

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting
September 9, 2013 - 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 Tom Neuenschwander, Josh Barkley, Terri Hughes-Lazzell and Bill Miller present.

Neuenschwander moved to accept the minutes of the August meetings with one (1) correction. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

There were no comments from citizens.

OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday September 3, 2013

Addendum to Tuesday, August 6 minutes: Change Mike Miller to Bill Miller and change Cynthia's last name to be spelled Dahn.

Members present: Jan Williams, Linda Hambrick, Larry Heckber, Marlyn Koons, Mike Lewis

Kody Kumfer, Judy Harkless, Eme Dietrick, Jim Brewer, Bruce Sonner, Joel Fremion, Luann Martin, Natalie Milholland

Guest: Gary Guenin

Members not present: Tom Neuenschwander, Larry Smith

Minutes from the August 6, 2012 meeting were approved.

Pork Chop Dinner: Sept 5, 2013 1,000 tickets are for sale

Members and volunteers will meet at the Methodist church tomorrow Sept 4th at 9:00 to bag brownies and package applesauce.

Assignments are made for Thursday the day of the event. We plan to have 300 dinners ready for early delivery by 3:00.

Linda Hambrick made signs to display Revitalization accomplishments, recognition of those who made donations, and cards for Vern and the Cub Scouts (watering crew) for the public to sign.

Main Street Community Exchange: Agenda has been sent in. We have not received a response so Luann will call tomorrow for a confirmation by the Main Street committee.

Flowers and Banners

Bruce Sonner will ask his contact if he would be willing to change the banners for \$100 each for 5 changes. The Library will be asked to pay \$100. for their banners.

Future Projects:

Discussed: Beautification of downtown, Park projects

Larry Heckber will check into a star for the replaced Christmas tree which is shorter than the original one.

Joel will check into the cost of putting print on the back of the Welcome to Ossian signs. What it will say is undetermined at this time.

Joel will also check into prices for a town clock.

Wine Tasting:

After clearing other dates that could cause complications, Judy Harkless made a motion seconded by Linda Hambrick that we set the Wine Tasting Date for April 26. Motion was voted on and passed.

Next meeting to plan for Main Street Community Exchange: Tuesday, September 24

Next Revitalization meeting: Tuesday, October 1, at 5:00 at the Town Hall.

Minutes prepared by Jan Williams

Marlyn Koons and Jan Williams of the Ossian Revitalization Committee presented council with an agenda for the Indiana Main Street Community Exchange being held in Ossian on October 2. They requested items from the town and Ossian businesses to put in welcome packets for those attending. They requested representatives from the town attend. They also requested that we have downtown looking sharp, as they will be touring the downtown area in the afternoon.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney, commended Officer Stephanie Tucker on her fundraising efforts for the "Daremobile" at Ossian Days. \$11,000 was raised for this project previous to and at Ossian Days. He reported that, as promised, Tucker donated her hair to Locks of

Love and then finished by having her head shaved with great fanfare at Ossian Days. Rigney pointed out that her fundraising will continue.

Rigney noted that there had been no problems at Ossian Days.

Rigney asked permission to seek quotes for a new squad car which council granted.

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker informed council of engine pump testing beginning Monday morning, September 16. He pointed out that this has not been done for three (3) years and should be done annually. He also presented council with a list of requests for the year-end money totaling \$28,340.00. Neuenschwander said that DLGF representative, George Helton had told him we can do an additional appropriation for 2012 to cover a radio purchased in 2013. He asked Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey to check into this.

Fenstermaker asked to build a training prop to train for propane fires in back of the town hall. This would eliminate having to take equipment out of service to drive to Southwest Allen County for these drills. Barkley moved to spend up to \$2000 for this purpose. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

Ossian Board of Parks and Recreation Minutes

September 3, 2013

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

- I. Read and approved minutes from meeting on August 5, 2013
- II. Learned that the skate-park equipment has been ordered and should be ready for installation within 30 days. Also learned that the handi-cap signs have been ordered also for the Archbold-Wilson Park.
- III. The wildflower seed for the Archbold-Wilson Park has been purchased and is in the town hall. Ossian employees will spread the seed and straw when rains are forecasted. Also learned that 14 trees around the walking trail have died. Of those 14 trees, 12 have plaques. Luann has ordered 12 new trees to be planted this fall.
- IV. The next meeting will be on October 7, 2013.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Town Manager, Luann Martin said there was nothing to report from the Storm Water Board. Marty Spees of Fleis & Vandenbrink will report his findings concerning drainage in Roseann Heights at the next meeting.

**MINUTES of OSSIAN STORM WATER BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013 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, and Tom Neuenschwander, Town Council.

Minutes Approval ----- Tim made a motion to approve the minutes for Storm Water meeting held on July 31, 2013, Rose second, vote was 3-0 to approve.

Old Business

Roe Street project ----- Luann reported to the group that this project is complete other than grass seed sprouting.

Archbold Wilson Park ----- Work on this project has been completed other than the billing. Luann reported last month that the swale work has been completed as well as the connection with 'The Bridges' subdivision. Grass seed has been planted in some areas including the large mound area.

Maplewood Drive area – undersized driveway culvert ----- Luann reported that a few more questionnaires from home-owners have trickled in. Information is being requested from all property owners in Rose Ann Heights area to assist in Stormwater drainage decisions in the future.

Swale area in 500-600 blocks between Shady Lane and Bittersweet-----

Marty Spees of F&V Eng'r is working on this project. The cost for doing utility study and hydrology study is approx. \$ 3,000.

Three culverts under Bittersweet are rusting back so they will need replaced sometime in future, likely with this project.

706 N. Jefferson St.----- Luann contacted Dan Rupright, property owner, two days after Town Crew connected his sump pump line into the Stormwater drain at the rear of his property. He reported to Luann that his temporary sump pump setup has not had to operate since the line was connected. Problem appears to be resolved.

Storm Water Budget (funds available)-- (Stormwater Utility Fund Report)

Balance as of 8-28-2013 is approx \$ 5,204.

Melching - Metts Stormwater project -- approx. loan balance---

As of 8-31-2013 \$ 26,182.46.

Siebold and LaFever Sts.----- Drainage issues have re- appeared at this location again. The group discussed some of the past history concerning the possible causes and attempted corrections to stop the surging water during heavy rains. Luann is going to research past history of Stormwater to see if there are any rules or previous actions that would require property owners to be responsible for changing watershed patterns causing problems for adjacent properties.

At the July meeting, Marty Spees, Fleis & Vandenbrink, said he will take a look and may have some ideas to improve the situation.

New Business----

Craig & Ogden Sts.----- Luann said the catch basin at this location is in need of repair, installed manhole cover last year but it has continued to sink. Town Crew will repair soon.

505 & 509 Willowood St.----- Home-owners called in to report sink-hole(s) in their yard, could be in area where Stormwater line runs to Eight Mile Creek. Crew investigated the one at 505 and was able to fix that one. The other one at 509 is still under investigation, it could be old field tile which would be owners responsibility to repair.

Ogden s/o LaFever ----- Luann reported that Town Crew tried to jetvac a section of line from both ends but it was plugged. They will plan to dig it up to clear line in near future. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary

Council decided to table a discussion of the new employee handbook until the next meeting. They will possibly schedule a special special meeting for this.

There was no discussion of the 2014 budget. Barkley asked if the advertising would be on the 19th and 26th of September. Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey confirmed this.

Martin stated that the sidewalk contract would not be awarded tonight, but would be tabled until the next meeting.

In other business Martin reported that the skate park fixtures would be completed next week and installation could begin. She further stated the Ossian Psi Iota Xi currently has \$11,000 available for the amphitheater/shelter for the Archbold-Wilson Park, and that they keep in touch with the park board.

Martin stated the pork chop dinner served at Ossian Days by the Revitalization Committee was successful.

Neuenschwander asked about “pending vacation” for Sally Bracke. Dickey said that it was waiting for approval of the employee handbook. Barkley asked Bracke, who was present, how many hours she was averaging. She stated it was around 37 hours a week for 2013. Neuenschwander moved to approve time cards with Bracke’s vacation pending. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Town council member, Bill Miller asked if the new flashing stop signs at the corner of Metts and LaFever streets might be too bright for the residents in that area. Martin stated that timers are available for the signs, but she believed they were expensive. Council asked that she get a quote.

Neuenschwander moved to approve claims of \$69,018.20. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

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

Pursley called for comments from citizens. Lynn Yager and Roseann Barrick posed questions about an easement bordering 604 Homestead Avenue.

Discussion of the Employee Handbook was scheduled for a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. just prior to the October 14th regular meeting.

Discussion of the 2014 budget was postponed until the next meeting, which will also be the public hearing for the 2014 budget.

Randy Kriscunas of Fleis & Vandenbrink reminded council that it is time for the water tower inspection just prior to the one year anniversary of its renovation. There is still a 2% reserve due to Fedewa, the company doing the renovation work, which should be paid after this inspection. Kriscunas recommended that Nelson Tank do the inspection. He also pointed out that after a year if any repainting was done it would probably not match the existing paint because of the aging of the paint. Council agreed that the paint had improved over time. Barkley moved to contract Nelson Tank to do the inspection for \$2200. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

Town Manager, Luann Martin presented two (2) bids for sidewalk work. Newell Construction bid \$38,700 and Liter Concrete bid \$13,675.10. Neuenschwander moved to accept the bid from Liter Concrete for \$13,675.10. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

Four (4) Bids for a new furnace in the EMS building were considered. Barkley moved to accept the bid from Colliers Heating & AC for \$4300 for a 92% Heil (Carrier) high efficient gas furnace and 13 SEER air conditioning system. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker requested a Zodiac boat w/trailer for rescues from the pond in the Archbold Wilson Park. He stated that they already have ice rescue equipment, but do not currently have equipment for rescues if the pond is not frozen. The cost of this will be \$2500-\$3500. Barkley moved to purchase the boat & trailer. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the fuel and overtime reports for August.

Rigney also presented bids for a new squad car to be ordered for 2014 delivery. Hiday Motors of Bluffton bid \$22,983 and Anderson Chevrolet bid \$25,500. Barkley moved to accept the bid from Hiday Motors for \$22,983. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Residents in Lewis Heights asked Martin if they could run sewer lines on residents' properties if they obtained easements from property owners. They will present them when they are obtained.

Martin presented bids for upgrading the town website. This is necessary in order to have the recorded minutes of meetings on the website. Reusser Design bid \$2500 and Just B bid \$850. Council asked Martin to see what is included in these bids before a decision is made.

Martin asked who is paying for the council registrations for the Indiana Main Street Community Exchange. They decided they would each pay their own registration if they attend.

Barkley moved to pay claims of \$42141.50. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0.

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.