

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

October 10, 2016 - 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 Bill Dowty, Josh Barkley and Renee Sweeney present.

Sweeney moved to approve the minutes of the September meetings as presented. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

There were no questions on the Police Mileage and Overtime Report.

Pursley presented Jason Heckber's resignation from the Park Board. Dowty moved to accept the resignation. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0 Dowty thanked Heckber for his service on the Park Board, especially his work in improving the ball diamonds.

Martin presented Chrystal Streeter as the new Park Board member to replace Phil Horton, stating that she had already been approved by the Park Board. Barkley moved to accept the appointment. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0 Streeter was sworn in by Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey at the close of the meeting.

Caleb Chichester reported for the Police Commission, stating that the commission had approved of the new policies as written with the addition to the police car policy. The addition states that when Rigney's car is replaced it will remain unmarked and his new car will be marked as the other ones are. The unmarked car will remain at the town hall for the use of any of the officers as needed.

Dowty asked Chichester to look into why Frantz, a part time officer, has recently worked over thirty (30) hours for two (2) weeks. He also wanted Chichester to look into the time Tucker had put on her time card for Body Safety Training. Chichester said he will look into both of these situations and report back.

Rose Barrick, reporting for the Storm Water Board, said they are still waiting to hear from I & M on the swale situation in Rose Ann Heights and that the project on Bittersweet is done, all but a couple of small details.

Jim Brewer and Kody Kumfer represented the Ossian Revitalization Board with a report on present and future activities. They reported selling nine hundred ninety seven (997) tickets with a profit of seventy seven hundred three (\$7703) dollars on the Pork Chop Dinner held at Ossian Days.

They announced the Halloween celebration which will be held at Ossian Healthcare on October 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Revitalization will host the annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. This is a 5K run and everyone is welcome to participate.

The annual Hometown Christmas will be held downtown on December 8 and will kick off Ossian's Bicentennial Celebration. Kumfer reported that the Christmas trees will be in the Harris Building this year. They also asked that no parking be allowed on the highway during the celebration so the carriage rides could be at the edge of the highway for safety and also to provide more safety for people crossing the street. They also asked if Craig Street and Mill Street could be closed. Craig Street is usually closed for the train rides, but this year they would also like to close Mill Street because the Missionary Church is having their display in the Ossian Bank employee parking lot and they think it will be safer for people crossing Mill Street. Council had no problem with any of these requests and Martin said she would have town employees assist with signs and barricades.

Brewer announced that on July 29, 2017 they will host Revitalization's first car show. They would like to have it on East Craig Street because they would have the adjacent Ossian Bank parking lot available if more space were needed. The car show will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with arts and crafts displayed and other activities available. They plan to have a DJ and give away prizes.

Barkley asked if there had been any discussion of housing in the Archbold-Wilson Park lately. He thought perhaps the town should do a study of this, stating that several developers were interested. He stated that products other than apartments might be desirable.

Martin presented the contract with Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) regarding the grant for street repairs. Barkley moved to accept this contract with a second from Dowty. Passed 4-0

Pursley said a resident had approached him about the recent problem in some areas of clowns harassing children. Council agreed that there were no concerns of this in Ossian and that police usually patrol the neighborhoods during Trick or Treating hours, which are from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Halloween.

Dowty moved to approve the September time cards as presented. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$48565.96 as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to adjourn. Barkley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting
October 24, 2016 - 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 Bill Dowty, Josh Barkley, Jeff Kemper and Renee Sweeney present.

Sweeney said she had gotten complaints about a very large shed located on Greenwood Trail.

Ossian resident, Lynn Lipp, asked when the ditch parallel with the railroad on the west side of Ossian was going to be cleared. Martin reported that they are still discussing this with the railroad. She did not know when the work would be done.

Mike Lautzenheiser of the Area Plan Commission presented a rezoning request for Gene & Marla Donaghy. They are requesting that 207-213 East Craig Street be rezoned from R-2 to R-3 in order to build a triplex on the property. After Barkley inquired as to the size of the water main on the property, Dowty moved to approve the request. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Lautzenheiser then presented several amendments to the Wells County Zoning Ordinance. He summarized all ten (10) amendments presented stating that the first eight (8) had received Do Pass Recommendations from the Wells County Area Plan Commission and the last

two (2) had received Do Not Pass Recommendations. Dowty moved to accept the proposed amendments that had received a Do Pass Recommendation from the Area Plan Commission. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

An Ordinance establishing a credit card policy was introduced by Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey. She stated that the ordinance merely put in writing what the policy has been for many years at the request of the State Examiners. Barkley wanted to add that Council would have approval of all new credit cards issued. He also questioned the need for a Walmart credit card since the VISA would be accepted at Walmart and asked how long we had had it. Martin replied that the Town had the Walmart account since before she came but she did not know how long it had been. Dickey stated that, as a security measure, the VISA cards did not leave the office because they are acceptable everywhere whereas the Walmart cards can only be used at Walmart. Barkley also wanted #6 and #8 in the use and procedures section combined. Dickey stated that she would present these requests to Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg and report at the next meeting.

Martin informed the Council that they she is looking at Monitoring Software for the Water and Sewer Departments. She stated that they are meeting with Quality Repair tomorrow to view their products and they will meet with American Pump on Thursday. Martin said she has references for both companies. She said she thought the cost would be under seventy five thousand (\$75,000) dollars for everything, including the wells and the lift stations. Barkley requested that whatever we purchase not be proprietary to one (1) company. Martin hopes to have something to report at the next meeting.

Martin requested a utility adjustment of three hundred seventy seven dollars and two cents (\$377.02). This met the requirement of not having gone into the sewer system. Barkley moved to grant the adjustment with a second from Sweeney. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$138,916.22 as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to adjourn. Sweeney seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Ossian Park Board

October 3, 2016

Attendance: Joe Lewis, Ashely Harmon, Tim Rohr, Jason Heckber

1. No minutes from September meeting.
2. Board read and discussed let of intent to be a board member submitted from Chrystal Streeter. Ashley moved to accept Chrystal as a new park board member. Jason seconded. Passed 4-0. Letter to be sent to Town Council for approval.
3. Discussed a quote from Miracle Midwest for equipment for Sandalwood Park. More information to be obtained for next meeting concerning equipment and costs.
4. Jason presented letter of resignation to board effective immediately due to moving out of town. Ashley motioned to accept resignation. Tim seconded. Passed 4-0.

5. Phil Horton presented letter stating reasons for not being at meetings and his difference of opinions with town employees.
6. Next meeting November 7, 2016.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

October 5, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Commission Chairman, Andrew Wanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioner Caleb Chichester and Bob Miller present. Town Council Liaison, Bill Dowty was also present.

Wanner moved to approve the minutes of the September 14 meeting. Chichester seconded. Passed 3-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the Mileage and Overtime Report for September, stating that they are still under budget and overtime is coming down. He said Reid Arnold and Matt Alig are due to graduate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on October 21. Then they will be back in Ossian to complete their field officer training. He estimated they should be on their own by January 2017.

Miller began the policy discussion by stating the case for an unmarked police car. He listed several reasons why we should leave Rigney's car unmarked, to which, Wanner replied that according to that reasoning, we should have all cars unmarked. Rigney agreed with Miller. Chichester presented a plan as follows: Since Rigney's car is the oldest and due to be replaced in 2017, Chichester proposed to keep Rigney's unmarked car as a spare at the town hall. Then all officers would have access to it if it was needed when Rigney is not on duty. The new car that Rigney will drive every day would be marked as usual. Wanner asked if he should add this to the policy. Chichester moved to add this clause to the policy. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

Chichester reported that he has been working on a complaint policy and should have it to email to everyone next week.

Wanner said that in the Tow Policy it references a form that is not there. He asked Rigney to contact the Markle Police Department, since that is where the tow policy came from, to obtain that form. Rigney said he would see to it.

Wanner requested a copy of the job description for the sergeant position before they have a discussion of replacing the sergeant. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

Miller asked where the discussion of Lexipol stands. Wanner and Chichester both agreed that this is something they want to pursue, but not until they get the local policies in place. They cited that Lexipol deals with the legal aspect of the policy. This, too, will be discussed at a later meeting.

Wanner moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016**

The Ossian Storm water Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Storm water Board members present included Rose Barrick - V.P., Dennis Ramey – Sec’y., Tim Miller - President, was absent. Also attending: Luann Martin - Town Manager, Jim Breckler – Engineer,ERI, and Glen Werling -The News-Banner.

Minutes Approval ----- Rose made a motion to approve the minutes for the Storm water meeting held on August 24, 2016, Dennis second, vote was 2-0 to approve.

Old Business

- **Railroad Drainage / w/o Rose Ann Heights ----** Jim reviewed information from conference calls which included Luann, and R.R. employees Ellis May, Eng’r. and Derek Suvlette, Municipal Liaison. The objective is to gain participation from the R.R. in contributing to the cost of the project , either through performing the grading/brush cleanup and/or donating the expense of the R.R. required permit(s) and R.R. required flagging. Jim said the permitting cost is estimated at \$ 12,200.00 and Ellis isn’t very optimistic about getting the cost waived as the R.R. outsources this work. There is a better possibility of getting the flagging donated as it is performed by R.R. employees. Another point discussed is the need to obtain a long term working agreement with the R.R. so the Town doesn’t need to go through all these steps every time the swale needs cleaned or re-graded. Also, at some point in the process as it moves forward, Storm water easements will be required from each adjacent property owner on the swale area. Jim reviewed the info related to the AEP poles and anchors bordering the proposed swale grading. The work request has been forwarded to the Transmission Dept. for evaluation.
- **600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area -----** Jim reported that he visited the work-site to check out the project. He noted that some items didn’t follow the exact details of the design description. He suggested that the concrete knockout area in the basin structure should be expanded by removing with a concrete saw or similar method to expand the opening. Also, the concrete chute still needs to have expansion cuts made with concrete saw. Rose said she saw the matting installed and some grass starting to grow. Jim commented that he did not see any signs of erosion which is good.
- **Storm Water Budget -----** 9/26/2016 Report Balances are \$ 60,948.78 in Savings and \$ 80,555.17 in Checking Acct.
- Sometime in near future, the group will finish reviewing budget items for future consideration.

New Business

- **Update from Town Manager on Projects-----** Luann and Jim reported on the progress of the smoke testing for unwanted infiltration into the Wastewater system.
- **Other business pertaining to the Ossian Storm Water Management Board --**
---none

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

The next regular monthly meeting for the Storm water Board will be on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary