

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Executive Meeting
January 14, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.
Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

The Town Council of Ossian, IN met in Executive Session to discuss employee performance. Present were Tom Neuenschwander, Angie Dial, Josh Barkley, Terri Hughes-Lazzell and Brad Pursley. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

Elected Brad Pursley President for 2013, who immediately took the reins of the council, and Josh Barkley as Vice-president for 2013,

Announced the regular Town Council meetings will be held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Ossian Town Hall.

Appointed Andrew Carnall to act as attorney for the Town of Ossian for 2013.

Appointed Fleis & Vandenbrink as the engineering company for the Town of Ossian for 2013.

Chose the Ossian Journal as the primary newspaper for 2013.

Barkley moved to accept the following council appointments for 2013:
Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

Parks & Recreation – Brad Pursley
Revitalization – Tom Neuenschwander
Storm water Board – Tom Neuenschwander.
Fire Dept. – Tom Neuenschwander
Chamber of Commerce – Luann Martin & Brad Pursley
Ossian Development Corp. - Brad Pursley
Wells Co. Economic Development – Josh Barkley
Area Plan Commission – Angie Dial
Solid Waste Board – Angie Dial
Police Commissioners – Terri Hughes-Lazzell
Board of Zoning Appeals – Rose Ann Barrick
Emergency Management – Siegfried Schach

Hughes –Lazzell moved to accept the following appointments for 2013.
Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Revitalization Committee:

Mike Lewis - term ends 12-31-13
Marlyn Koons – term ends 12-31-15
Jim Brewer – term ends 12-31-15
Eme Detrick, Larry Smith & Larry Heckber will continue until 12-31-13
Judy Harkless & Jan Williams will continue until 12-31-14
Linda Hambrick will continue until 12-31-15

Storm Water Board:

Rose Ann Barrick – term ends 12-31-15
Dennis Ramey will continue until 12-31-13
Tim Miller will continue until 12-31-14

Park Board:

Jason Heckber – term ends 12-31-16
Tim Rohr & Steve Lutz will continue until 12-31-14
Max Lake & Steve Andrews will continue until 12-31-15

Police Commissioners:

Steve Shadle – term ends 12-31-15
Scott Holliday will continue until 12-31-13
Steve Bracke will continue until 12-31-14

John Fosnight appeared before the council to ask for a change in the Golf Cart Ordinance. He had several letters from citizens. He also brought Golf Cart Ordinances from Bluffton and Wells County. Neither one of which had any seasonal restrictions. He also stated that he would not be using the golf cart if it was icy or snowy, or if it was very, very cold, but if we should have balmy days, such as this past week-end, he would like the opportunity to get out for fresh air. Fosnight asked that, if the council did not want to change the current ordinance, perhaps they could just grant an exception for the elderly. Council decided to table it till the next meeting and appointed Neuenschwander to investigate the possibilities.

FIRE DEPT. Report – Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker reported that he had ordered the equipment approved for the 2012 year-end money. Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey informed him that the DLGF had not allowed the carry-over of \$13,000 to 2013 because the money had been spent in 2012. She further stated that the checks had been written but would not be released until confirmation from Fenstermaker that the items had been received. Fenstermaker said he would like to purchase a radio with the remaining \$6000 from 2012. Neuenschwander moved to approve the expenditure and Dial seconded. Passed 5-0 Neuenschwander also moved to purchase an attic ladder for approx. \$500 with 2013 money. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Neuenschwander asked permission to investigate the contract the Town of Ossian has with the Wells County EMS, since the county no longer owns the EMS. Council granted permission by general consensus. Neuenschwander said he would work with Town Attorney, Andy Carnall.

POLICE DEPT. Report- Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the Fuel and Overtime Report for December. He suggested we look into off-site storage of computer data. Council suggested he get more information and present it at a later meeting.

OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday January 15, 2013

Members present: Jan Williams, Natalie Milholland, Judy Harkless, Mike Lewis, Eme Detrick, Jim Brewer, Joel Fremion, Larry Heckber, Marlyn Koons, Luann Martin, Kody Kumfer, Tom Neuenschwander, Larry Smith

Members not present: Linda Hambrick

Minutes from the December 4, 2012 meeting were approved.

Kody Kumfer sent a letter to Luann requesting membership to Ossian Revitalization. She will put this on the agenda at the next Town Council meeting for their approval.

After review of membership, Marlyn made and motion second by Eme to change the designation of a 2 town member position to a town **or** business designation allowing another interested person to be on the Ossian Revitalization Board. Motion was voted on and passed. Luann will take the request to the next Town Council Meeting.

Election of Officers for 2013: Nominations were made for:

Marlyn Koons, president

Judy Harkless and Kody Kumfer (pending acceptance from Council as a member) as co-vice president

Jan Williams, secretary

Nominations were voted on and passed.

Entrance Signs: Owner of property north met with Larry Heckber and gave his approval of the location of the north sign. Owner of south location has also given approval of the location south sign.

Larry Heckber and Joel Fremion will bring final recommendations to the February meeting for approval.

Wine Tasting January 26, 2013 Reviewed ticket sales, work schedule, and final program details

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

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jan Williams

Pursley presented an additional liability insurance policy for the upcoming Winetasting Gala because our current policy does not include an alcohol rider. Barkley moved to pay \$440.75 for this. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0 with Neuenschwander abstaining.

Rose Ann Barrick, of the storm water board stated that they are still considering the Roe Street Project for the spring if funds allow it.

Pursley opened a Public Hearing for the vacation of the alley between 101 and 103 Siebold Street. There being no objections – Hughes-Lazell moved to adopt Ordinance 13-1-3 vacating said alley. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Randy Kriscunas of Fleis & Vandenbrink presented change order #2 for the Fedewa contract reducing the contract amount by \$17,476.97. This reduction includes 21 days of liquidated damages and reimbursement for damages caused by Fedewa. He also recommended a \$5000 retainage be held until work can be completed in the spring. Martin stated that the tower had been filled successfully on January 11, 2013. Kriscunas stated that the warranty would begin when the final payment was made. In addition he recommended a Maintenance Bond be set up with an inspection of the work being done in eleven (11) months. Martin said she would set that up shortly. Barkley moved to accept the recommendation of Kriscunas. Hughes-Lazell seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to make the final payment of \$37,508.01 to Brooks Construction for the Metts Street Project. Dial seconded. Passed 5-0

Town Manager, Luann Martin presented information from I&M regarding the possible installation of 25 additional street lights. There was some discussion about them having overhead or underground wiring. Rose Ann Barrick stated that when she was having street lights installed during her development of Rose Ann Heights I&M did not charge extra for underground installation. Martin said she would check into that. Neuenschwander moved to accept I&M's proposal with possible changes to pricing depending on what Martin found out from I&M. Hughes-Lazell seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented a draft of the ADA Plan for Compliance to the council. She stated that this draft would be available for public viewing in her office, at the Town Hall and the Library for the entire month of February. It was suggested that a minimum of \$2000 be spent yearly to bring Ossian into compliance with the ADA requirements. Hughes-Lazell moved to adopt this plan. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

(Councilman Tom Neuenschwander recused himself from the following discussion.)

Jon Neuenschwander of Insurance & Business Specialists presented the insurance proposal for 2013. The current package expires February 11. He said he had gotten five (5) quotes but three (3) of them did not meet our needs. The total proposed package for general liability, inland marine, property, errors and omissions, workman's comp. & misc. coverages was \$48,736.00. Marin spoke highly of the service received, both from Insurance & Business Specialists and the various insurance providers. Barkley moved to accept this package as presented. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0 with Neuenschwander abstaining.

Martin presented a plan for the use of CEDIT money as required by state statute in order to receive CEDIT monies. This plan is for 2013 & 2014. Barkley moved to adopt and Hughes-Lazell seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented an amendment to ordinance #12-12-1, which was passed in December, regarding salaries. At that time specific amounts were not stated for employees, pending employee evaluations. Evaluations have been completed and compensation has been set. Barkley expressed his displeasure and disagreement with the state in the matter of health insurance being provided for Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey, stating that the council may look at reducing Dickey's salary for 2014 to reflect the cost of the insurance. Hughes-Lazell moved to adopt the amended salary ordinance. Dial seconded. Passed 5-0

A request for a sewer bill adjustment was presented by Martin. Council determined that the request did not meet the requirements for an adjustment. Therefore, it was not granted.

Hughes-Lazell moved to approve the time cards and Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Neuenschwander moved to approve claims of \$86,126.26. Dial seconded and motion passed 5-0.

Hughes-Lazzell moved to adjourn. Dial seconded. Passed 5-0 Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

There were no comments from citizens.

Town Manager, Luann Martin, stated that Fleis & Vandenbrink did not recommend any changes to the liquidated damages for Fedewa. Hughes-Lazzell moved to accept the recommendations of Fleis & Vandenbrink and the liquidated damages as originally stated. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

There was further discussion of the golf cart ordinance. Neuenschwander spoke with Kevin Woodward of Wells County who said there have been no issues with having an annual permit for the County. Josh Barkley checked with Mayor of Bluffton, Ted Ellis but Barkley was not present to report. Neuenschwander, Pursley and Hughes-Lazzell agreed that there was no reason to restrict usage to nine (9) months, but they wanted to hear what Ellis's opinion was before actually amending the ordinance. Dial was not in favor of the change because Ossian Police Chief, Dave Rigney was against it.

Dial moved to approve a pay request for A & Z Engineering. This is for the Safe Routes to School Project. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

Town Manager, Martin presented amended ordinance 05-3-1. This changes two of the Ossian seats on the Revitalization Committee to Ossian/Business seats. There was little discussion before Neuenschwander moved to approve and Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented letters from Joel Fremion stating his desire to continue on the Revitalization Committee and Kody Kumfer requesting a business membership on the Revitalization Committee. Hughes-Lazzell moved to accept these appointments. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0 Martin also stated that there is still an opening on this committee.

Dial moved to approve claims of \$52,706.64 and \$28,066.24 totaling \$80,772.88. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.