

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

Dial moved to approve minutes of the September meetings. Pursley seconded. Passed 3-0

There were no comments from the public.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the monthly fuel & overtime report. He stated that his department would be attending a Domestic Violence Workshop in Bluffton on Oct. 16 and a HazMat Workshop in Bluffton at the end of October.

There was no representative of Revitalization present but they had previously submitted a design for the proposed welcome signs to be placed the south and north entrances of Ossian. Barkley expressed some concerns that the materials proposed would not stand up well to Indiana weather. He will look into some alternatives.

Rose Ann Barrick, of the Stormwater Board reported that the Roe Street Project is still in the works. They are just waiting to for a final cost of the Metts Street project to see how much money they have available.

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**MINUTES
OSSIAN STORM WATER BOARD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 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, and Dennis Ramey, Sec’y. Also attending were Luann Martin, Ossian Town Manager, and Glen Werling, The News-Banner. Rose Barrick, V.P. was absent.

Minutes Approval -----The minutes for September 26, 2012 Storm Water meeting were approved, 2-0.

Old Business

312 W.LaFever----- Grass seeding to be completed when weather permits, most likely next spring.

Roe Street project----- Luann updated the group on the status of getting quotes for the proposed new section of line to be installed running from Homestead Ave, down Roe, then through an easement south, and then turning west in easement area between Roe and Mill Sts. to meet up with an existing catch basin at the corner of Highland and Mill Sts. Luann plans to get estimates from a couple of contractors, including Frauhiger Excavating who submitted a bid for work in Archbold Wilson Park at a very reasonable rate.

(If the estimated price is less than \$75 K, the work would not be required to be put out for bid.)

Metts Street Paving update ----- Luann advised the group that the cost for Stormwater modifications on this project came in around \$ 26 K, approx. \$ 4 K below the projected estimate.

Heverly Drive – jetvac cleaning----- Luann reported that the Hardware Store is all that is left to be completed.

Maplewood Drive – undersized driveway culvert ----- Another waterline break occurred at this location requiring another dig. The driveway culvert being under- sized is on hold for now.

Purchase of new small Camera----- on hold

Storm Water Budget (funds available)----- At present, the SW budget balance is approx..\$ 76 K after Metts paving payment. With Oct. and Nov. receipts, Stormwater balance should be around \$ 104 K at the year’s end, less any other expenses that may come up.

New Business----

Archbold Wilson new park, Oakdale and Bunn Addition area----- Luann updated the group on work planning for Archbold Wilson Park after researching field work in this area. At the request of the Wells Co. Drainage Board, some tile will need to be rerouted to accomodate Stormwater flow around the developed area. Luann approached Frauhiger Excavating, who submitted a bid for \$ 9,375.00 to install 710’ of 12” tile including various material and labor. Luann presented this estimate to Town Council for

approval, which was granted. The Council also requested that Stormwater Board consider funding this project.

After discussing the present Stormwater budget, and other items coming up, i.e. Roe Street, Tim Miller made a motion to recommend paying for half of the bid proposal, \$ 4,687.50. Dennis Ramey second, motion passed, 2 – 0.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, November 28, at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Ramey, Secretary

OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 2, 2012

Members present: Jan Williams, Natalie Milholland, Marlyn Koons, Judy Harkless, Eme Detrick, Linda Hambrick, Luann Martin

Members not present: Rod Johnson, Josh Barkley, Jim Brewer, Joel Fremion, Larry Heckber, Larry Smith

Minutes from the September 11, 2012 meeting were approved.

Judy Harkless made a motion second by Linda Hambrick to start Revitalization meetings at 5:00. Motion voted on and passed.

Main Street Conference: Natalie and Marlyn will attend the Conference in Kokomo Wednesday October 10. Asked Luann to make reservations for them.

Halloween Carnival Tuesday October 30 at Ossian Health Center

Linda Hambrick will call Stacey Little at the Health Center to coordinate help from Revitalization members.

Natalie's granddaughter, Haille, will bring friends and help with face painting

Natalie will provide little pumpkins for decorating

Wine Tasting January 26, 2012

- continue to confirm Champagne Sponsors.
- formed planning committees and set meeting times
- ticket prices will remain the same as last year

Hometown Christmas and Commemorative Park Dedication: Friday November 30

- planning meeting will be **Monday, October 8** at Jan William's house at 5:30

Entrance Signs: waiting on state highway approval

Farmers Market: Last Day October 17.

Other Business: Accepted resignation of Bill Dowty who watered hanging flower baskets on street lights downtown.

Next Revitalization meeting Tuesday, November 6, at 5:00. Meeting place to be announced because of election day.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jan Williams

Ossian Board of Parks and Recreation Minutes October 1, 2012

Attendance: Steve Andrews, Max Lake, Jason Heckber and Tim Rohr

I. After reading minutes from Ossian Park Board meeting dated September 13, 2012. Max motioned to accept. Tim seconded and passed 4-0.

