

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting**  
May 11, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

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

Dowty moved to approve the minutes of the April meetings. Miller seconded.  
Passed 3-0

There were no questions or comments from Ossian residents.

Mike Gerber of Trusted Manufacturing presented a CF-1. Gerber stated that business has been good. TMI makes portable office walls. They are hopeful that a new design will further expand their business and allow them to add about 15 jobs. Neuenschwander moved to grant the tax abatement. Dowty seconded. Passed 3-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the March and April Mileage and Overtime Reports.

Barkley arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Rigney presented a corrected time card from a January meeting. There were three (3) hours for lunch time that had been questioned at an earlier meeting. Miller asked if the seminar had continued through the lunch time. Rigney replied that it had not, but that people were networking about police matters during lunch. Neuenschwander suggested they table this until further information could be reviewed.

Rigney requested permission to go to the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual in Chicago in October. He estimated the cost to be around two thousand (\$2000) dollars. Rigney stated that this money could be taken from the LOIT Public Safety Fund. Council deferred this matter to the Police Commissioners. Barkley took exception to this, stating that they had not done this in the past. Other council members replied that the current Police Commissioners are more pro-active than past members and council needs to let them do their job.

In further business, Rigney stated that the PNC bank robbery trial in Federal Court will begin tomorrow. Rigney, Officer Tucker and Officer Hunt will be in court, possibly until the end of the week. He assured the council that there would be coverage during that time. He reported that because of the trial Officer Tucker's training that should have been this week will be postponed until October, when the same class will be held again in Jasper, IN. He stated that the registration fee can be transferred but there will be some hotel expense incurred.

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**OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015**

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: Luann Martin, Town Manager, Glen Werling of The News-Banner, and Steve Jones, 613 Oakdale Dr., Johannah Septer, 714 Highland Ave., and Michael Garringer, 602 Bittersweet Lane.

Minutes Approval ----- Tim made a motion to approve the minutes for the Stormwater meeting held on March 18, 2015, Rose second, vote was 3-0 to approve.

Old Business

- Smith Drain – Haldrup Inc., Industrial Park ----- Luann reported nothing new has been decided.
- Roe St. project ----- Luann reported there are 3 easements remaining to be signed. Jones, Fosnight, and the new owners of Kraatz's property which is currently "sale pending".
- 600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area ----- Luann reported she was informed recently that Scot Shady, 604 Shady Lane, would not be interested in signing a utility easement for the Town to have access to clean and grade the drainage ditch behind his home. Without access the scope of the project will now revert back to the original plan of installing the concrete chute, cleanout basin, and removing some brush trees behind Dana's property. Total distance involved is now about 280'.

Luann still plans to install a couple of sump pump holes to assist in draining the excess Stormwater. 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----- Luann informed the group that the new truck has been in use and everyone seems very happy with it.
- Siebold and LaFever Sts.---- No problems reported this month.
- Storm Water Budget ----- With the down payment of \$ 4,666.66 transferred from Savings to Checking Acct. the approx. balances are \$ 43,356.00 in Savings and \$ 109,285.00 in Checking Acct.
- 901 Park St.----- Luann will have the basin checked out and cleaned as soon as possible, weather permitting.
- Depot & Mill Sts.---- Luann reported the Town crew found a water line leak and an old drainage pipe which was dry upstream. The 1” line is repaired and back to normal.

New Business

- Steve Jones, 613 Oakdale Dr.-----Mr. Jones approached the Board seeking assistance with a Stormwater problem of standing water in his yard. After discussing many options including talking to his neighbor concerning a new board fence which may be restricting the natural water flow. At the end of discussion, Mr. Jones will check into installing a drain line from the rear of his property to the drain tile located along the front side of his home. Luann provided sketches to Mr. Jones prior to the meeting.  
Johannah Septer, 714 Highland Ave.----- Mrs.Septer came to the Board asking for assistance in resolving a wet drainage swale on her property. After much discussion, she will speak with her neighbor and discuss the possibility of re-grading the swale between their properties to improve the Stormwater drainage.
- Michael Garringer,602 Bittersweet,----- came in to discuss standing water in area around his property and adjacent properties.  
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, May 27, 2015 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary

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Rose Barrick reported for the Storm Water Board, stating that they are just waiting for the weather to break so they can start the summer projects. In the meantime they are obtaining the necessary easements.

