Ossian Town Council Minutes November 14, 2022

Redevelopment Meeting – Kemper opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Wells County Economic Development director, Chad Kline, asked for approval of a match, by the town, of \$670,000.00 in investment by developer Kevin Biggs with the application of a residential tax increment financing district to the 66.0 acres Biggs is proposing to develop on the north side of Ossian. A public hearing, for the Ossian North Residential TIF Economic Development Area, will be held at 7:00 p.m. December 5th at the First Baptist Church on Dehner Drive. A motion was made to approve the \$670,000.00 by Ealing and Barkley second it. Passed 5-0. Barkley motioned to close the meeting and Pursley second it. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Ossian Town Council Meeting – Barkley called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with council members, Brad Pursley, Jason House, Dennis Ealing and Jeff Kemper all present.

Approval of Minutes – Pursley motioned to approve the minutes of the October 2022 meeting and Kemper second it. Passed 5-0.

Dept. Committee Reports -

Fire Dept. -

House reported, for Chief Fenstermaker, that all part time firefighters were working out well.

Park Board - There were no reports.

Police Commission -

Police Commissioner, Chichester, advised that the 2012 Dodge Charger is being decommissioned and ask permission to sell the Charger. Pursley motioned for a minimum of a \$1000.00 bid and House second it. Chichester also made a request to purchase nine new Glock automatic pistols to replace the officers current sidearms. Barkley made a motion to approve 7 Glocks along with ammunition and a sonic cleaner for the guns, which will come to a total cost of \$9436.00, Kemper second it. Passed 5-0. Chichester also ask for an annual subscription for background software in the amount of \$795.00. House motioned to approve and Kemper second it. Passed 5-0. Chichester ask to add five part time officers which House motioned to accept and Kemper second it. Passed 5-0.

New Business -

Petition for Annexation – Biggs presented a petition requesting his 66 acres north of Ossian be annexed. Council accepted the petition and will begin the annexation process. House made the motion to approve and Ealing seconded it. All in favor, passed 5-0.

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Utility Adjustment – Council approved two utility adjustments for \$52.88 and \$158.64 and delayed action on two more until more information is received as to why the adjustments are needed. Pursley made the motion to approve the two and House second it. Passed 5-0

Employee hams - Barkley made the motion to approve hams for the employees of the town, Ealing second. Passed 5-0.

Other Business Pertaining to the Town &/or Council – Wells Co. Economic Development director Chad Kline presented SB-1/Real Property to the council for the Ossian spec building in the industrial park. Ealing motioned to approve and Pursley second. Passed 5-0.

Approval of Time Cards - House motioned to approve time cards, Kemper second. Passed 5-0.

Approval of Claims – House moved to approve claims of \$252,954.01 as presented. Kemper second it. Pass 5-0.

Citizens' Questions/Comments - There were no questions or comments.

Barkley read the resignation letter submitted by Town Manager Luann Martin. Kemper moved to approve the resignation and Ealing second it. Town manager Martin ask permission to begin the hiring process for this position. Kemper motioned to approve and Ealing second it.

The council also received the resignation letter from Utility Clerk, Kati Stout. Pursley motioned to accept the resignation and Ealing second it. Town Manager Martin asked permission to interview and hire a replacement as soon as possible. Motion was made by Kemper to approve and Ealing second.

Sgt. Stephanie Tucker of the Ossian Police Dept. formally announced she will retire effective January 1, 2023.

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Motion to adjourn was made by Pursley and Kemper second it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners Executive Session 215 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

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An executive session was called to order at	7:00pm Time
on November 18, 2022	
To receive information about and interview prospective employees.	
We, the undersigned, certify that no final action was taken on this matter, no other subjects were discussed and that all proceedings will remain confidential.	
Meeting was adjourned at 20:11.	<u>. </u>
Commissioners Present:	Guests Present:
Stan Reed Caleb Chichester	Jasen House Bul bush Juffrey L. Komepse
Bob Miller	Josh Bowkley-By Phone
ATTEST:	
Police Commissioner President	