II. Luann to apply for a \$ 22,000.00 grant from the Wells County Foundation to be used in the Archbold-Wilson Park. Jason motioned for Luann to proceed and Tim seconded. Passed 4-0.

III. Discussed skate park obstacles and pricing. Board was informed that some drainage tiles in the Archbold-Wilson Park were found and will need to be re-routed. Luann and Martin Spees will go before the Wells County area plan board to seek permits for phase 1 in the park. That meeting will be on October 4, 2012.

IV. Discussed baseball minor league and the fact that they have no president at this time. Board decided to ask Kevin Prichard, who is giving up his position as minor league president, to be at the November meeting of the park board and discuss options to run the league.

V. Next meeting of the park board will be on November 5, 2012

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Pursley agreed to accept the council position on the Park Board to replace Athena Brickley, who resigned from the council and the Park Board at the last meeting. Council agreed to this.

Marty Spees of Fleis & Vandenbrink presented bids for the Archbold-Wilson Park Project. He recommended Frauhiger Excavating of Bluffton stating that they were a reputable local company and also the lowest bid at \$154,123.40. Dial moved to award the park bid to Frauhiger and Pursley seconded. Passed 3-0 Park Board president, Steve Andrews, asked that the council approve spending amounts not covered by the grant.

Town Manager Martin said she believed the park fund would have about \$15,000 but they would be short around \$2400. Council made no commitment but agreed it should be funded. Martin also said they had applied to the Wells County Foundation for a \$15,000 grant, but they would not hear anything about that until November.

Spees presented a request from Brooks Construction for final payment for the Metts Street repaving of \$256,197.19. \$37,508.01 will be held as a retainage which will be paid upon final approval of restoration. Pursley moved to pay as Spees recommended. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0

Town Manager, Martin presented a payment request from Ironclad Excavating for completion of the Industrial Park water line. Payment of \$2167.90 would leave a balance of \$60,336.40 which will be paid when the Norfolk & Southern Railroad gives its formal approval to the project. Dial moved to pay as stated. Pursley seconded Passed 3-0

Councilman, Pursley moved to pay \$3790 to Phil Rorick Electric for the emergency sewer work. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0

Resolution #12-10-1 was presented authorizing stop signs to be erected and enforced at the intersection of Ridge Court and Brook Court. The signs will be in compliance with Ordinance #96-8-1 Barkley moved to approve this on the second reading. Pursley seconded. Passed 3-0

Dial moved to have the budget adoption meeting on October 22 at 7:00pm at the Ossian Town Hall. Pursley seconded. Passed 3-0

Council Vice-President, Josh Barkley read the 2013 budget as advertised and asked for questions or comments from the council or the public.. There being no comments from either one, Barkley moved to end the discussion. Pursley seconded. Passed 3-0

Martin presented a letter from Chon Michael resigning from the Ossian Revitalization Committee and a letter from Jim Brewer requesting the position. Pursley moved to accept both. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0

Martin presented a design for the water tower lettering. It was previously decided to paint the tower light blue on top. The bottom of the bowl and the stem would be black or charcoal gray as recommended by the company doing the restoration. The design presented showed OSSIAN in 6 ft. letters with WELCOME TO in 3 ft. at the top left corner of OSSIAN. "Welcome to" will add a cost of \$600 and the dark paint at the bottom will be an extra \$1500. Council thought that adding the "Welcome to" made it look crowded and decided not include it. Martin was advised that there is no room to put the website on the size water tower we have. Pursley moved to accept the design, minus the "Welcome to," and add the extra cost of \$1500 for the dark paint at the bottom. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0

Martin stated that she is hoping to not have to start the leaf pick-up until the first of November. She also reported that she would start the street light project again now that it is darker in the mornings.

Dial moved to approve time cards. Pursley seconded. Passed 3-0

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey presented claims of \$105,862.35 for approval. Barkley expressed concern over paying \$19,357 to Fleis & Vandenbrink prior to final approval of the Metts Street project. There are still some drainage issues still to be resolved. Dickey said she would not pay Fleis & Vandenbrink until further notice from the council. Pursley moved to pay the claims with the exception of the \$19,357. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0

Barkley stated his intention to apply for the at-large position on the council vacated by Athena Brickley's resignation. His application will be considered on October 22 along with any others received.

Martin said the town had removed three (3) dead trees on East Craig street and will need to replace the sidewalks that had buckled because of the tree roots. These should be ADA compliant. There is also one (1) more tree on Craig Street that needs to be removed. It will also involve the replacement of sidewalks. She said she will contact the property owner about this.

