

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

Sept 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Collier's – 215 North Jefferson

Public Hearing- Barkley opened the public hearing for 2023 Budget. There being no public comment, Pursley motioned to close the hearing, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0.

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

Approval of Minutes - Pursley moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0.

Dept. Committee Reports –

Chief Fenstermaker gave fire department report. Requested approval for hire of part time Firefighters with wages, of \$15/hr, to be paid out of LOIT Public Safety Fund. This would be a trial run from Nov. 22 to July of 2023. Ealing motioned to move forward with the hiring of part time positions for fire, Pursley seconded it. Passed 5-0. Fenstermaker also requested permission to get a BP gas credit card

Town manager, Martin, reported the park board had formed a committee, which has been meeting regularly, for organizing the 2023 baseball season.

Chichester said the posting of the police chief position had been loaded on the town website. Chichester asked permission to raise the part time officer pay from \$30/hr to \$35/hr and he is wanting to hire 2 additional part time officers. A revision of the salary ordinance to reflect the change will be ready by the Oct. meeting. Chichester also reported Officer Mounsey is now a part time officer. Chichester stated Chief Rigney will be stepping down as chief at the end of the year.

Old Business

Budget discussion: Barkley asked Martin to total general by departments and send to council.

Pursley motioned to approve the change order #1, Greenwood Trail Project, increase of \$6685.52, Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley motioned to approve payment application #4 for Greenwood Trail Project for \$108,833.41, Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley motioned to approve payment application #5, Retainage Greenwood Trail Project for \$37,814.60, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley motioned to approve change order #1, Various Street Improvements, decrease of \$47,954.95. Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0



Pursley motioned to approve payment application #2, Various Street Improvements for \$243,966.34, Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley motioned to approve payment application #3, Retainage Various Street Improvements for \$13,747.25, Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0

New Business

Kemper motioned to approve Trick or Treat day as Monday, Oct. 31, with the hours 6-8pm, House seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley motioned to approve a 1- year extension letter from Republic. There was discussion on possible options for next year. Barkley asked to have Sarah call other towns, our size, to inquire who they are with now. Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0

House motioned to approve purchase of swing set from Miracle Play Grounds Equipment in the amount of \$3795.00, for Melching Park, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley introduced Ordinance 22-9-1, Repeal of the User Receipts Tax.

Other Business Pertaining to the Town &/or Council

Martin reported we are again finding intermittent errors with Farmers & Merchants Banking. Customer utilities payments have been deposited into non town accounts. Other options are under advisement including phasing out the bank options for customer payments. Payments options would then include: pay at town hall, drop box at town hall, mail, ACH auto payment, and online payment.

Ealing submitted an old ordinance from 2016 that was presented to council prohibiting the parking of boats and vehicles in yards. Ealing will be checking other towns for their procedures, Martin will check for legal advice

Citizens Comments

Gene Donaghy advised council of a Chamber luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 15 concerning TIF..

Approval of time cards, Kemper motioned to approve time cards. House seconded. Passed 5-0

Approval of Claims, Pursley motioned to approve \$722,130.40 of claims. House seconded. Passed 5-0

Adjournment, Pursley motioned to adjourn. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.



Ossian Park

Board August 29,

2022

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Meagan Luce, Gary Guenin, Jared Kurtz

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on June 6, 2022
2. An engineering study will cost \$15,100 to design a new entrance off Lafever into the Archbold Wilson Park. Revitalization is willing to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of this cost. Luann to check with Town Engineer to get ideas on switching big diamond around before deciding what to do with entrance road to Archbold Wilson Park.
3. Two quotes were reviewed for new swings in Melching Park. Gametime quote is for \$4,935.82 which includes a toddler swing. Miracle Recreation quoted \$3,665 but does not have a toddler swing. Jared motioned to accept bid from Miracle for \$3,665. Luann to get another quote to add a baby seat later.
4. The basketball pole in Melching Park has been damaged beyond repair. Luann to get quotes to replace pole and new backboard.
5. Next meeting October 3rd
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

