

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

August 9, 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 Joe Lewis present.

Barkley opened the public hearing for adoption of Wells County Mitigation Plan, there being no public comment, Barkley motioned to close the public hearing, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Lewis seconded. Passed 5-0

Lewis spoke on behalf of the park board; the park board is wanting to create a sub-committee for baseball leagues and another for bringing in music acts for the next calendar year.

Lewis also stated that there's been multiple golf cart complaints in Archbold-Wilson Park. Barkley stated that if there's a second offense by a particular driver, their golf cart permit should be revoked. Kemper recommended to place signs at the Bridges and Braeburn entrance to allow golf carts on the northeast corner. An ordinance revision will be brought to next month's meeting.

Chichester said they are holding interviews on either August 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30; there will be two interviewees. House and Kemper agreed to attend.

Pursley motioned to approve payment application #1 to Brooks Construction in the amount of \$175,107.35, House seconded. Passed 5-0

Breckler discussed bid openings for Greenwood Trail Roadway Improvements for CCMG 2021-01. Engineering Resources reviewed API Construction's bid and recommend to move forward with a notice of award to API. Pursley motioned to award the project to API, Lewis seconded. Passed 5-0

Lewis motioned to renew the Town's current MEWA health insurance with Anthem, House seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley motioned to adopt Resolution 21-8-2 Wells County Mitigation Plan, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Allison requested to purchase a depository box for the Town Hall as another option for customers to pay their utility bill in the amount of \$2,140. Barkley recommended to check into Salsbury Manufacturing as an option and to have a camera in view of the box. Barkley motioned to purchase a depository box not exceed \$3,500, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Brady Kaehr from Crosswind Lakes brought the final plans for the subdivision. Breckler asked for a few revisions to be made.

Allison presented preliminary budgets. Council unanimously approved moving the leafing expense into General Fund instead of MVH Fund but want to review applicable expenses. Chief Rigney and Sergeant Tucker proposed a salary matrix for the Police Dept and clarified this would replace longevity pay. There was more discussion, but no other decisions were made.

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Martin informed Council she received The Bridges petition for annexation. There are just two residences that will need an additional signature. With unanimous consensus, Council agreed to move forward with Baker Tilly to prepare a fiscal plan.

Upon Council's unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 21-8-1 for adoption on the same day of its introduction, Barkley motioned to approve Ordinance 21-8-1, to revise the salary ordinance for 2021 calendar year. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

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

Pursley moved to approve claims of \$228,769.79 as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Billy Johnson, resident at 406 Christ St, asked about repaving Christ St and showed pictures of road and drainage problems. Joe Huffman, resident at 404 Christ St, was also present and in agreement. Johnson requested we move the No Outlet sign on Christ St. to the other side of the road.

Donaghy informed Council there's Redevelopment meeting at 2:00pm at the pavilion for Regional Cities to present their final check for the pavilion project.

Donaghy asked Council if they had looked into a TIF district for downtown.

Larry Heckber and Phil DiNovo from the Bridges Community Association asking for a contribution from the Town for the firework display next year. Barkley expressed he wasn't interested in using tax dollar for fireworks. Lewis suggested for Heckber and DiNovo to put together a plan and budget, then ask any questions to the Park Board first.

Pursley moved to adjourn. Kemper seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47p.m.

Ossian Metropolitan Board Of Police Commission

Minutes for August 3rd 2021

Minutes recorded by Stan Reed

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

Attendance- Chairman Caleb Chichester, Bob Miller , Police Chief Dave Rigney , Sgt Stephanie Tucker , Jeff Kemper & Glen Werling

Approval of Previous minutes 3-0

Budget by Rigney- we are still UNDER budget . Under Annual budget by \$15,000 as of 7-18-21.

Old Business- Hiring process down to Three candidates.

Scheduled a Executive Meeting for August 18 at 6:30 regarding hiring new Officer.

Chief Rigney, Sgt Tucker, Jason House (Town Council) will assist in the hiring process.

The police academy is SHUT DOWN due to Covid until ????

2022 Budget discussed- Council is on board with New Pay Matrix

Rigney & Tucker have worked on budget- Resolution to Reduce of \$3,500

Academy Cost \$500 when it starts back up.

New Business- None

Motion to Adjourn approved 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40pm

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