

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL** – Regular Meeting  
October 13, 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.

Barkley moved to approve the minutes of the September meetings. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

There were no comments from Ossian citizens.

Clerk-treasurer, Jeannette Dickey presented the 2015 Budget Adoption Ordinance #14-10-1. Neuenschwander moved to adopt the 2015 budget. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

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**OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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, and local residents Tom Somers, 306 Homestead Ave., and Siegfried Schach, 411 Homestead Ave .

**Minutes Approval** ----- Tim made a motion to approve the minutes for the Stormwater meeting held on August 27, 2014, Rose second, vote was 3-0 to approve.

**Old Business**

- Roe St. project ----- The group discussed some details of moving ahead for starting this project in the spring of next year. Easements will be required, Dennis made a motion, Rose second, to hire Stody Assoc. to provide easement documents, including surveys and maps, for seven properties affected by the proposed project. Most of these would be temporary easements. This work would be at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00, 7 x \$200.00 each.

Luann informed the group that Engineering Resources is recommending that bid documents be prepared for this project as the dollar amount could exceed \$150K. Rose made motion to recommend to Council approval of amount not to exceed \$3,400.00 for bid documents and publishing if needed for this project. Tim second, vote was 3-0. Luann will check with Jim Breckler at Engineering Resources to see if reviewing of bid documents is included in this amount. Luann also commented that Jim suggested that the bidding could proceed in November which could be an advantage over waiting until next year.

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.

**Vector Truck update**-----

Luann informed the group that a bid package has been issued. It is expected to have the bids back prior to Oct. 6 and a brief opening meeting to be held by Council on Monday, Oct.6. A follow-up meeting for the Vector Truck Committee will be held sometime later in the week after the bid opening.

- **600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area** -----  
Rose informed the group that representatives from Crosby Excavating and Newell Construction went to this site and offered opinions on alternatives to draining the area versus the proposed concrete gutter/chute. Both contractors agreed that an 8” corrugated tile covered with rock would be a less expensive alternative. The contractors also raised a concern about the concrete heaving and/or breaking down. Rose pointed out that this would put us back in the same situation that we are in now with the rock acting as a collection device for leaves, grass, etc. Also, the concrete would be easier to maintain and clean. The proposed plan is to install 135’ of concrete gutter and re-establish the swale area approx. 20’ wide x approx. 275’ back to the east of the new gutter. 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. Rose requested both contractors to submit estimates for both plans for consideration at next months meeting. 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.

**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 1” rain, there was no apparent excess of water in this area. The final test for this apparent fix could be in winter weather with snow and frozen ground conditions. Time will tell if new field tile installed will continue to be a solution to this previous problem.

**Storm Water Budget -----**

The September balance in Stormwater Fund is approx.\$ 73,743.02 in checking and \$ 24,000.00 in the emergency/equipment savings fund.

**New Business**

**Update from Town Manager on Projects-----**

**Siegfried Schach, 411 Homestead Ave .** Mr. Schach approached the Board with questions about his driveway culvert which has shifted out of level. He wanted to know if this is something the Town would repair. After listening to his situation, the group informed him that since the Town apparently didn’t do any work that would have caused this to happen, it would be his responsibility to repair it. Luann told him we could supply names of contractors who perform this type of work.

**Cindy Romero, 608 N.Melching Dr.** Luann passed out copies of a request to install a storm drain at this residence to help eliminate standing water in the driveway during heavy rain. The discussion included if adding asphalt when paving a few years ago could have contributed to this situation. A sump pump has been used at times to pump the water up to a catch basin in front of an adjacent property. Luann will have this situation checked out.

**Tom Somers, 306 N.Homestead Ave.** Mr. Somers approached the group with some dated pictures. He is requesting that the Town perform some landscaping work on what he feels was not completed to his satisfaction at the time of the work. Luann will investigate and take action if required.

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

**The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.**

**Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary**

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Roseann Barrick reported for the Storm Water Board. Barrick requested expenditure for attorney fees, advertising and for Stody & Associates to handle the easements necessary for the Roe Street Project not to exceed \$4800. Cost of the easements would \$200 per easement for a total of \$1400 which is included in the \$4800. She and Town Manager, Luann Martin will visit the residents to present the easements to them and get the necessary signatures. She further stated that they plan to open bids for this project in late November with work commencing in the spring of 2015. Hughes-Lazzell moved to approve the expenditure. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Tim Ehlerding, Wells County’s Economic Development Director, thanked the council for their hard work with the TIF District and development of the Ossian Industrial Park. Then he announced that a new manufacturing facility, Haldrup, USA, will be coming to Ossian soon. He said they plan to break ground within thirty (30) days and start production by July 1, 2015. Ehlerding also pointed out that the jobs at Haldrup would pay an average of \$23.80 per hour, which is about \$5.00 more than the average Wells County wage. Haldrup is a German company that manufactures agricultural equipment such as planters, combines and mobile lab testing equipment. This will be a five (5) year, thirteen million (\$13,000,000) project with three (3) phases. Phase 1 will be six (6) acres. Phase 2 will be six (6) to ten (10) acres with Phase 3 encompassing the remainder of the twenty five (25) total acres.

Ehlerding stated that Wells County offered three (3) incentives to Haldrup. Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) money will be used for improvements to the property including roads and utilities. There will be a possibility of tax abatements which will be a combination. If they utilize the improvements to their fullest extent then there would probably be no abatement. The third incentive was that the community purchase six (6) acres of land which will be given to Haldrup. Ehlerding stated that this was a deal breaker because other communities were offering similar incentives.

Ossian Development Corporation owns the six (6) acre parcel and is asking the Town of Ossian to contribute \$2000 to the cost. Ehlerding requested a formal commitment tonight and also requested that the Ossian Redevelopment Commission schedule a meeting as soon as possible to start the ball rolling. Barkley moved to pay the \$2000 from existing CEDIT funds. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Roseann Barrick, Vice President of the Ossian Storm Water Board, and Darrell Reynolds, Certified Sewer Operator for the Town of Ossian, recommended the council accept the bid for a vactor truck of \$314,000 submitted by Brown Equipment Company. The total bid was for \$349,000 minus a trade-in value of \$35,000 for the truck the town currently owns. This was the only bid submitted; however, the committee was pleased with the price. Neuenschwander moved to accept the bid. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Ossian State Bank quoted an interest rate of 2.894% for a loan to buy the truck. The committee recommended putting down \$114,000 and finance \$200,000 with \$100,000 to be paid with Cum. Capital Funds and \$14,000 to be split evenly between the water, sewer and storm utilities. The loan period would be five (5) years with monthly payments of \$3584.34. The payments would also be split evenly between the three (3) utilities. This offer will be effective through April, 2015 because that is when delivery of the truck is expected. Neuenschwander moved to accept this financing package. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Town Manager, Luann Martin requested permission to advertise in surrounding newspapers for a general maintenance employee because she did not get adequate responses from the ads so far. Council approved this request by general consensus.

Martin presented an agreement with MediaCom for burial of fiber optic cable within rights of way of the Town of Ossian. Barkley moved to accept this agreement subject to the clause concerning service to the library being deleted. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

An SB-1 application was presented for Trusted Manufacturing. This had been presented at the previous meeting, but council was not sure whether it should be for five (5) or ten (10) years. It was decided it should be five (5) years because the equipment in question was used equipment. Barkley moved to approve the SB-1. Hughes-Lazzell seconded. Passed 5-0

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Martin presented a time line for the annexation of the Archbold-Wilson Park. It stated that hearing notices will be mailed before October 22, 2014 with the First Reading and Public

Hearing to be held December 22, 2015. The Second Reading and Adoption will be on January 26, 2015. No action was required at this time.

Barkley moved to set Trick or Treat hours to be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2014. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin announced leaf pick-up will start October 20 and commence until December 3, 2014. Residents should have leaves at curbside for pick-up. Martin also announced the Fall Clean-up Day to be October 25, 2014. Residents should put large items out for pick-up the night before. Electronic items should be taken to Computer Genius on the same day. There will be no hazardous waste pick-up.

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources reported on the sidewalk installation project. They plan to replace the existing sidewalk on the south side of East Craig Street from Melching Street to Metts Street and on the east side of Metts Street from Craig Street to LaFever Street. Breckler estimated the cost at \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the Craig Street portion and \$20,000 to \$25,000 for the Metts Street portion. Barkley asked if Martin could request that AEP move their pole at the corner of Metts & LaFever because it's in the path of the proposed sidewalk. This work will be done in 2015.

Martin reported that a dead tree at the corner of West LaFever and Norwalt Street needs to be taken down.

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## OSSIAN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE Tuesday October 7, 2014

**Members present:** Jan Williams, Jim Brewer, Luann Martin, Larry Heckber, Linda Hambrick, Cheryl Laley, Marlyn Koons, Larry Smith, Judy Harkless, Bob Miller, Kody Kumfer

**Members not present:** Bruce Sonner, Tom Neuenschwander

Minutes from the September 9, 2014 meeting were approved.

**Fall Festival:** October 30, 5:30 to 8:00 at Ossian Healthcare.

Call Stacey if you can help. Posters will be emailed.

**Downtown Flowers:** Pump to water the hanging baskets is broken so the baskets have been removed from the downtown light poles and stored in the shed.

Committee had a discussion on decorating pots for fall. No decisions were made.

**Wells County Revitalization:** Jim Brewer met with Keith and Suzanne Huffman and Trent Bucher.

We still have a list of questions to be answered. Judy Harkless made a motion seconded by Linda Hambrick that we continue to seek information and table any action until the next meeting.

**Steering Committee- Larry Heckber:** In addition to the steering committee and Revitalization members 25 community people attended the first public meeting. Highest interest was a coffee shop and more restaurant choices. The next steering committee meeting will be October 8 to select focus groups.

November 3 will be the next community meeting will be held at the Methodist Church if it is available. The meeting will focus on the park. HPG will have their architect firm there.

**Lights on Downtown Buildings:** Larry Smith continues to get information on what is needed and gather quotes. We chose to not ask businesses' permission to get on their roofs because of a liability issue. The town would rent a bucket truck to do the job. Larry posed a question that if it takes \$10,000. to do the job, do we want to do it all or in yearly parcels. He will go to the Town Council and ask them if they would be willing to split the cost with us.

**Hometown Christmas December 5, 6:00-7:30**

Members took on various responsibilities to get ready for this event.

**Other Business:** Larry Heckber made a motion second by Jim Brewer that we donate \$200 to the Methodist Church for the use of their kitchen for Pork Chop dinner and gym for public Steering Committee meetings. The motion was voted on and passed. The check will be made out to Judy Schindler who is in charge of the kitchen. Jan Williams will deliver it to her.

Bob Miller gave us information about the Nazarene Church's Pink Pine Campaign to honor cancer survivors and memory of those who died of cancer. Pink ribbons are available to write on names of friends and family and they will hang the ribbons on the Cancer Tree.

Marlyn read a letter of resignation from Bruce Sonner requesting it to be effective immediately. The committee accepted the resignation.

**Next Revitalization meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.**

**Other dates for your calendar:**

Thursday, October 30- Spooktacular Festival at Ossian Health Care

Monday, November 3- Steering Committee Community Meeting at the Methodist Church

Friday, December 5 - Hometown Christmas

Approval of the resignation of a Revitalization Board Member was tabled pending receipt of a resignation letter.

No action was taken on a request for a Utility Adjustment because it was determined that the water did go down the sewer system.

Neuenschwander questioned Stephanie Tucker taking personal time when a full day had already been worked. He did not think overtime should be paid for personal time. Pursley questioned Brian McClish's time card for training in Fort Wayne. He was concerned that the times may be incorrect. Pursley asked if we had a schedule for the training. Dickey said she had gotten an itinerary for the training and the hours did not match what McClish had put on the time card but he had written on the bottom that they had not followed the schedule. Hughes-Lazzell questioned the length of the training time. Pursley said driving time should begin at the town hall not his home. Hughes-Lazzell thought the time would start when the training started. There was some question as to how to handle the situation since the time had already been paid. Dickey told the council that adjustments could be made should Council decide the times were unacceptable. Council tabled the approval of time cards until more information could be obtained concerning the police department time cards. Police Chief, Dave Rigney was not present at the meeting.

Neuenschwander asked about the training charges on the town credit card. Dickey explained the charges were for police training and that training for Scott Kling was paid from the water department. Hughes-Lazzell moved to approve claims of \$97,947.73 as presented. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to adjourn. Neuenschwander seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

Bill Dowty of the Park Board reported that eight (8) disc golf holes had been sponsored so far. He reminded council members and residents of the Park Board meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. They are asking for public input at this meeting.

Dowty then asked everyone to vote for Mike Lewis at the Safeco Insurance Website. Lewis has already earned \$3000 from Safeco for the Ossian Volunteer Fire Department. If everyone votes for him he has a chance to earn up to \$10,500 additional dollars for the Fire Department. Each person can vote once a day from each device until November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Barkley arrived.

Town Manager, Luann Martin presented a bid from Wayne Asphalt to repair utility cuts on East Craig Street, Davis Road, Morton Street and Roe Street. Neuenschwander moved to accept Wayne Asphalt's bid of \$2370. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander moved to pass Resolution #14-10-3, A Resolution Adopting a Fiscal Plan for Provision of Services to Real Estate located in Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 12 East and Proposed to be annexed by the Town of Ossian, Indiana. Barkley seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented an estimate for repair work needed for the 1998 John Deere. Neuenschwander moved to accept the estimate of \$1066.34. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Jim Smith of Republic Services presented a Garbage/Recycling Report for the first ten (10) months of 2014. He stated that the recycling tonnage is growing and that Ossian's percentages are on a par with surrounding communities that Republic serves. He will return in January with a yearly report.

Martin presented quotes from Newell Construction and Pelkington Concrete Works for repairing the driveway at 403 Hickory Lane due to a water main break. Newell's bid was \$1450 to patch the area and \$2900 to repair across the entire driveway, while the Pelkington bid of \$2595 was for the complete width of the driveway. Miller moved to accept the Pelkington Concrete Works bid of \$2595. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

After questioning the Comcast bills Neuenschwander moved to pay claims as presented totaling \$46,647.83. Council asked how many phone lines we had and why the Police Department had separate billing. They also asked if the FAX phone line could be converted to an on line connection to an email address. Martin will look into this. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented a guideline to purchasing local. The council has, on numerous occasions, asked about using local people and businesses instead of going out of town. The memo listed several areas for the council to think about. Discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Barkley moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.