

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL** – Town of Ossian, Indiana

September 9, 2019 – 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.

Barkley opened the Public Hearing for the Town's budget and asked for any discussion. Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, asked if the proposed Police salary was included in the 2020 budget. Clerk-Treasurer, Erika Allison, responded that it was and that the budget as a whole is advertised at a higher rate because once it is advertised it can be lowered but not raised. Pursley moved to close the public hearing, Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve the minutes of the August meetings. Sweeney seconded.  
Passed 5-0

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker, asked permission to purchase three sets of turnout gear with boots for the Fire Dept. at a cost of \$8,414.64. Dowty moved to approve the purchase, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin reminded Council that the Ground Breaking Ceremony for Archbold Wilson Memorial Park for the amphitheater/pavilion is Wednesday evening at 6-8pm. Also, all the plans for the park have been approved by DNR.

Rose Barrick, from Stormwater Board, reported that they will be looking at next year for the Rose Ann Heights Railroad Drainage Swale Project. They have extended the bid opening to Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Martin asked for at least three of the Council members to be here Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> at noon to hold a meeting and open bids.

Pursley moved to approve Payment Application #4 to Wayne Asphalt for the Mill St. Project, at a cost of \$115,904.05. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Jim Smith, from Republic Services, acknowledged that the Garbage/ Recycling Contract ended September 30<sup>th</sup> with no option to extend it. Smith asked that with the next bidding, the contract be a 3-5 year contract with the option to extend it another 3-5 years. He stated that this would get the Town better pricing. Smith agreed to a month extension at the current contract price to allow bids to go out and be opened at the October meeting. Sweeney moved to approve the Addendum to the Contract with Republic Services, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0. Council decided to make the next Garbage/ Recycling Contract a 3 year contract with the option to extend it another 3 years.

Sweeney moved to approve the Trick-or-Treat hours at 6-8pm, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

*Erika Allison*



Martin presented the contract with NIRCC to help with the grant administration for the DNR grant received for the amphitheater/pavilion. Barkley asked for a fee schedule. Martin said she would ask for one and provided it for the Thursday meeting.

Allison explained Resolution 19-9-1, Intrafund Transfers of Appropriation for 2019, allowing Allison to keep budget line items out of the red. Kemper moved to pass Resolution 19-9-1, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney addressed the building for sale at 213 N. Jefferson St. as an option for the Town to purchase. The Fire Dept. stated that although it would not help with the issues of their bays, it would help provide more space for administrative and training purposes. Chief Rigney acknowledged that his department is cramped and needs more space. Council members were in agreement that more numbers needed to be put together in order to take a stronger look into the matter. Barkley stated that another public meeting should be held to further discuss the matter and explain the impact it would have on all departments. Martin asked that before another meeting is held that Council members meet with each department to better understand the needs and impact of each department.

Council determined to take no action on a utility rate adjustment as it did not meet the Town's criteria.

Barkley invited Karen Hitchcock to speak as she had expressed concerns about the feral cat issue. Much discussion was held with the feral cat issue. Lisa Tarr, a representative from Friends of the Wells County Animal Shelter, expressed concerns that their efforts to help with feral cats have been halted. After receiving a letter from the Town's attorney, funding and transportation, have ceased their trap-neuter-release and barn cat giveaway program. Barkley explained that the letter was sent because cats had been rereleased into the Town which is a violation of the Town's ordinance. After further discussion, it was determined to place a 60-day suspension on the enforcement of the ordinance in reference to the feral cat issue until a new ordinance can be drafted.

Sweeney moved to approve time cards as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve claims of \$430,653.34 as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Kemper moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

***OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL*** – Town of Ossian, Indiana

September 12, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

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

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Jim Breckler, from Engineering Resources, opened and read the bids for Rose Ann Heights Railroad Drainage Swale, the bids received were:

<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Base Bid:</u>	<u>Alt. 1: Blake Swale</u>	<u>Alt. 2: Erosion Control</u>
Crosby Excavating	\$189,560.00	\$49,370.00	-\$14,000.00
Bercot	\$236,838.00	\$49,896.00	-\$17,000.00
Fleming Excavating	\$164,338.50	\$26,133.00	-\$16,995.00
Hoosier Pride Excavating	\$137,420.25	\$25,000.00	-\$24,000.00

Breckler stated that he would review the bids for completeness and put together a recommendation. Kemper moved to have Barkley sign the contract once a recommendation has been made, Sweeney seconded. Passed 3-0

Kemper moved to accept the contract with NIRCC, not to exceed \$10,000, for grant administration with the DNR grant for Archbold-Wilson Amphitheater/Pavilion Project. Sweeney seconded. Passed 3-0

Kemper moved to adjourn. Sweeney seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

***OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL*** – Town of Ossian, Indiana

September 23, 2019 – 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.

Clerk-Treasurer, Erika Allison, explained the 2020 budget. She informed Council that as it stands, the Town's General Fund would be spending approximately \$100,000 more than what it would be estimating to receive in. However, this is an option as the Town has a cash balance that will cover the difference.

Allison listed multiple options pertaining to the budget. Amongst lowering the budgets for the departments, another option explained was to pay for eligible expenses for Police or Fire from the LOIT Public Safety Fund instead of the General Fund. Another option is to redistribute how property tax is usually divided between the General, MVH, and Park funds for 2021 budget; particularly the MVH Fund as it currently holds a larger surplus in its fund.

Much discussion was held discussing options and asking questions.

Pursley moved to adjourn. Kemper seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

*Erika Allison*



Ossian Park Board  
August 5, 2019

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

1. Read and approved minutes from July meeting
2. Janet motioned to accept Dodie Filchak as new member of Ossian Park Board. Ashley seconded. Passed 4-0
3. Discussed play equipment for Archbold-Wilson Park. Three options discussed with quotes. Quotes ranged from \$86,575 to \$112,995. No decision made at this time pending update on possible grant.
4. Learned that park account has a balance of \$31,287.37 to be used by year end.
5. Mulch still needed at Sandalwood Park to have project completed.
6. Discussed ground-breaking ceremony for Archbold Wilson Park. Ashley contacted Backwater Band from Bluffton and price will be \$800. We need to provide a tent. They will play from 6pm to 8pm. Theme of the event will be "Under Construction". Two or three food vendors should be there. Ceremony to be on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
7. Next meeting August 30<sup>th</sup>
8. Stephanie Tucker would like to do Halloween event on 10-26-19 at the Dog Park. Will do calendar for fundraiser also.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

**MINUTES**  
**OSSIAN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**  
**10:00 AM**

Meeting called to order at 10am. Members present: Tim Miller, Rose Barrick, Luann Martin, and Jim Breckler. Residents from Meadow Lane (Larry Hunter & Max Daniels)

**Minutes:** Tim made a motion to approve minutes for the July 30, 2019. Rose seconded.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RR Rose Ann Heights swale update:** a pre-bid meeting was held this morning at 9am. 5 contractors attended. Bids due Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Still waiting on the RR agreement, erosion control notice of intent to IDEM will be sent out once we receive the notice.

**Ossian Industrial Park Drainage project:** Fox will address issues of places holding water, we are still holding final payment. Hillcrest Development has not completed their tree removal. Letter will be sent out requesting it get completed.

**Meadow Lane:** Topo has been completed, 4 cross sections have been drawn up. 2% cross slope, with 3-1 side slope, original design was 4% cross slope along with the road. Options A: was costlier, installing pipe & B: driveway culverts and reopen side ditches. Survey picked up culvert size information. Lot 16 & 15 has a 6" corrugated tile in between driveways. On the south side they found several 6" corrugated pipes buried. New option C: would just be doing downstream and only addressing areas where there are issues. Option A: cost \$515,000 - \$590,000; Option B:

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cost \$270,000 - \$310,000; ERI will get a cost for Option C. Rose is against Option A, spending \$600,000 on one road.

Survey could not find the pipe on the east side of Daniels. Waterline & gas lines are located on the south side of the road, with sewer line on the north. All line depths would need to be verified. Moving forward these options need to be looked into for cost, depth and funding.

**Budget:** Checking \$208,684.40. Savings \$72,846.36

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new projects reported.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 10am at the Town Hall.

Rose made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Tim.

*Erika Allison*

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