

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

April 12, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Collier's – 215 North Jefferson

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

Barkley opened the Public Hearing for additional appropriations for the 2021 budget. There being no comment or questions from the public, Pursley motioned to close the public hearing, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve the minutes of the March meetings. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

There were no department reports.

Clerk Treasurer, Erika Allison, provided an update on utility account that was discussed at last month's meeting. A letter was sent out from our attorney notifying the customer. The customer requested copies and records which were also mailed out. At this point, the customer does not intend on making payment. Allison explained our attorney recommends we continue with our normal process in shutting off services for non-payment and filing liens for sewer and storm and filing suit for water and trash. Otherwise, Council can choose to file suit for 100% of what is owed. By unanimous consensus, Council determined to proceed with the normal process of sending a delinquent notice and shutting off services.

Jim Breckler, provided Council with an update on 103 N Jefferson building demolition. Breckler discussed options for the repair and construction of exterior walls for 101 N Jefferson and 105 N Jefferson. They will meet with an architect to discuss additional options.

Jim Breckler, Town Engineer provided Council an update with improvements at the Wastewater Plant the project has made substantial completion and Allowance Authorization #4. Sweeney approved payment application #12 to Cornerstone Stewards in the amount of \$68,042.68, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0. Engineering Resources has created a punch list for remaining items but recommends granting the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Barkley motioned to accept; House seconded. Passed 5-0. Breckler shared the Allowance Authorization #4 consisting of four requests for changes totaling \$13,542. Breckler felt these were justified costs and recommended Council to approve. Sweeney motioned to approve Allowance Authorization #4; Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Breckler shared the Greenwood Trail Roadway Project. The Town applied for Community Crossing grant in the last call, but it has not been awarded yet. If CCMG is obtained, there would be a quick turnaround for engineering. Breckler ask for Council to move forward with the topographic survey. Pursley motioned to approve Engineering Resources to complete a topographic survey for Greenwood Trail and the Woodcreek Drive/Smith Drain in an amount of \$9,700. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley recognized Sally Bracke, upon her retirement, for her 27 years of service. Barkley stated the Town will put a bench in the park in her honor, with a plaque of her name.

A.J. Reynolds, Rose Barrick and Darrell Reynolds, from Ossian Days Committee, asked Council for their continued support with Ossian Days for 2021. 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> dates asked for permission Sweeney to approve Ossian Days, House seconded. Passed 5-0

Tom Neuenschwander from Amstutz Insurance shared an insurance renewal proposal for the Town effective May 1, 2021. Neuenschwander recommended the EMC renewal. Pursley motioned to renewal with EMC at Amstutz with a total annual premium at \$39,576 and workers compensation at \$15,876, totaling \$55,542. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney motioned to accept Dodie Filchak's resignation from Park Board, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Upon Council's unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 21-4-1 for adoption on the same day of its introduction, Barkley motioned to approve Ordinance 21-4-1, to establish a new fund "Lenny Gerber Walking Trail 275". Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Upon Council's unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 21-4-2 for adoption on the same day of its introduction, Sweeney motioned to approve Ordinance 21-4-2, an additional appropriation for the General Fund and Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT) Fund for the 2021 budget year. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Suzie Gentis, from Area Plan Commission, presented an amending zoning Ordinance 21-4-3, rezoning real estate location 207-211 Young St. from a Business-1 Zoned District to a Residential-2 Zoned District. Pursley motioned to approve Ordinance 21-4-3, Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0 with Barkley abstaining.

Martin stated that Crosswinds is ready for the Town to sign their performance bond; Council determined to not sign it yet until annexation papers were signed by Crosswind Lakes.

Martin explained a few residents have inquired about reducing right-of-ways on their property. Upon working with Hartburg, Martin would like residents to fill out an application requesting the vacating of a public right-of-way and set up fees depending on the work required. Council gave unanimous consensus to move forward.

Allison explained she included State Board of Accounts' Memorandum dated March 18, 2021 in their packets. The Memorandum gives guidance on the American Rescue Plan Grant. Allison noted that the money remains available through December 31, 2024. Ossian is estimated to receive \$700,000. Allison plans to present an Ordinance to Council at next month's meeting to establish a fund for the grant. Allison also pointed out that funds must be appropriated before it can be spent but the uses of the grant are also stated in the Memorandum. One of the uses for the funds is revenue loss, which 2020 calculates to be about \$22,000 of qualifying revenue loss.

Pursley motioned to approve a utility adjustment of \$71.99 for account 10401136, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Gill Pena from Pena's asked about their tax abatement. Martin and Allison informed him that Jill from Pena's reached out to us but nothing has been filed with the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Caleb Chichester, a West LaFever resident, asked if there was any update on the stop signs. After discussion, there was concern that truck traffic starting and stopping would put additional stress on the road creating structural problems. Martin said she would discuss the impact a stop sign could have with Breckler and it will be placed on next month's agenda.

Barkley asked for the parking lot discussion to be placed on next month's agenda for Council to make a decision.

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

Pursley moved to approve claims of \$334,119.83 as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Sweeney seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24p.m.

*2 March 2021*

MEMORANDUM FOR POLICE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were recorded by Stan Reed.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Attendance- Caleb Chichester, Bob Miller, Stan Reed, Chief Dave Rigney, Sgt Stephanie Tucker, Liaison Renee Sweeney & Glen Werling (newspaper)

Motion to approve Minutes from Feb2021 meeting Approved 3-0

Budget presented by Chief D. Rigney under budget on Salary & Fuel for 2021 also we were able to complete 2020 under budget for ENTIRE year!!!!!!!

Discussion on Annual incident reports..

Discussion on Golf Cart Permits- Currently handled by Police Dept..... A town employee could perform said service allowing officers to put more time into their duties.. Officers will still have to issue gun permits.

Old Business-Allow officers extended time to review manual to April 1st

Hiring Process- Academy is FULL for quite a while...

Radios- 2020 Rollover money \$51,929.30  
Cares Act Money (general fund) \$11,951.53  
Total- \$63,880.83  
Cares act earned for 100k toward Officers Salaries.

New Business- None

Chief Rigney Recognized for his EMT Training- Graduated at "TOP" of his class!!!!!!

Officer Russ attended Instructor Development Training -Passed . Russ is now eligible to train and instruct other officers....

Motion to adjourn approved 3-0

Meeting Closed at 6:45pm

Ossian Metropolitan Board Of Police Commission  
Minutes for April 6th 2021  
Minutes recorded by Stan Reed

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Attendance- Caleb Chichester, Bob Miller, Stan Reed, Chief Dave Rigney, Sgt Stephanie Tucker & Liaison Renee Sweeney

Motion to approve Minutes for the March 2nd 2021 meeting Approved 3-0

Budget presented by Chief D. Rigney under budget on Salary & Fuel for 2021. We are \$10,000 UNDER budget for the 2021 Salary!!!!

Sgt Tucker presented the removal of Policies 330,331 & 404 from Officers Policies.  
Motion to remove said policies approved 3-0

All officers have read New Policies as requested by April 1 2021.

New Vehicle - Getting "detailed" items "switched " and " removed" from old vehicle.

Old Business- None

New Business- Hiring Session- Currently have 25 Applicants.....

Motion to Adjourn approved 3-0

Meeting Closed at 6:20pm