

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

April 8, 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 Josh Barkley, Angie Dial and Terri Hughes-Lazzell present. Tom Neuenschwander was absent.

Barkley moved to approve the minutes of the March meetings with a correction to the March 11 council meeting. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0

Max Daniels asked the council where they stood on the wind farms for Wells County. He specifically asked Dial because she is on the Area Plan Commission. She stated that they had no reason to turn down the request because the Apex proposal met all the requirements of the Wells County Ordinance pertaining to wind farms. She stated that if the county refused approval they could open themselves up for a lawsuit. Daniels stated that, even now, before the windmills are built, property values are plummeting. He said not only are values declining, you cannot sell a property at any price, no matter how low. Daniels then asked Barkley what his opinion was. Barkley replied that he could see both sides, but he didn't think the windmills would ever be built. He further stated that Ossian has a two (2) mile setback within the town limits.

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker, announced the Fire Dept.'s Annual Firemen's Breakfast April 13, 2013 from 6-11 a.m.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney gave his monthly report. He also reported that the new tasers were in. They will be able to put them into service as soon as all the officers are certified with them. They will continue to use the old ones until then. Then the old ones will be sent in for trade-in credit.

OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday April 2, 2013

Members present: Jan Williams, Mike Lewis, Linda Hambrick, Larry Heckber, Marlyn Koons, Luann Martin, Kody Kumfer, Judy Harkless

Members not present: Eme Dietrick, Tom Neuenschwander, Jim Brewer, Larry Smith, Joel Fremion **Guest:** Bruce Sonner (interested in becoming part of the group),

Minutes from the March 5, 2012 meeting were approved.

Flowers: Larry pulled up the Christmas trees and put them away so that the planters will be ready to plant when ready. We will need to take down the Christmas lights on the tree by the library. The date is set for 1:30 P.M., April 9th. Larry will bring ladder as will Bruce and Dave. We were also informed that Gene Donaghy will be replacing that tree as he doesn't think it is doing too well.

Larry also reported that he had talked with Ossian Hardware and they can order the potting soil we need for a price of \$9.85/ bag. This is based on us getting a pallet which is 36 bags. It was felt that we could definitely use that much. Motion was made by Linda and seconded by Kody that we proceed with the purchase.

Much discussion was made regarding the watering of the hanging plants. Many ideas were discussed with the possibility of someone who needs a service project doing it. The Boy Scouts were also mentioned. Kody Kumfer knows Steve Higgins who is with the Boy Scouts of American. Judy will check with the people at school to get a name of the Boy Scout/Girl Scout groups that meet at the school. It was also mentioned to put an ad in the paper as well as facebook. We need to let people know we have a need. It is hoped to have this situation resolved by next week.

Entrance Signs: Luann shared pictures of our partially completed signs. They are ready to set the posts next week; however, we need to delay that since the easement papers have not yet been signed by responsible parties. We will let the sign place know that we need to delay the setting of the poles until we let them know differently.

Main Street Community Exchange: Marlyn reported that we have been chosen to host a Community Exchange by Indiana Main Street and the date is Oct. 2nd. She went through the agenda for the day indicating that our group would be responsible for two of the sessions. Natalie had indicated that she would do one and the rest of us will cover the other. We discussed the many projects we could share; namely, Freedom Fest, Mike Lewis regarding being a downtown business owner, Pork Chop Dinner, Halloween, New sign, Sidewalks and lights, etc. Kody indicated that he would do the Introductions.

It was reported that Jan Williams had talked with Ossian Methodist Church and we can use their facility for the day. We will look into whether they would also be willing to cater our noon meal. If not, the group mentioned Subway, Lighted Gardens, or East of Chicago as possibilities.

Ossian Garage Sale: June 15th Jan printed a poster for our approval. Luann added that we will have an electronics drop off site available at the Town Hall. When that item is added to the

poster, Jan and Linda Hambrick will distribute posters around town. Luann will make the booklets available listing those who have registered and she will post it on the town web page.

Discussed 2013 Goals No decisions for action was made.

Next Revitalization meeting: Tuesday, April 2, at 5:00 at the Town Hall.

Minutes prepared by Judy Harkless and submitted by Jan Williams

**OSSIAN STORM WATER BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 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. Dennis Ramey, Sec'y., was on vacation out of town. Also attending were Luann Martin, Ossian Town Manager, and Glen Werling, The News-Banner.

Minutes Approval ----Tim made a motion to approve the minutes for Storm Water meeting on February 27, 2013, Rose second, vote was 2-0 to approve.

Old Business

Roe Street projects (2)----(1) Emergency project around 206 W.Roe St., and (2), planned project in easement area between Roe and Mill Sts., from Homestead to Highland to Mill Sts.

(1) Luann informed the group that emergency work to replace the old, Stormwater tile blocked by tree roots, has been completed. The cost for this as approved earlier was \$ 11,791.70.

(2) Luann plans to meet with Brickley Excavating next week to review the work to be completed on this new section of 30" tile. Luann and Rose plan to meet with property owners to obtain updated easements prepared by Town attorney Andrew Carnall. During the planning stage, Marty recommended that since some of the present easements are only 10', that they should be increased to 15' for future access. The approved cost for this project is \$ 74,900.

Archbold Wilson Park ----Luann reported that the main line tile around the pond is in. The big tile that comes from the school has a couple of blow outs which will be repaired by a Town crew. The hope is that when this work is completed, including the retention pond to swale pipe, it will improve drainage for the Bunn Addition area.

Heyerly Drive reconstruction and jetvac cleaning----No change this month, Luann reported this jetvac project will still be done sometime in the near future.

Maplewood Drive – undersized driveway culvert ----No change this month. This driveway culvert is under- sized, and is on hold for now. This issue will be addressed later this year when the Town restores the swale.

Purchase of new small Camera--Remove from agenda list until more funds are available.

Storm Water Budget (funds available)----Balance as of end of February is approx. \$ 64,400 after Feb expenses are entered.

Melching - Metts Stormwater project balance---THIS IS ONLY AN APPROX. BALANCE until we get exact figures.

approx. \$ 54,166 (mo.payment est. \$ 4,500 = 12 months until paid in full).

New Business---- Luann and the group discussed project accomplishments which have been completed over the past several years, and anticipation of being able to complete the Roe St. "spaghetti bowl" dilemma. Also, there is still the remaining approx. 250' section of tile between the just completed emergency replacement and the upcoming 30" new section to be upgraded. Also, the group brainstormed some misc. other projects that can be addressed when the major issues are resolved.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary

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Minutes Approval ----Rose made a motion to approve the minutes for Storm Water meeting on March 27, 2013, Tim second, vote was 2-0 to approve.

Old Business

Roe Street project ----Larry Curry, 419 W. Roe St., was in attendance at the meeting, and the group explained the need for a temporary construction easement on his property. Mr. Curry agreed and said he and his wife will plan to stop in Town Hall tomorrow morning to sign the paperwork. This leaves just one remaining temporary easement to be signed for the property at 417 W. Roe St. Tim, who is a neighbor to this property owner, will attempt to contact the

owners when he sees them out, and call Rose or Luann to arrange for signing of the easement. This will then allow for construction to begin.

Archbold Wilson Park ----Luann reported that with recent rain, work is on hold to reconstruct the overflow drain pipes connecting the two ponds.

Heverly Drive reconstruction and jetvac cleaning-----No change this month, Luann reported that the area drained pretty good considering the recent amount of rain.

Maplewood Drive – undersized driveway culvert -----Luann plans to inform the property owner of what will be required to correct the swale and culvert. This driveway culvert is undersized and on hold for now, but the Town plans to restore the swale sometime this year as scheduling allows.

Swale area between 600 block of Shady Lane and Bittersweet----Alan Bunn, 612 Shady Lane, addressed the group about his concern with recent high water behind his home. Rose commented that she recently saw the water running across Shady Lane with all the recent rain. Luann and Rose explained to Mr.Bunn the recent history and game plan to resolve, or at least, to improve the drainage. This includes removing the rip rap and debris, and re-grade. In the past, some homeowners in the area expressed interest in wanting to install downspout tile. The area will need to dry out before Town crews can get in to remove the rip rap. Utilities, namely cable TV installed shallow, will be an additional challenge to deal with when this work begins.

Misc. items, FYI, --- 1. Luann informed the group that a Crew finished up tile work at 312 W.Lafever St., and Mrs.May and neighbors are happy with final results. **2.** Homeowner Weaver at Bunn and Mill Sts., still not happy with water around foundation of home, the owner may need to install drainage tile around home, this is not a Town issue. The home across street doesn't seem to have any issues. When the Bunn retention pond is connected into Archbold Park pond, it should improve general drainage in this area.

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

Balance as of 4-22-2013 \$ 75,745.68

Melching - Metts Stormwater project balance--- As of 4-22-2013 \$ 46,108.15

New Business----

Town crew will be replacing/repairing a broken catch basin w/o Jefferson St. and n/o Lafever St., behind Brew Ha.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary

Town Manager, Luann Martin, informed the council that Brickley Excavating had ordered the materials for the Roe Street Project and can start work as soon as the materials arrive – about two (2) weeks.

Martin presented bids for street repairs as follows:

	Basic	Alternate	Total
Brooks Construction	\$ 74,645	\$19,938	\$ 94,583
E & B Paving	\$116,165	\$27,565	\$143,730
K & M Asphalt	\$ 72,258	\$49,400	\$121,658
Wayne Asphalt	\$ 48,500	\$22,000	\$ 70,500

Barkley moved to accept the Wayne Asphalt bid. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Barkley moved to accept Linda Hambrick's request for membership on the Revitalization Committee. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented an estimate of \$40,600 from Ortman for inspection/maintenance on five (5) wells. Barkley moved to accept this and Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin stated that the Ossian Branch Library would like to put banners on the downtown light poles for a month. The revitalization has already approved their design. Martin said the library will pay for the changing of the banners and they will also store them. Barkley moved to allow the library to fly the banners. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented a bid from LA Electric for \$1183.00 to separate the electrical circuit for the water tower from the EMS and connect it to the town hall circuit. Hughes-Lazzell moved to accept this bid. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented two (2) bids for Mulch for the parks. The Ossian Hardware bid was \$1780.00 and Arcadian Farms bid \$1380.00. Martin said she looked into rubber mulch but it was almost twenty (20) times the price of regular. She stated that even though regular mulch has

to be replaced every 2-3 years she still could not justify the extra cost. Hughes-Lazzell moved to accept the bid for \$1380.00. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Council granted permission to Martin to advertise for part time seasonal mowers for the summer.

Sigfreid Schach resigned as Emergency Management Officer and also as Ossian's representative on the Local Emergency Preparedness Council (LEPC).

Time cards were presented. Hughes-Lazzell asked if the town workers would put the reason for overtime on their time cards. Martin said they have done so in the past and would in the future. Barkley moved to approve the time cards. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Dial moved to approve claims of \$29,978.51. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Pursley asked how the street light project was coming along. Martin reported that I & M said the new street lights should be operational in about two (2) weeks.

Pursley asked about the progress on the easement behind his house. Martin stated that it is on hold for now because she is waiting to hear back from the various utilities that are using the easement.

Barkley moved to adjourn. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

April 22, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

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Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Tom Neuenschwander and Angie Dial present. Councilman Barkley arrived a few minutes later.

Mike Sponseller of 907 North Jefferson Street expressed his concern over the bright lights at Ossian Furniture next door to his house and IAB Bank across the street. He said there have been five (5) accidents in the last month. Sponseller believes the signs are some of the cause of the increase in accidents in that area. He said traffic has also increased due to increased traffic to and from Dollar General, which recently moved next door to Ossian Furniture. There was some discussion about the signs and the traffic. Council thought this was more a DOT item, but agreed to look into the situation.

Neuenschwander moved to accept change order #1 adding \$13,500 to Wayne Asphalt's original bid of \$70,500 for the pothole work. This brings the total bid to \$84,000 due to extra milling requested by council and Town Manager, Luann Martin. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0

Neuenschwander moved to pay a request for payment from A & Z Engineering for the Safe Routes to School Program of \$6975.00. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Council approved CF-1 tax abatement forms for the following:

JRP Machine Products - Barkley moved. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Perma-Column – Pursley moved. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0

Trusted Mfg. – Barkley moved. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

Pena's Property and Pena's Mechanical Contracting – Neuenschwander moved. Dial seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander reported that the electrical work separating the electricity from the water tower and the EMS building is finished and the EMS contract would be finished soon.

Martin presented a quote from Innovative Concepts for a network recording system for \$1854.78. Barkley moved to accept. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

Barkley announced that Mike Lautzenheiser would like any rezoning requests turned in by May 1st.

Council President, Brad Pursley requested an Executive Session before the first May meeting.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney, stated that the ordinances involving junk cars and various fines and fees need to be updated in order to comply with state statutes. He said he would go over them with town attorney, Andy Carnall.

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey announced that town employees would be flushing hydrants from May 6 through May 17.

Barkley moved to approve claims of \$115,906.73. Dial seconded. Passed 3-0 with Neuenschwander abstaining.

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Barkley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.