

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

November 12, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Josh Barkley called the meeting of the Ossian Town Council to order with Council members, Bill Dowty, Jeff Kemper, Brad Pursley and Renee Sweeney present.

Pursley moved to approve the minutes of the September meetings. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Jim Breckler opened the bid for Collections System Improvements. Received one bid from Culy Contractors with a total bid price of \$233,948 which was considerably lower than engineers estimate at \$326,000. Pursley moved to allow Josh Barkley to accept a bid on council's behalf after engineer checks the bid for accuracy and completeness. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin reported for Park Board, informing of a meeting scheduled with DNR on Thursday, November 16th to go over the next steps with the Archbold Wilson Park.

Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, announced that Matthew Brown, the new hire, had officially started. Matthew Alig has completed his last day. Police Commission will be holding their next meeting on November 26th at 6:00pm at Town Hall to hold interviews for the open position. Dowty will be in attendance but Chichester invited other council members as well.

Rose Barrick, reporting for the Storm Water Board, reported that they are all done on the Industrial Park Project except the matting and seeding. They are still waiting to hear from the railroad before the Hickory Street Project can move on.

The next regular meeting of the Storm Water Board will be November 27th at the Town Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Breckler suggested amendment to storm standards with Ordinance 18-11-1. He stated that Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg and County Surveyor, Jarrod Hahn had both looked over the ordinance. Pursley moved to adopt Ordinance 18-11-1 to amend Construction and Operational Standard. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Town Manager, Luann Martin, reported Kaitlyn Weikel as candidate for General Maintenance replacing Jim Battin. She would start on Monday, November 19th at \$14/hour and move to \$14.50/hour after probation. Pursley moved to hire Weikel. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley discussed the TIF Expansion to include the new strip mall on the South end of town. Dowty moved to hire Umbaugh for the TIF Expansion with the cost not to exceed five thousand (\$5,000) dollars. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

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Breckler spoke on the park engineering for the Archbold Wilson Park Amphitheater. The Town has requested civil engineering assistance in designing site-related improvements. Pursley moved to hire Engineering Resources, Inc., for the civil design for park with the cost not to exceed \$17,100. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin discussed Christmas hams for employees, 2018 prices are about the same as previous. Barkley moved to do the same as last year. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin explained the two salary ordinances. The first, 18-11-2 is to add Weikel's and a receptionist position. Martin asked for permission to post the job description of the Receptionist position. The position would be about 5 days per month during Town Hall's busy times such as when bills go out, and when bills and delinquencies are due. The second ordinance, 18-11-3 reflects salary changes for the year of 2019. It is a three percent (3%) increase with all employees with the exception of a higher increase to Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and no increase to board members. Sweeney moved to accept both ordinances. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Ossian's health insurance is no longer offering their 70/30 plan and therefore Martin recommended that the Town switch to their 60/40 plan. Barkley discussed that the Town covered fifty percent (50%) for dependents but recommended no coverage on additional added dependents moving forward. Barkley moved for the Town to select option Silver POS 2 for insurance coverage and that going forward existing number of dependents would remain covered as grandfathered in but would not be expanded. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. discussed the ordinance revisions of the Wells County Zoning Ordinance and Wells County Subdivision Control Ordinance. Pursley moved to adopt ordinance 18-11-4 and 18-11-5 as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to have Dan Baumgartner put on the Area Plan Board. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

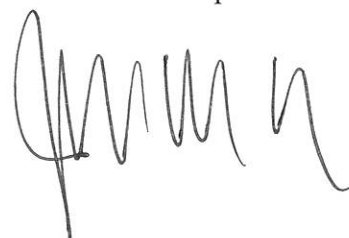
Martin presented Chrystal Streeter's letter of resignation for Ossian Park Board due to her primary residence moving outside of Ossian city limits. Barkley moved to accept resignation. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve utility adjustment as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin informed council that pictures for receiving the Indiana Department of Transportation grant will be held on Friday in Berne at 2:30. Dowty will attend but all other council members are welcomed as well.

Retha Springer, owner of 101 North Jefferson, asked for updates about 103 North Jefferson building. Martin informed that they are waiting on two completed drive by appraisals then they will put the building up for bid. Barkley stated that the buyer will have to prove that they have the qualifications for the project. It is likely that council will have a special meeting once two appraisals are completed.

