming from the State requiring signatures to approve the closure of State Road 1 for Ossian Days.

Town Manager, Luann Martin informed council that the agreement between the current owner and prospective of buyer 516 West LaFever Street did not work out. She asked permission to start taking bids for the demolition of the buildings on the property with a deadline of August 8, 2016 at noon. Sweeney moved to approve. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Books asked if the concrete pad had to remain at the Christ Street property and if the property can be sold with the pad intact. Martin informed her that the property still belongs to Emilie Exline, and she can do whatever she wants with it. She said the town only condemned the buildings. Books asked where the process stands now. Martin said that they are waiting for I & M to move electrical lines so that the structures may be removed. Books said she is very glad that Ossian now has a building inspector. Lipp asked if there is any way for the town to get back its demolition costs for this. Council stated that it would cost the town initially, but that a lien would be placed on the property to eventually recoup the cost.

Books asked if a property owner could be fined for a structure in her neighborhood. Martin said not unless the property owner is in violation of an ordinance.

Ordinance #16-6-2, An Ordinance amending Chapter 51 of the Town of Ossian Code of Ordinances, was introduced. This ordinance sets the garbage rates for Ossian customers at \$12.68 for one (1) year beginning with the Oct 1, 2016 billing. After a short discussion, Miller moved to adopt the ordinance with a second from Dowty. Passed 3-2 with Barkley and Sweeney voting no.

Clerk Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey, reported that there had been no letters received from anyone interested in the open Police Commissioner position. Council extended the deadline to August 3, 2016. Letters should be delivered to the Clerk Treasurer's office no later than noon on August 3, 2016.

Martin presented a final pay request from R.E. Crosby for the work done on the UV Disinfectant System at the sewer plant for fifty three thousand one hundred seventy three (\$53,173) dollars. She explained that Crosby made changes to the railing and the grates in order to make changing the UV bulbs easier and safer in the future. Barkley moved to approve the payment. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Dickey introduced Ordinance #16-7-1, An Ordinance for Compliance with the Uniform Internal Control Standards and Procedures for the Indiana Political Subdivisions Pursuant to I.C. 5-11-1-27. She explained that the State Legislature had passed a bill in March 2016 requiring all political subdivisions to comply with the minimum internal control standards. Barkley moved to adopt the ordinance. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Dickey, then introduced, Resolution #16-7-2, A Resolution Establishing Materiality Thresholds and a Process for Reporting Material Variances for the Town of Ossian. This resolution sets minimum reporting requirements for the town. Dickey stated that the resolution also requires training of all employees handling cash or property belonging to the town. Barkley moved to adopt the resolution with a second from Miller. Passed 5-0

In other business, Martin announced that letters will go out tomorrow informing some residents of smoke testing being done on the town's sewer/storm system beginning July 25. If you do not receive a letter it will not affect your property.

Dickey asked for approval of the Fire Department invoice for their quarterly compensation so the check could be issued right away. Dowty moved for approval. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Miller moved to approve May time cards with corrections requested at the last meeting and June time cards as presented. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley asked Dickey about the second quarter mileage. She stated that it was for travel to the ILMCT Annual Conference in Michigan City in June.

Pursley asked Rigney if local businesses had been given a chance to bid on tires for the police cars. Rigney replied that Zurcher Tire gives us the best price. Pursley asked him to check with local businesses in the future.

Sweeney asked what Pickle Ball was. Martin explained a little about the game and said that it is all the rage right now. She stated that some residents had requested a pickle ball court and it is very easy and economical to paint additional lines on the existing tennis courts to accommodate pickle ball. Barkley moved to approve claims of \$164,805.68 as presented. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley then, stated his opinion that council members are paid over \$5000 a year and should not be turning in bills for education. In his opinion, these are just parties and council members should not expect to be reimbursed for mileage and hotel bills.

Barkley moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting
July 25, 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.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

In the absence of property owner, Emilie Exline, Town Manager Luann Martin, asked for an Order to Vacate the property at 403 Christ Street in Ossian. She stated that Exline is living in a shed on the property again, which means we cannot demolish until the premises are vacated. We have to notify Exline and have a public hearing. Martin wants to have the public hearing at the August 8th meeting. Bob Joker, a neighbor of Exline's, stated that Exline was still living in one of the sheds on the property. Miller explained that the town cannot do anything with the property until she is no longer living there, thus, the Order to Vacate. Joker wanted something done right away but, Martin explained that if we don't follow legal procedures now, we may have to start all over and she does not want that to happen. Barkley moved for the Order to Vacate with a second from Miller. Passed 5-0

Chad Kline, Diane Johnson and Tim Fiechter presented a request for a 10 year tax abatement for a building addition and additional equipment. Johnson stated that they would need to hire about seven (7) more employees when the addition is finished in about a year. Barkley moved to grant the abatement with Ordinances # 16-7-4 and #16-7-5. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented a list of trees that need to be removed or trimmed. Along with the list was a quote from Yoder Tree Service. Both Sweeney and Barkley requested additional bids. Martin asked that they not publicize the bid from Yoder until additional bids are received. Martin will present additional bids at the August 8th meeting.

Martin requested authorization to apply for a Community Crossing Grant for the 2016 Street Project. The cost of the project is fifty four thousand ninety five (\$54,095) dollars including twenty nine hundred sixty five (\$2965) dollars to make the project ADA compliant. The grant is for a 50% reimbursement. Dowty moved to authorize. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Clerk Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey, reported that she would be sending emails to department heads tomorrow regarding the 2017 budget. She said she would be working on the budget for the next couple of weeks and would have preliminary information for the next meeting on August 8th. However, Dickey said she will not be able to attend that meeting. Miller asked if she would give council a tentative budget calendar, as she did last year. Dickey said she would have that at the August 8th meeting along with the other information.

Barkley suggested that the hours of solicitation be changed. The current ordinance restricts solicitations to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to dusk. Barkley stated that, with dusk being so late now, it might be better to make it a certain time, like 7:00 p.m. Pursley agreed and there was some discussion on the matter with no decision being made.

Claims of \$215,940.40 were presented. Sweeney questioned Martin about a bill for furnace repair from Masters, asking if Collier's had been given an opportunity to bid for the service. Martin stated she had called Masters because they had installed the furnace and she thought it may still be under warranty.

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$215,940.40 as presented. Miller seconded.
Passed 5-0

Miller moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016

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. Also attending: Luann Martin - Town Manager, Bill Miller - Town Council, Jim Breckler - ERI, and Glen Werling - The News-Banner. Tim Miller - President, was absent due to work delay.

Minutes Approval ----- Rose made a motion to approve the minutes for the Stormwater meeting held on May 25, 2016, Dennis second, vote was 2-0 to approve.

Old Business

- **Railroad Drainage / Rose Ann Heights ----** Jim informed to the group that he has been in contact with Mr. May of the R.R., and they have given permission to start the survey work on the ditch that runs along the west side of Rose Ann Heights. The field work should start around July 11 and be completed by early August.
- **600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area -----** Council has approved paying for the work to be completed by Minnich's Lawn Care. Luann also informed the group that a Town crew will be changing out the existing catch basin which will connect with the new concrete chute.
- **510 Sandalwood-----** nothing new to report.
- **619 Millside Ct. -----** Resident has installed tile. Parent, adjacent property owner, never offered any cooperation on helping to resolve the condition.
- **613 Oakdale Dr. -----** not connected.
- **510 Brenden Way -----** nothing new to report.
- **Storm Water Budget -----** 6/29/2016 Report Balances are \$ 57,858.78 in Savings and \$ 59,327.00 in Checking Acct.

New Business

- **Heyerly Drive & Metts St. -----** Luann informed the group that following the heavy rain on June 26, this intersection area flooded again after a long period of draining normal. A Town crew checked it out and found a connection which could be connected to a buried catch basin. Luann is going to have the crew install a grate on the catch basin closest to Metts St. Bill Miller also commented that part of the problem could be when a down-pour happens, it could create a vapor lock restricting the water flow.
 - **Update from Town Manager on Projects-----** nothing new to report
- Other business pertaining to the Ossian Storm Water Management Board

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

The next regular monthly meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary