

**Ossian Town Council Minute**  
**October 10, 2022 7:00 PM**

**Redevelopment – Discussion Residential TIF**

Kemper opened the hearing at 7:00 p.m. Wells County Economic Development Executive director, Chad Kline, brought back the discussion for the residential TIF. They would like the town to consider the 1st steps of adopting a declaratory resolution at the next meeting. Pursley made the motion to close the discussion and Ealing seconded it.

**Public Meeting** – Barkley opened the public hearing at 7:10pm and ask for public comments on Ordinance 22-9-1 ‘Repeal of the User Receipts Tax’. There being no public comment, Pursley motioned to close the public hearing and Kemper second it. Passed 5-0.

**Council President**, Josh Barkley called the meeting of the Ossian Town Council to order at 7:11pm with Council members, Brad Pursley, Jason House, Dennis Ealing and Jeff Kemper all present.

**Approval of Minutes** – House motioned to approve the minutes of the September meeting and Ealing seconded. Passed 5-

**Dept. Committee Reports –**

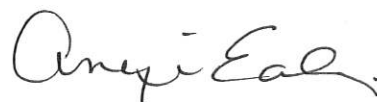
**Fire Dept. -**

Chief Fenstermaker gave an update on moving forward with the hiring of the part time firefighters. Six have applied and been approved with the start date as the first week of November, 2022.

**Park Board** – There were no reports.

**Police Commission -**

Chichester gave updates on the part time officers position, 3 had past the testing on Saturday. They received two or three applications for the chief of police position. The deadline was extended to Nov.4<sup>th</sup> for applications. Sergeant Tucker, gave a summary of the Motorola body cameras and in car cameras the department is wanting to purchase, plus an update to the interview room. The total cost over a 5year period would be \$46,505.00, which includes \$1,500.00 for the installation. This would amount to \$16,553.00 being paid up front from this years budget. The remaining \$29,952.00 would be paid over the next 4 years at \$7,488.00 per year. The motion was made by House and seconded by Ealing, to approve this purchase at the \$46,505.00 quoted price. Passed 5-0.





QUOTE-1900601

Line #	Item Number	Description	Qty	Term	List Price	Sale Price	Ext. Sale Price	Refresh Duration
18	BRK-4RE-BWC-001	BRKT4RE DISP/BWC/ CAMVR 15TAHOE/SILV KIT	2		Included	Included	Included	
4RE In car Video System								
19	IV-ACK-WF-C-DM	MIKROTIK CONF WIFI KIT, DRILL MNT	1		\$250.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
20	WGB-0190A	HIFI MIC MUTABLE KIT W BKTS, CAT5 CABLE	1		\$450.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	
21	VIS-SPS-WIF-KIT	VISTA HD, SPS KIT, INC PWR & ANT CBL	1		\$75.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	
22	HDW-ETH-SWT-005	4RE, VISTA HD, WIFI, SMART POE SWITCH	1		\$312.50	\$250.00	\$250.00	
23	INT-4RE-1-DOM	4RE INTERVIEW ROOM, DOME*	1		\$6,243.75	\$4,995.00	\$4,995.00	
Grand Total						\$45,005.00(USD)		

**Presentation:** Sergeant Tucker was presented with a Letter of Commendation as well as a Life Saving Award for saving the life of an 18 year old overdosed male.

**Old Business -**

Pursley motioned to adopt Budget Ordinance 22-10-1, House seconded. Passed 5-0.

Pursley motioned to adopt Ordinance 22-9-1 'Repeal of the User Receipts Tax', House seconded it. Passed 5-0.

Mike Lautzenheiser, presented and answered questions on the Wells Co Vision 2035 Comprehensive Plan. He asked for the adoption, by resolution, of this plan. The council will review the plans and will address at the next town meeting.

Kemper motioned to adopt Salary Ordinance 22-10-3 (to reflect the increase pay of part-time officers. And the hiring of part time fire fighters), Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0.

Pursley motioned to adopt Resolution 22-10-4, regarding a gift transfer of real estate from the Northern Wells School Corporation. The transfer includes two parcels, 1.85 acres and 1.16 acres. House seconded. Passed 5-0.

**New Business -**

Jim Breckler, with Engineering Resources, presented a proposal for removing and replacing the mechanical bar screen at the sewer plant. Pursley motioned to approve \$44000.00 for the study and drawings for sewer improvements, House seconded. Passed 5-0.

Breckler also presented the waste water collection plan. This plan is required in order to apply for SRLF money, (state revolving loan fund), for the north sewer extension. Pursley motioned to approve \$66,500.00 for the study, House seconded. Passed 5-0.

Pursley motioned to adopt Ordinance 22-10-2 (additional use of LOIT Funds), Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0.

Pursley motioned to petition to Appeal Maximum Levy, Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0.