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Sweeney moved to approve time cards as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0
Dowty moved to approve claims of \$158,360.26 as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed
5-0

Gene Donaghy, an Ossian resident, expressed concerns about detached snowplows sitting on Ogden Street. Council concluded that they would need to look at the Ordinance to see what action if any should be taken. Donaghy also expressed concerns with a pile of concrete and stones sitting on East Mill across from Ossian State Bank. Donaghy also asked if the Town was considering talking to Comcast for fiber network. Barkley provided Donaghy with Comcast contact.

Dowty moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

November 7, 2018 - 7:00 pm
Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commission Vice Chairman, Caleb Chichester. Commissioner Caleb Chichester and Bob Miller were present along with council liaison, Bill Dowty. Police Chief, Dave Rigney and Officer Stephanie Tucker were also present.

Bob Miller moved to approve the minutes, Chichester seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

Police Chief Rigney gave the monthly department report on mileage and overtime, there were no questions.

Chief Rigney reported that Matt Alig's last day was on November 6 and Matt Brown's first day was on November 5th. Matt Brown has completed the Tazer training. Russ Mouncy has all of his requirements caught up and is ready to go.

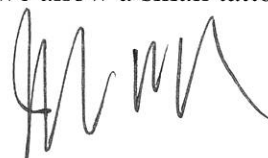
Polygraphs for the two full time candidates are scheduled for November 15th. Interviews will be conducted by the Commission on the 26th at the Town Hall. The decision will be made on December 5.

Jimmy Robbins resigned his position due to taking a new position with Wells County Sheriff's Department.

All department members requalified with their firearms on November 7.

Discussed allowing beards on the Uniform and Equipment policy. Dave Rigney said that the verbiage should include being neatly trimmed. Put in the policy that the beard length is at the discretion of the Chief. Also discussed is the section of the policy on tattoos and piercings. Chief Rigney had a concern over whether or not we could exclude someone from the hiring process due to having tattoo that violates policy. Also needed in the policy is verbiage stating that tattoos on the arms should be covered while an officer is on duty. Can we allow a small tattoo behind

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the ear? Chichester will contact Mike Hartburg with questions. Can we also adjust the policy to allow for officers to drive an unmarked car while not in uniform? This is important for traveling to training or certain investigations.

Bob Miller asked if we were going to review the use of force for Matt Alig's Taser deployment. That is no longer necessary due to Matt leaving the department.

Chief Rigney enquired about the amount that Victor Torres needs to repay the town. He also asked what letter head we should put it on. It was decided that it should remain on the letter head used by Hartburg's firm and it would be in an envelope from the Town of Ossian.

Miller motioned to adjourn, Chichester seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Ossian Park Board
November 5, 2018

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Chrystal Streeter, Janet Riley, Ashley Harmon, and Joe Lewis

1. Nathan West and Chloe Brown here observing from Norwell High School
2. Indiana DNR invited our board to Indy on 11/15/18 to hear steps to get plans moving on Archbold-Wilson Park amphitheater. Hopeful to have more info in 2-3 weeks.
3. No new info for obtaining a new park mower. We may need to consider hiring the work done.
4. No budget information
5. Additional drainage needed in Sandalwood Park. Scott Minnich to be contacted. Hopefully drainage can be installed by end of the year.
6. \$40,000 has been earmarked for the amphitheater thus far. Discussion needed concerning a playground in the Archbold-Wilson Park
7. 12 dogs were present at the Halloween Pet Parade at the Dog Park
8. Next meeting December 3rd
9. Chrystal Streeter presented let of resignation as of 12/31/18.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm



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Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners

Executive Session

507 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

An executive session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
Time


on November 26, 2018
Date


To interview new candidates
Subject

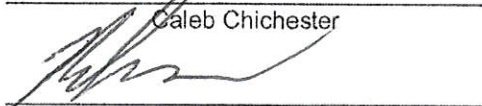
We, the undersigned, certify that no final action was taken on this matter,
no other subjects were discussed and that all proceedings will remain
confidential.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45
Time

Commissioners Present:




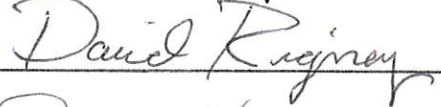
Andrew Wanner


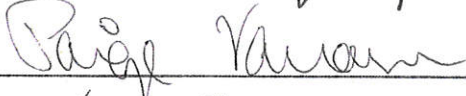
Caleb Chichester



Bob Miller


Guests Present:



Bill Dowdy Town Council


David Rigney


Paige Vanover


Jeff


Stucker


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