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**Ossian Park Board  
May 4, 2015**

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

- I. Read and approved minutes from meeting on April 6, 2015
- II. Discussed tree plaques. \$230 per plaque is cost. We currently charge \$250 per plaque when adopting a tree. Plaques are being purchased from Indiana Stamp Company. Ashley motioned to raise fee to \$275 per plaque. Joe seconded. Passed 4-0.
- III. Discussed budget and decided our board has no understanding of where and why we are having expenses from Park Budget without documentation.
- IV. Discussed purchasing a new diamond marker at cost of \$259. This marker has air tires rather than plastic tires which would work better in wet ground conditions. Joe motioned to buy a new marker for \$259 from BSN Sports. Ashley seconded. Passed 4-0.
- V. The Soccer Club would like to purchase a new shed. The shed will be located on Town property. Ashley motioned to accept their offer to purchase the shed with all expenses to be paid for by Soccer Club. Maintenance to be done by Soccer Club. Joe seconded. Passed 4-0.
- VI. Phil Donono would like to purchase and have installed a set of corn hole games. He would like them installed on the northeast side of the park. Jason motioned to deny approval at this time until more park plans are developed. Joe seconded. Passed 4-0.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

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**Ossian Park Board  
Special Meeting  
May 18, 2015**

Attendance:

- I. Questioned how Town will maintain facilities.
- II. Housing, charging fee to use Park, Non-Profit partner?
- III. Joe motioned to allow high performance government to go to Town Council to get approval to move forward. Ashley seconded. Passed 4-0.
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

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Neuenschwander moved to allow Norfolk Southern Railroad to install a stone drive in the Industrial Park provided it has a chain barrier and Norfolk Southern Railroad pays for any attorney fees that may be incurred. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Town Manager, Luann Martin presented an agreement for Indiana Fiber Network (IFN) to install fiber optic cable within the rights-of-way of the town of Ossian in the industrial park. Neuenschwander moved to approve this request with the understanding that, if any attorney bills are incurred, they will be paid by IFN. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander moved to grant a utility adjustment as presented by the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, who was not present. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander questioned Rigney on an officer's time card for the State Mandates held in Bluffton on April 27. Neuenschwander stated that four (4) officers called off at noon and one (1) officer went on till 1:15 p.m. Rigney stated that Officer Tucker stayed to help out instructors. Neuenschwander moved to approve time cards. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Miller moved to approve claims of \$142,714.16 as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented information from Living Waters Inc. regarding the purchase of four (4) chlorine monitors for Ossian wells. Barkley asked if there were any other options. Martin said there were no good options. She reported that we were told during an inspection four (4) years ago that we needed to install monitors. Now, it's almost time for inspection again and we need to have them installed before the next inspection. Miller moved to approve the purchase for fifty five hundred (\$5500) dollars. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

Barkley brought up the subject of a travel trailer hooked into the city water and city sewer. This created a discussion of this, and other situations where trailers, nondrivable vehicles etc. have created an eyesore in a neighborhood. Miller said he was under the understanding that the travel trailer in question was being used temporarily while the family was remodeling their home. Barkley said something needs to be done about these problems because they have come up in the past and are not good for Ossian. Miller stated that there are already regulations on the books and we need to be careful about telling people what they can do with their property. Police Chief, Rigney reported that there are several houses in a row on Woodcreek, right before West Woodcreek, that are in violation. Martin said she had sent out two (2) violation notices today dealing with this problem. The discussion ended with no action being taken at this time.

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.