

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

May 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Collier's – 215 North Jefferson St.

Council President, Josh Barkley opened the **Public Hearing**. Chad Kling explained the reason for needing to make changes. No public comment was made in regards to waiving certain non-compliance for Rethceif Properties. Public Hearing was closed.

Council President, Josh Barkley called the Ossian Town Council Meeting to order with Council members, Dennis Ealing and Jason House were present. Jeff Kemper and Brad Pursley absent.

House moved to approve minutes from April meeting. Ealing seconded. Passed 3-0

Dept./Committee Reports

Police Commission: Caleb presented Chief Rigney and Officer Munsey with accommodations for their assistance in helping medical personal with a non-responsive person on 4/28/22. Caleb told council officer Patrick Piper is no longer working as a part-time officer in Ossian.

Fire: Ben F. requested to spend \$4365.75 in order to upgrade their software from Firehouse to ESO since Firehouse is getting shut down at the end of the year; \$1700 for a zymedic rescue tool and \$1254.65 for lettering for the new fire truck from Premier Signs. House motioned to approve the expenses. Ealing seconded. Passed 3-0. House met with fire on the contract, names just need updated and then it is ready to sign.

Park Board: no report

Old Business

Chad Kline talked about an RFP for the downtown buildings has been created and will hopefully be sent out by the end of the month. We are also looking into what it would take to create a Downtown TIF. Wells County is working on a Strategic Plan, Kline presented a copy of details of the plan for council to look over. He also submitted a proposal from Abonmarche to develop a Community Master Plan for Wells Co. Ossian's share would be between no more than \$25,000. Smaller communities will be asked to pay \$5 - \$8,000. Timeline would be 24 weeks. Barkley asked it be placed on June's agenda so council has time to look it over.

Economic Development Regional Chamber of NE Indiana Strategic Development Plan donation of \$5,000 to be paid out of CEDIT monies approve by Ealing and seconded by House. Passed 3-0

Larry Heckber presented 3 quotes for installing siding on the downtown buildings on the north and south of the building Ossian demoed. Heckber his concerns about loose bricks and debris coming off the building. Revitalization would like to look into extending Lafever out into the park and over to the Braeburn entrance at some point in time.

New Business

Resolution 22-5-1 was presented to council for Rethceif Properties. And SB-1/RP Barkley motioned to approve Resolution 22-5-1 and SB-1/RP for Rethceif Properties. House seconded. Passed 3-0

Resolution 22-5-2 was presented to council for Rethceif Properties. And SB-1/PP Barkley motioned to approve Resolution 22-5-2 and SB-1/PP for Rethceif Properties. House seconded. Passed 3-0

Resolution 22-5-3 a Resolution Authorizing Council President to sign all INDOT agreements. House motioned to approve Resolution 22-5-3. Ealing seconded. Passed 3-0

Ordinance 22-5-1 Wells Co. Flood Damage Prevention. House motioned to approve Ordinance 22-5-1. Ealing seconded. Passed 3-0

Martin presented a deed of dedication for public ROW for New Hope Lutheran Church. This additional ROW is needed in order to enlarge the culvert structure under Woodcreek Dr. Ealing motioned to approve the deed of dedication. House seconded. Passed 3-0

API pay app #1 for the Greenwood Project was submitted for approval. Barkley motioned to approve pay app #1. House seconded. Passed 3-0



Martin presented a contract from Bakertilly to assist in the creation of the 2023 Ossian Budget. House motioned to approve the hourly contract. Ealing seconded. Passed 3-0

CF-1/PP were presenting for council approval. House motioned to approve CF-1/PP (3/31/12, 5/10/16 & 5/1/20) for Roembke Design. Ealing seconded. Passed 3-0

CF-1/RP were presenting for council approval. House motioned to approve CF-1/PR (4/15/17) for Roembke Design. Ealing seconded. Passed 3-0

Approval of Time Cards House motioned to approve time cards. Ealing seconded. Passed 3-0

Approval of Claims House motioned to approved claims of \$334,815.93. Ealing seconded. Passed 3-0

Adjournment Ealing motioned to adjourn. House seconded. Passed 3-0

Ossian Park Board

April 4, 2022

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Gary Guenin, Meagan Luce, Jared Kurtz, and Jenni Milholland

1. No new information from baseball leagues. The town has not received any user fund money as of today.
2. New basketball backboard has been installed at Melching Park. Pena Mechanical is designing a new pole for the possible placement in Archbold Wilson Park.
3. Next meeting June 6, 2022
4. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink, one above the other, appearing to be the names of the individuals listed in the attendance section.