**Other Business Pertaining To The Town &/of Council**

Jim Brewer advised that the "Home Town Christmas Holiday Market Place" will be Dec.1. They will be adding a tent on Craig St. for local crafts and businesses. The times will be from 5:00 to 8:00.

Kemper motioned for approval of time cards, Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0.

Pursley motioned for approval of claims, Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0.

Barkley wanted to address the rumor that he and some council members want to do away with the Ossian Police Dept. Barkley stated this is completely untrue and false.

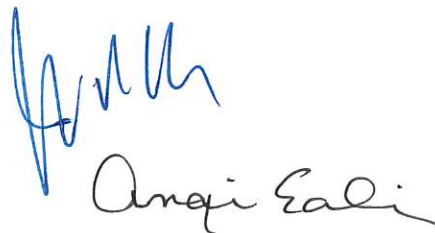
Motion to adjourn was made by Kemper, Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dennis Ealing open the Residential TIF discussion. Kevin Biggs explained that the first phase of this development would include 29 single family home lots and 22 villa lots. Biggs is asking for the adoption of Resoulution 22-10-1 which Pursley motioned to adopt and Barkley second it. Passed 3-1, with Kemper recusing himself.

Also discussed was the Downtown TIF with Pursley recusing himself from this portion of the meeting. Ealing motioned to adopt resolution 22-10-2 and Barkley second it. Passed 3-1.

There being no other business, Barkley motioned to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. and Ealing seconded it.





**Ossian Metropolitan Board of Police Commission**

**Minutes for September 6, 2022**

Minutes recorded by Stan Reed

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

Attendance – Chairman Caleb Chichester, Bob Miller, Chief of Police Dave Rigney, Sgt Stephanie Tucker and officer B. McClish.

Monthly Fuel Budget – Rigney- Last month saw a \$300.00 drop from previous month. Less miles/lower prices.

Drop in OT paid out. Under budget on salary.

Old Business – Discussion on job posting for Chief, Caleb will get with LuAnn Martin on posting on the town website list of applicants training – Resume “Special Training” ....Top applicants .....need to “Date Stamp” applicants by Oct 7, 2022 at noon.

Motion to present job by Caleb Chichester, second by Miller, approved 2-0.

Old Business – Job Posting, New vehicle – no new info. We have eight applicants for “Open Officer” positions.

New Business – Officer Mounsey going part time effective Sept. 1, 2022. Working two full time shifts and some misc. time. We want to reach out to local agencies about part time help, also want to raise part time to \$35.00 per hour current rate is \$30.00. Courthouse is \$18.00-\$19.00. Airport is \$25.00. We are currently “Short” two full time officers.

Motion by Miller to allow Mounsey to Part time, second by Chichester, approved 2-0.

Motion for “New” OMBPC letterhead by Caleb Chichester, second by Miller. Approved 2-0.

The town site “job postings” needs looked into.

Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Chichester. Approved 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm

**Ossian Metropolitan Board of Police Commission**

**Minutes for August 2, 2022**

Minutes recorded by Stan Reed

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

Attendance – Chairman Caleb Chichester, Stan Reed, Bob Miller, Chief of Police Dave Rigney, Sgt. Stephanie Tucker, Dennis Ealing (Town Council) and Glen Werling ( News Banner).



Dennis Ealing

Monthly Fuel Budget – Rigney- We are running over budget on fuel.....under budget on Salary.

Old Business – Discussion on hiring new officer – 14 have applied – 4 showed up for agility testing. We will not be hiring any of said applicants.

Discussion on Paymatrix to present to Council....

Motion to open up hiring process by Chichester 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller. Approved 3-0

New Car update – looking for arrival late Aug/September.....

New Chief Info – We recommend base pay of \$62K- 72K before OT....

We are getting upgrades to our interview rooms.....

Officers should have weapons upgrade by end of 2022

New Business – Creation of a policy to channel complaints that are being directed to the OMBPC

Motion to adjourn by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chichester, approved 3-0

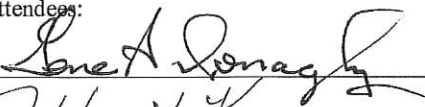

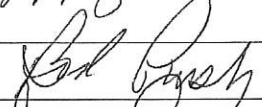
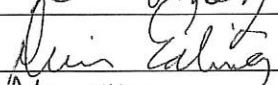
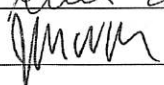
Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

**NOTICE**

As authorized by applicable statute, specifically Indiana Code §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(H), the Redevelopment Commission of the Town of Ossian, Indiana, will meet in executive session for interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects. The executive session will take place at the Collier's Building, 215 North Jefferson Street, Ossian, IN 46777 on Friday, October 28, 2022, beginning at 12:00 p.m. | Ended

1:08 pm

Attendees:

Attest:





