

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting
September 8, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Josh Barkley, Bill Miller, Terri Hughes-Lazzell and Tom Neuenschwander present.

Town Attorney, Andy Carnall explained the creation of the allocation area currently being created by the Ossian Redevelopment Commission. Barkley moved to pass Resolution #14-9-2 Approval of the Creation of Allocation Area. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Neuenschwander moved to approve the minutes of the July meetings. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

There were no comments from Ossian citizens.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney submitted the Mileage Report and the Overtime Report for the month of August. He anticipates that there will be more overtime for the month of September because of Ossian Days. He reported there was good behavior at Ossian Days with fifty seven (57) traffic stops, forty six (46) citations and one (1) arrest. He said numerous people misunderstood or did not see traffic signs.

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Ossian Park Board

September 2, 2014

Attendance: Bill Dowty, Jason Heckber, and Tim Rohr

Read and approved minutes from meeting on August 6, 2014

No corn hole update. Max to call Bill when game boards are finished.

Bill getting bids for concrete pads for disc golf course. Bill has 2 bids on baskets. Total cost to be approximately \$600 per hole. Jason motioned to proceed with disc golf course and get quotes from at least 2 companies for baskets, concrete, and all labor. Bill seconded. Passed 3-0. Bill to present plans to town council next week for their approval to proceed. All costs are hoped to be raised by donation. Cost per hole to sponsor will be \$600.

Luann met with Mesa Sport rep from Huntington. Discussed minor league diamond. Will need dirt on minor league diamond. T-ball diamonds need raised and grassed for better drainage. Jason doesn't think grass is a good option for t-ball because it would slow down play.

Briefly discussed budget report. Cash balance as of 9-2-14 is \$25,135.31

Max Lake represented letter of resignation effective August 15, 2014. Jason motioned to accept. Bill seconded. Passed 3-0.

Discussed flashing lights on mowers when driving on streets. Luann to check on costs. Mowing crew questioned mowing on the steep sides of the swale in Archbold-Wilson Park. Luann to check to see what these concerns are.

Next meeting on October 6, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

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Bill Dowty of the Ossian Park Board requested permission to proceed with the Disk Golf Course planned for the Archbold-Wilson Park. He reported that each hole would cost approximately \$600. He stated that he is seeking donors for each hole and would not begin construction until all holes are sponsored. He already has a verbal commitment of sponsorship for six (6) or seven (7) holes. Dowty is hoping to start construction in the spring of 2015 and hopes to have a tournament scheduled for 2015 Ossian Days. He said there would be no cost to the town and very minimal maintenance. Hughes-Lazzell moved to grant permission to proceed with the proposed plan. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0 Dowty said he would keep the council informed of the progress of the project.

Town Manager, Luann Martin reported that the electrical work being done at the ball diamonds was going well. They are just waiting on AEP at this time. Neuenschwander stated that dirt for the ball diamonds should be coming soon.

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OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014 6:00 PM

The Ossian Stormwater Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Stormwater Board members present included Tim Miller, President, Rose Barrick, V.P., and Dennis Ramey, Secretary. Also attending: Luann Martin, Town Manager, Bill Miller, Town Council, Glen Werling, The News Banner, Jim Breckler, P.E., of Engineering Resources, Inc., and local residents Jean Daniels, Max E. Daniels, Peggy Cobbum, Richard Tucker, Scot Shady, and Steve Burke.

Minutes Approval ----- Rose made a motion to approve the minutes for the Stormwater meeting held on July 30, 2014, Tim second, vote was 3-0 to approve.

Old Business

Roe St. project -----

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources, Inc., passed out updated work sheets dated August 27, and informed the group that the design engineering is approx. 75 to 80% completed. Luann has additional records for Jim to review and confirm some related items on the project. Jim stated that in two areas the design will include adding two new structures which will avoid needing to replace curbing.

Jim discussed pipe sizing, the numerous utilities that are in the area, etc. It seems that 24" and 30" will be the most logical option for pipe size to connect to the 18" upstream pipe and 30" downstream pipe.

Further discussion on the possibility of picking up the catch basin at Ogden Apts. and running a new pipe down the alley right-of way. This could pipe could be tied into the new section and resolve several old issues. Luann will have a Town crew check elevations in the area and report back to Jim.

The revised preliminary opinion of costs is at \$ 138,900 and includes a \$ 12,000 contingency allowance along with reconnection costs for all existing pipes. Jim also advised that some easement verification will be required and some driveway cuts will be needed. Unit costs versus lump sum pricing was decided to be used for this project by consensus of the group.

As it stands now, this project should get underway next spring. This decision was arrived at the July meeting. Providing there are no major emergency repair issues, the Stormwater account should have the funds to pay for this project when it is completed next spring.

600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area -----

After the July meeting, Luann received requests from homeowners on Shady Lane to investigate including more of the wet swale area on the north side of their properties in the present project which is already in the planning stage. Luann, Jim, and Town staff went to the project site and shot some elevation readings east of the proposed concrete swale and found the fall to be .7%. Jim commented that normally in new construction 1.0% would be the minimum required fall. Three residents from this area were in attendance at the meeting, Richard Tucker, Scot Shady, and Steve Burke to offer input and ask questions about the project.

After much discussion about options, both aggressive and restoring the swale area back to original plan, the plan is to proceed with the concrete gutter and re-establish the swale area approx. 20' wide back to the east. This would include removing some brush and trees prior to re-grading and seeding. Luann will research the easement descriptions to make sure there are no problems with moving ahead with this plan.

Detailed information on the installation and landscape for the original part of this project is included in the May Stormwater minutes. Town Council is aware of this project and has approved the expenses involved with the engineering and concrete gutter on the original plan.

Vactor Truck update-----

Luann informed the group that a bid package is nearing completion and should be available soon to be let for bids. Also, the old Vac truck has been repaired to keep it functioning until it can be replaced.

Maplewood Drive – info from property owners to be posted on aerial map-----

Nothing new to report

Siebold and LaFever Sts.----

Bill Miller reported to the group that after the recent heavy rain, approx. 3.5", some Stormwater did end up running into the swale but did not overrun it. Bill also stated he did not observe any standing water in areas where it used to be common to happen after heavy rains. Time will tell if new field tile installed will continue to be a solution to this previous problem.

Storm Water Budget -----

The August balance in Stormwater Fund is approx.\$ 80,000.00 in checking and \$ 21,000.00 in the emergency/equipment savings fund.

New Business

Update from Town Manager on Projects-----

Peggy Cobbum, 404 W.Roe St. Concerned about water standing in front swale area. Last month, Luann had a crew stop by and check for possible problem, they also tried to knock down a couple of high spots. Luann is going to check into this tomorrow, possible high water usage, doing dye test may be necessary if no other cause can be determined.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary

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Roseann Barrick reported for the Storm Water Board saying that the Roe Street Project will be put on hold until spring of 2015. She stated we will be running out of good weather shortly and they do not want to be working on this in November. Also, that would enable the board to accumulate more money for the project over the winter.

Neuenschwander congratulated Barrick on receiving the Lance Hunter Award this at year at Ossian Days.

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**OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday September 9, 2014**

Members present: Jan Williams, Jim Brewer, Luann Martin, Larry Heckber, Linda Hambrick, Cheryl Laley, Bruce Sonner, Marlyn Koons, Larry Smith, Judy Harkless, Tom Neuenschwander

Members not present: Bob Miller, Kody Kumfer,
Minutes from the August 5, 2014 meeting were approved.

Tom Neuenschwander made the suggestion to the committee that we consider forming a 501C3 non-profit organization. In doing that it would get us away from the Indiana State Board of Account reporting. Jim Brewer will talk to the Wells County Revitalization Foundations to see if we could go under their 501C3. He will also look into the pros and cons of making this change.

Pork Chop Dinner, Thursday, September 4.

866 (\$9. & \$9.50) tickets were sold. After expenses and donations our net profit was \$7,080.77.

Pie Auction: Pie 1 for \$1,300. Purchased by: Ossian State Bank, Perry Gerber Insurance, and Ossian Deli.

Pie 2 for \$1,400. Purchased by: iAB Bank, BKM Real Estate, Energy Control, and Sheriff Monte Fisher.

A list was made of people to thank for their part in helping with this event. Members will send thank you notes to them.

Bruce Sonner made a motion second by Linda Hambrick to give the 5 cans of unopened applesauce to Ossian Health Care.

Ossian Days Parade: Thank you to Linda and Bill Hambrick for putting the float together. We won second place and received a plaque and \$60.

Flower Watering Schedule: no decision was made for the last day for watering. Linda Hambrick, Jan Williams, and Bruce Sonner have been watering them. The Ossian Library does the watering on Mondays.

Steering Committee: Members: Larry Heckber, Marlyn Koons, Brad Pursley, Tim Eldering, Susan Dailey, Bill Dowty, Bob Honegger, Tammy Slater, and Angie Dial.

The next meeting will be Wednesday September 10 at 4:00 at the Town Hall.

Lights on Downtown Buildings: Larry Smith will continue to investigate on what repair is needed and gather quotes.

Downtown Railings: Luann had nothing to report except that it will need to be ADA approved. Linda Hambrick suggested we do what Fort Wayne did on Barr St. She said she would call a friend of hers and get some information on it.

Mainstreet: Marlyn Koons and Linda Hambrick will attend the Mainstreet Meeting in Huntington on September 11 from 9:00 to 3:00.

Other Business:

Jan Williams reported that Bernice Andes donated \$500. to the flower fund as her way of thanking us for the beautiful display of flowering pink blooms lining downtown Ossian. A thank you note will be delivered to her.

Tandem Bike tour stopped at the park for a scheduled break. We would like to know when they come next year and try to do something special to welcome them to Ossian.

At the August meeting Luann distributed the Revitalization expense report. Historically Ossian Town Council has given Revitalization \$2,500 annually, Luann was going to check with Jeannette and the council members to see if that is going to be added for 2014. There was no follow up on this question at the September meeting.

Next Revitalization meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Other dates for your calendar:

Spooktacular Festival at Ossian Health Care October 30

Hometown Christmas, Friday, December 5, 2014

Wine Tasting, Saturday April 25, 2015

Minutes prepared by Jan Williams

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Town Manager, Luann Martin stated “at a recent executive session I presented Council with information concerning Mike Plasterer. Based on that information I recommend the immediate termination of Mr. Plasterer’s employment with the town.” Council President, Brad Pursley said “with regard to the Town Manager’s recommendation I move that Mr. Plasterer be immediately suspended without pay until this matter is resolved and he be notified of council’s intentions to terminate his employment in accordance with the town’s dismissal policy and that a special meeting of the town will be held next Monday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m. to allow council to take final action on the matter.” Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Athena Brickley came before the council to request information about closing the alley behind her house. She also asked if the alley would remain open would the adjacent homeowners be responsible for maintenance or would the town be responsible for paving and maintenance. Attorney, Mike Hartburg stated that the town has no obligation to pave or maintain unimproved alley. The responsibility would remain with the property owners split half and half all the way down the line. He further stated that there are thousands of unimproved alleys within the state of Indiana and the municipalities have control of the alleys. He stated that if a property owner maintains an alley for a number of years ownership does not pass to the property owner, as is sometimes thought. It is believed that there are no utilities or infrastructure located in the alley. Brickley asked about a pipe that was sticking out of the ground with no cap on it. Martin said she would check into the matter.

Neuenschwander moved to accept the resignation of Park Board member, Max Lake. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0 Neuenschwander thanked Lake for all of his time and hard work while on the board.

Martin reported that the price to remove two (2) trees in front of 204 West Mill Street would be \$600-\$700. This would include stump removal. It would be \$260 to just trim them as they are not completely dead. She also had a quote of \$800 to remove two (2) dead trees in Melching Park. Neuenschwander moved to remove all four (4) trees with funds being taken from the Cum. Cap. Development Fund. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Hughes-Lazzell moved to approve the time cards as presented. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Hughes-Lazzell moved to approve claims of \$49941.28 as presented. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Miller moved to adjourn. Neuenschwander seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m

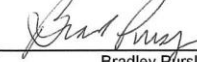
Town of Ossian
Executive Session
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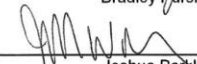
An executive session was called to order at 8:00 p.m.
Time
on Sept. 17, 2014 to discuss (A) To receive information concerning
Date Subject
the individual's alleged misconduct; and (B) to discuss, before a
determination, the individual's status as an employee. . . .

We, the undersigned, certify that no final action was taken on this matter and that no other subjects were discussed.

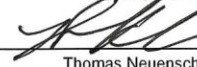
Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm
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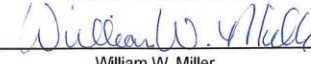
Council Members Present:


Bradley Pursley


Joshua Barkley

Terri Hughes-Lazzell


Thomas Neuenschwander


William W. Miller

Guests Present:


Michael Herberg


Luann Martin

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Special Meeting
September 17, 2014 - 8:30 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. with Josh Barkley, Tom Neuenschwander and Bill Miller present. Terri Hughes-Lazzell was absent.

There were no comments from residents.

Neuenschwander moved that the recommendation received at its September 8th meeting be upheld and that Mr. Plasterer's employment with the town be terminated effective today. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Miller moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting
September 22, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Bill Miller, Josh Barkley and Tom Neuenschwander present. Terri Hughes-Lazzell was absent.

There were no comments from Ossian residents.

Pursley opened the Public Hearing for the 2015 budget at 7:05 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Pursley closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Mike Lautzenheiser, Area Plan Director, presented the revised Flood Plain Ordinances. He informed the council that they can either appoint a member of the council to the Area Plan Commission for the remainder of their term on council, or they can appoint someone outside the council to serve on a yearly basis. He reported that Wells County uses the Federal Ordinances. Barkley moved to approve Ordinance #14-9-6, Area Plan Commission Board Membership Establishing Ordinance; Ordinance #14-9-7, Wells County Zoning Ordinance; Ordinance #14-9-8, Wells County Subdivision Control Ordinance and Ordinance #14-9-9, Wells County Ordinance for Flood Hazard Areas. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Lane Gerber of Trusted Supply Chain Partners presented an SB-1 for approval. Council did not know if it should be a five (5) year or ten (10) year abatement, so it was tabled until the next meeting pending research on the subject.

Town Manager, Luann Martin reported that there is another homeowner requesting to connect to the sewer line outside the town limits on West Mill Street. She said this is a very small private line and maybe the town should look into running a larger line to accommodate the larger load from additional customers. The consensus of the council was to leave it alone at this time because it was not within the town limits. They also concluded that no new customers should be permitted to connect to the line.

Martin stated that the chop saw being used by the town employees seized up. Repairs will be around \$800. Martin also presented prices of \$1196.95 and \$1250 for replacing it with a new saw. Miller moved to purchase a new saw from Tom's Outdoor for \$1196.95. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker, requested permission to purchase six (6) helmets with shields for a total of \$2064. Neuenschwander moved to approve the purchase with a second by Barkley. Passed 4-0

A utility adjustment of \$75.37 was requested for a residence that had a leaking water heater. It was determined by town employees that the water did not go through the town's sewer system. Neuenschwander moved to grant this adjustment. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

It was announced that the Town of Ossian will accept applications for a general maintenance employee between September 24 and October 8, 2014. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years old and have a valid driver's license. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the town website at www.ossianin.com.

Neuenschwander moved to pay claims as presented totaling \$53,833.43. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Miller moved to adjourn. Neuenschwander seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.