

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting
July 8, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

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

Neuenschwander moved to accept the minutes of the June meetings as presented. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 3-0

There were no comments from citizens.

MINUTES
OSSIAN STORM WATER BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 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 out of town on vacation. Also attending were Luann Martin, Ossian Town Manager, and local resident Sheila Howe, 607 Maplewood Dr.

Minutes Approval ----- Rose made a motion to approve the minutes for Storm Water meeting held on May 24, 2013, Tim second, vote was 2-0 to approve.

Old Business

Roe Street project ----- Luann reported to the group that installation of the new section of 30" Stormwater pipe is completed. During installation several tile lines were hit requiring re-connect cost of approx. \$ 750. Also, two residential customers reported that during the recent heavy rains, their sump pumps were running much less indicating that the new tile is moving the water downstream much faster. Some seeding needs to be completed, and Duncan's driveway is repaired,

Archbold Wilson Park ----- Luann reported that work has started on the swale, when that is complete they will start on installing the pipe. Contractor has the pipe, and swale was marked off today.

Heverly Drive reconstruction and jetvac cleaning----- No change this month.

607 Maplewood Drive – undersized driveway culvert ----- Luann previously mailed a letter to Mr.& Mrs. Sonny Howe, informing them that their drive-way culvert is undersized, and what will be required to correct the swale and culvert. The Town plans to restore the swale sometime this year as scheduling allows. Neighbor to east has filled in swale and have no culvert; neighbor to west has filled in swale, do not know if they have buried 12" tile under swale. Sheila Howe was in attendance at the meeting and stated that they have 2" water standing in the swale quite often. During discussion Sheila said they would be willing to make changes contingent on other properties making changes to resolve drainage back to original design. Also during discussion, it came up that several years ago, the Town installed a tile on the north side of Maplewood all the way to Homestead? After checking the maps, it was determined that the tile must have been installed to resolve standing water around the tennis courts area. Luann is going to send letters to other property owners along Mapewood Dr. to answer questionnaire about existing tiles in swales, driveways, sump pumps connected, etc. This will assist in planning the next action to resolve the swale issues in this area.

Swale area in 500-600 blocks between Shady Lane and Bittersweet----- Luann informed group that Marty was out to look at this area. He wants survey with elevations taken starting at Bunn's. We have some of the elevations in front of properties, but nothing at rear. Preliminary Engineering plan should cost approx. \$ 3,000 to design proposed work. This would include evaluating work on swale, then across road to Rose's property. Also evaluate changing the culvert pipe, maybe change elevation, this pipe was just recently worked on. While the Stormwater Fund current balance is approx. \$ 4,400 in red, it should be back in the black after this month's rate deposit. Rose made a motion to present a request for approval of the Council to have Fleis &Vandenbrink (Marty), design a proposal for storm water improvements in the area around 500 and 600 blocks between Bittersweet and Shady Ln. Tim second, vote was 2-0. The Engineering work estimate is not to exceed \$ 3,000.

Three culverts under Bittersweet are rusting back so they will need replaced sometime in future.

Andy Bise, 302 Bittersweet Ln.-----**request for info on improving swale at front of property** No new information on what action Mr.Bise may want to pursue on solving his drainage issue at this time.

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

Balance as of 6-26-2013 Approx. \$ (-4,400.)

Melching - Metts Stormwater project approx. balance---

As of 6-26-2013 \$ 36,304.

New Business----

No new projects to report this month.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday August 6, 2013

Members present: Jan Williams, Linda Hambrick, Larry Heckber, Marlyn Koons, Kody Kumfer, Judy Harkless, Eme Dietrick, Jim Brewer, Bruce Sonner, Joel Fremion, Larry Smith, Luann Martin, Natalie Milholland, Mike Miller (town board representative)

Members not present: Tom Neuenschwander, Mike Lewis

Minutes from the July 2, 2012 meeting were approved.

Pork Chop Dinner: Sept 5, 2013 1,000 tickets are for sale
Members targeted 20 businesses to contact for ticket purchase
Assigned work duties. Food has been ordered.

Update planning meeting for the event, **Tuesday, August 20 at 5:00 at the Town Hall**

Secure bidders for Helen's pies

Main Street Community Exchange: Agenda has been sent in

Flowers and Banners

Discussed options to improve the change of banners on a regular schedule

Make plans to honor those watering the flowers and accomplishments of Revitalization through newspaper articles. Judy Harkless will talk to Cynthia Daun from the Ossian Journal.

Future Projects:

Discussed: Beautification of downtown, Attract new businesses to downtown, Park projects

Wine Tasting:

Discussed keeping the event but possibly change of date. One suggestion, April 26

Start contacting businesses to commit to be a Corporate Sponsor

Contact Wineries

Ossian Business and Professional Meeting: Kody Kumfer announced the next meeting will be Thursday, August 8 from noon to 1:00 and will be scheduled monthly on the first Wednesday. Emails were sent to businesses and Revitalization members.

Old Business: Luann distributed Expenses from the Revitalization Fund

Next Pork Chop planning and update meeting: Tuesday, August 20 at 5:00 at the Town Hall

Next Revitalization meeting: Tuesday, September 3, at 5:00 at the Town Hall.

Minutes prepared by Jan Williams

Town Manager, Luann Martin report that they would return next week to finish the swale and the overflow for the retention pond. Barkley requested a quote for riprap around the pond. Martin said the Park Board was considering planting grass there, but she would get a quote. Barkley said he is waiting for a quote from TMI for the skate park.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney, presented his monthly report. There were no questions about that. He then asked permission to attend Strategy Solutions near Pittsburgh in October. Barkley asked if he would drive or fly. He said he didn't know yet, but they were considering driving since his wife's family lived in Pittsburgh. Barkley asked him to look into flight prices. Rigney said he would. Hughes-Lazzell moved to approve. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 3-0 Rigney asked how the budget process was going to work this year. Clerk Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey said she will start working on that soon because she had to wait until after June 30 in order to have good numbers. Dickey stated that she was going to work with Neuenschwander next week. Dave was instructed to work with Dickey on his budget.

Roseann Barrick of the Stormwater Board reported that the Roe Street Project is complete except for some filling. She said the recent rains helped a lot in the settling and we need to do some filling now and probably some more in the spring as it settles over the winter. She was happy to report that with all the recent rain drainage appeared to be good. (Pursley arrived at 7:15.) Barrick asked for approval to have Fleis & Vandenbrink do a topographical study of Bittersweet, Shady Lane and easements at a cost of \$3000. Council asked whether there would be funds available. Dickey said the fund was at \$2700 now and receipts would be coming in for June shortly. Neuenschwander moved and Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Pursley opened the Public Hearing for the vacation of the Ossian Furniture Easement. The second reading was waived. There were no comments or questions from the public. Pursley then closed the Public Hearing. Barkley moved to approve Ordinance #13-7-1 vacating the Ossian Furniture Easement. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin report there would be one (1) light pole on Shady Lane at a cost of around \$900. The residents were ok with this. Martin said there would also be two (2) light poles on Bittersweet at a cost of about \$1600. Easements are already available. Electrical wires are already underground in this area to Bittersweet. Martin said wood poles are \$6.80 per month and steel poles are \$14.00 per month with a \$1050 installation fee. Martin stated there would be no

overhead lines. One resident of Sandalwood Addition does not want a pole on his property. Martin said she will look into an alternate location.

Martin presented two (2) quotes on removing the brush pile in back of the town hall - one from Above the Service in Decatur for \$600 and one from Newell in Ossian for \$1750. Martin has not received a certificate of insurance from Above the Tree, yet. Barkley moved to approve the bid from Above the Tree Service contingent upon receiving the certificate of insurance. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0

Mower quotes will be tabled until next meeting allowing Martin to receive more information.

Martin reported that A T & T wants to put a line in Industrial Park. There are already lines in place and it would require no additional easements. Council agreed to this.

Ossian Family Eyecare would like a handicapped parking space in front of their building. This is on street parking and would require an ordinance. Martin will look into this.

Martin presented a 6-month review for Scott Kling. Neuenschwander moved to take him off probation. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander moved to approve time cards. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander moved to approve claims of \$33,663.58 plus compensation for the Fire Dept. of \$6539. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Hughes-Lazzell moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander moved to approve time cards. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander moved to approve claims of \$40,202.58. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Hughes-Lazzell moved to adjourn. Neuenschwander seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

July, 29, 2013 - 6:00 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Council members Tom Neuenschwander, Josh Barkley and Terri Hughes-Lazzell present.

Pursley called for comments from citizens. There were none.

Council heard statements from Robert Blake, Lynn Thompson, Bill Miller, Jason Brown, Holly Hughes and Kevin Pritchard, candidates for the open at-large position on council. Neuenschwander moved to appoint Bill Miller. Pursley seconded. Neuenschwander and Pursley voted yes and Hughes-Lazzell voted no. Barkley voted yes after about a minute of deliberation. The motion passed 3-0. Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey administered the Oath of Office and Miller started work immediately.

Neuenschwander reported that The Wells County Commissioners agreed to pay \$2500 toward the cost of an appeal to remove some Ossian areas from the newly designated flood plain at their last meeting. He said the balance would be \$4000. Neuenschwander moved to pay the \$4000 from CEDIT funds. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Town Manager, Luann Martin presented a list of new street light locations.

Street light locations:	Easement	contact	cost
Between 602 & 514 Bittersweet	already there	Residents ok	\$950
Between 608 & 604 Shady	yes done	Residents ok	\$900
Between 315 & 303 Bittersweet	none needed	original location: 303-ok& 315-no	\$2,650 This pole is on hold!
	Checked with across the street 302-no & 314-had to leave message		
At 313 Countryside Dr.	none needed	Resident ok	none
Between 407 & 505 Beechwood	none		none
Between 501 & 506 Willowood	none		none
Between 609 & 605 Sandalwood	none		none
Between 506 & 502 Brenden Way	none		none
Between 908 & 1000 Locust Trail	none	no resident	none
Between 507 & 501 Ironwood	none	no resident	none
Between 417 & 417 Ironwood	none	no resident	none
Between 407 & 406 Gibson Circle	yes done	Are we going to reimburse them?	\$600
415 Maxine	none	Resident ok	none
414 Maplewood	needed	Resident ok	\$1,100

Comment [TM1]: These people have until Monday to call me if they have any concerns.

There was some discussion of these before Barkley moved to approve the list and also to reimburse two (2) residents on Gibson Circle who had previously paid to have wires buried. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to approve the bid presented at the last meeting of \$1750 from Newell to mulch the brush pile and leave the mulch for the town use. Above the Tree did not produce the required insurance certificate. Hughes-Lazzell second. Passed 5-0

Police Officer, Stephanie Tucker introduced Mary Davis, a student at Ossian Elementary School. Davis read the essay she wrote in order to pass Tucker's DARE class at Ossian Elementary. Davis won a State Award with this essay. Tucker then presented a request to purchase a panel truck to be used for a "DAREmobile." She said she planned on soliciting donations from area businesses to cover the cost of the van but understood that there would be maintenance costs, as well. She explained there would be various displays inside and people of all ages would be able to view them. Police Chief, Dave Rigney said he supports Tucker's project. Hughes-Lazzell suggested Tucker get some pricing and come to the next meeting. Miller asked whether we could pool money from other areas of the county. It was suggested we may have issues of liability if we did this. Neuenschwander pledged \$100 for the first donation from Insurance & Business Specialists.

Martin said they need to find someone in Roseann Heights willing to have a street light on their property. Sandalwood and other areas are ok.

Hughes-Lazzell moved to close Highway 1 for Ossian Days on September 5,6 & 7. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to pay claims of \$158,802.01. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0 with Neuenschwander abstaining.

Barkley & Neuenschwander informed Martin that they would be working on Ossian Days with her this year.

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.