

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

May 13, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council Vice-President, Josh Barkley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Terri Hughes-Lazzell and Tom Neuenschwander present. Angie Dial and Brad Pursley were not in attendance.

Neuenschwander moved to approve the minutes of the April meetings. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 3-0

There were no comments from citizens.

OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday May 7, 2013

Members present: Jan Williams, Mike Lewis, Linda Hambrick, Larry Heckber, Marlyn Koons,

Kody Kumfer, Judy Harkless, Eme Dietrick, Jim Brewer, Larry Smith, Joel Fremion, Natalie Milholland

Members not present: Tom Neuenschwander, Luann Martin

Guest: Bruce Sonner (interested in becoming part of the group), Tom Woodward, to discuss flowers

Minutes from the April 2, 2012 meeting were approved.

Christmas Tree: Gene Donaghy replaced the Christmas Tree at the library because it was not growing. Christmas lights were taken off and need to be cleaned and put away.

Flowers: Tom Woodward reported that the hanging baskets are planted and ready to be hung. Judy Harkless will check with Boy Scout leaders, Anthony Ulfig and Farley Thornberg, to see when they will be available to begin watering the baskets.

Tuesday May 14 at 2:00 members will meet at Nell's to begin planting the pots on the ground.

Entrance Signs: Larry Heckber reported that Brian Crowell's attorney is working with the town's attorney on the final documentation. The goal is to have this part of the process completed by May 31.

Freedom Fest: Judy Harkless will check with Stacey Little at Ossian Health Care about the date and their plans for this event. She will report to Revitalization at the June meeting.

Pork Chop Dinner: Natalie led the discussion as to what we need to do to get ready for this event. She will update a "to do" list. Jim Brewer and Marlyn will contact local businesses in food service to get bids for service they would be willing to help with. Local businesses suggested: Jerry Springer, Ossian Health Care, Heyerly's Bakery, Subway, Cranes Drive In, Richard's, etc. Larry Heckber will work with Ossian Packing.

DATE (Thursday, September 5, week of Ossian Day's),

PRICE per ticket (suggested \$8.50. \$9.00 at the door)

NUMBER of TICKETS (suggested 1,000 same as last year)

Main Street Community Exchange Wednesday October 2, 9:00 to 2:30:

Ossian Methodist Church has confirmed the date. Judy Schindler, from the church, will be in charge of the food. Menu planning: Breakfast: rolls and doughnuts from Heyerly's, coffee, juice, and water. Lunch: Ham (Ossian Packing) and Turkey Sandwiches, Salad and dessert from Jerry Springer

Topics for Main Event speakers: Pork Chop Dinner, Home Town Christmas, and Wine Tasting. Include in the presentation a video presentation of photos from these events. Encourage attendees from Revitalization Members, Ossian Town Board, Jeff Souder, Warren, Suzanne Huffman, Bluffton representative, etc.....

Ossian Garage Sale: June 15th: Jan and Linda Hambrick will distribute posters around town. Luann will make the booklets available listing those who have registered and she will post it on the town web page. It is presently on the outdoor sign. Kody Kumfer will ask local businesses to advertise this event on their electronic signs. Kody will also notify Chuck King to advertise through Adnet. Linda Hambrick will place an ad in the Waynedale News through email and check with local churches about participating in their own garage sale and advertising on their marques.

Next Revitalization meeting: Tuesday, June 4, at 5:00 at the Town Hall.

Minutes prepared by Jan Williams

Ossian Board of Parks and Recreation Minutes

April 1, 2013

Attendance: Steve Andrews, Jason Heckber, Tim Rohr, and Max Lake (7:15)

1. Read minutes from park board meeting on March 4, 2013. Jason motioned to approve and Steve seconded. Passed 3-0.

2. Frauhiger Excavating is working on the drainage in the Archbold-Wilson Park. Ossian town employees are installing a 12" tile from inside of walking trail on the north side heading west toward the t-ball

diamonds. The pond has yet to be started.

3. Barry Gordon here questioning a possible 5k run to be held on May 18, 2013. Another date may be considered if a conflict arises. Barry to contact PSI Iota Association and Ossian Revitalization for further interest.

4. Jason motioned to adjourn at 7:55 pm and Max seconded. Passed 4-0.

5. The next Ossian Park Board meeting will be held at the town hall on May 6, 2013. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm starting with a walk-thru of the parks and meet back at the town hall at 7:30 pm for formal meeting.

Ossian Board of Parks and Recreation Minutes

May 6, 2013

Attendance: Steve Andrews, Max Lake, Jason Heckber, and Tim Rohr

1. Read minutes from park board meeting on April 1, 2013. Jason motioned to approve and Max seconded. Passed 4-0.
2. Mulch for all parks has been ordered from Arcadian Farms for a cost of \$ 1380.00. Mulch will be delivered when weather is fit to spread on the ground.
3. Pena Mechanical is interested in fabricating some equipment for the skate park. Money from \$5000.00 grant is available to be used for skate park equipment.
4. A new water fountain will be installed on the front of the concession stand for diamond 1.
5. The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2013
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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John Roembke of Roembke Mfg. presented three (3) CF-1 forms for approval. He stated that business has picked up in the last six (6) months. Hughes-Lazzell moved to approve the Compliance Forms. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 3-0

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker, said they have had forty seven (47) runs this year including fifteen (15) structure fires. He said mutual aid is very important. None of the area fire departments, including Ossian, charge for this service. Fenstermaker also stated that there are currently seven (7) positions open with the fire dept. Applications will be accepted until the end of May. He hopes to fill three (3) of them.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney, gave his monthly report. He also reported that he is looking at purchasing a new squad car in the fall. Rigney said that some of the fees charged by his dept. were not being put into the Police Training Fund. Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey said the necessary adjustment will be made.

Town Manager, Luann Martin reported the easement from Ossian Furniture will not be needed because they did not need to dig into the store's driveway, as was originally thought, when the sewage line for the new Dollar General was installed. Council agreed to cancel the easement.

Martin reported that the new welcome signs were waiting on an easement which had to be mailed out to be signed. Everything else is ready to go.

Neuenschwander said he hoped to receive the EMS agreement tomorrow, proof read it and get it signed as soon as possible.

Council approved hiring Brian Gear as the seasonal mower for this summer at \$8.00 per hour. Neuenschwander moved and Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 3-0

Martin reported that Fedewa had finished the painting of the water tower, but the paint still didn't match. She will discuss this with Randy Kriscunas of Fleis & Vandenbrink as soon as he is available.

Neuenschwander moved to approve time cards. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 3-0

Neuenschwander moved to approve claims of \$78,138.21. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 3-0

Hughes-Lazzell moved to adjourn. Neuenschwander seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.