Pursley moved to adjourn. Dial seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL Special Meeting October 12, 2012 - 7:30 a.m.
Intersection of Metts & Mill Streets, Ossian

Council President, Terri Hughes-Lazzell called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. with Council members Brad Pursley and Josh Barkley present. Angie Dial was absent. Also present were Town Manager, Luann Martin, Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey, Marty Spees and Mike Lampman of Fleis & Vandenbrink, and Rodney Firmi and Brandon Bushee of Brooks Construction. Property owner, Andy Price and his father, Dan, arrived a little later.

Price stated that he had always had some water problems, but they had gotten worse after the street project was completed. He said that the ground was already eroding around the new sidewalk installed along with the new street and that the water had no place to go since the drain had been moved from the corner to the street about 30 feet north of the corner where the drain used to be. Spees pointed out that the street was actually about six (6) inches lower than the parking lot now and the asphalt of the parking lot was sloped upwards toward the street. This upwards slope was directing the water south instead of toward the drain.

Price said he had no problem putting in a catch basin. It was pointed out that all he would need would be permission from the Town Board. If the town installed the catch basin they would need an easement. Hughes-Lazzell said there is already an easement and a right-of-way, but we would have to find out how far it goes. Price said his is the only property on the street that does not have an easement.

It was suggested that perhaps we could install a new sidewalk as part of the ADA compliance project and correct the drainage problem at the same time. Price said that would be OK but then he would not think it necessary for him to put in a catch basin now if that were the case.

Barkley stated that the changes may have to wait until spring because of the weather. Price agreed, but said he would look into possible remedies and get back to the council with more information.

Barkley moved to adjourn. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting October 26, 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, Josh Barkley and Angie Dial present.

Pay request #1 was presented for the water tower project by Randy Kriscunas of Fleis & Vandenbrink. This was for \$54,720 payable to Fedewa. Along with the pay request was a request for an extension of time from October 30 to November 20. Town Manager, Luann Martin explained that they could not start until after Ossian Days and then the weather did not cooperate. Barkley moved to pay the \$54,720 and also grant the time extension. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Barkley moved to accept a change order for the sewer plant project. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented the first pay request for the Safe Routes to School project of \$7850.00.

Barkley moved to pay this and Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey presented the 2013 budget and explained that the budget as presented was slightly lower than the budget that was advertised \$1,106,000 because she council had expressed that they did not want raise taxes. Barkley moved to adopt the 2013 budget as advertised at \$1,106,000.. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

There was some discussion about the at-large council seat. Barkley had expressed interest in moving into that seat at the last meeting. Dial expressed concern because no other applicants had been received for the at-large seat and she felt it may be more difficult to fill the East Ward seat since the field of applicants would be much smaller. She felt that more time should be given to apply. Hughes-Lazzell said she thought 30 days was plenty. Barkley said he had heard there were already a couple of people interested. Pursley moved accept the move. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0 with Barkley abstaining.

The contract for the sewer line extension for the new Dollar General Store at the noth end of Ossian was presented by Town Manager, Martin. Pursley moved to accept it and Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin told the council that she had received the Employee Handbook back from the insurance company and she had passed it on to Andy Carnall, Town Attorney, for his approval. When it is returned she will meet with the town insurance provider, Tom Neuenschwander, and report back to council.

Josh Barkley presented a letter of resignation for the East Ward Council Seat. Pursley moved to accept. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0 with Barkley abstaining.

Martin reported that several sewer lines had been found when excavating for the Archbold-Wilson Park. These lines will have to be re-routed at an additional cost of \$9375. Dial moved to pay for this. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0 Martin also reported that the walking trail would have to be closed one half at a time during excavating for safety reasons.

Martin had previously given council members copies of the job description of the maintenance job opening created by the resignation of Bill Miller. She requested, and was granted by general concensus, permission to advertise to fill this vacancy.

The street light project was brought up and Martin said she would get updated costs and numbers of lights needed report at the next meeting.

Martin presented a letter from Ossian resident, Rick Resler requesting the alley between 101 and 104 Siebold Street to be vacated. Resler works evenings and could not attend the meeting in person. He currently resides at 101 Siebold and owns 104 Siebold with his sisters. He stated that his sisters had no objection. Council said they would need permission from the sisters in writing before they could proceed.

Martin stated that the Wells County Development Commission is asking Ossian to pay \$1000 of an additional \$7400 for the Industrial Park Waterline extension. Barkley so moved with Pursley as second. Passed 4-0

An invoice for \$19,357 had been presented by Fleis & Vandenbrink at the last meeting. Council had instructed Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey to hold that check until it was verified what it was for since the invoice was not clear. After some discussion, Council members and Fleis & Vandenbrink representative, Randy Kriscunas came to an agreement. Barkley moved to release the check. Pursley seconded. Passed 3-0 (Dial had already left)

Barkley moved to approve claims of \$68,020.40. Pursley seconded. Passed 3-0

Barkley moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Meeting was adjourned.at 6:10 p.m.