

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting
December 8, 2014 - 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 Bill Miller and Tom Neuenschwander present. Terri Hughes-Lazzell and Brad Pursley were absent.

Neuenschwander moved to approve the November minutes with the correction of a date on page 183. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

There were no comments from Ossian citizens.

Ossian Park Board December 1, 2014

Attendance: Steve Andrews, Bill Dowty, Jason Heckber, and Tim Rohr

- I. Read and approved minutes from meeting on November 3, 2014
- II. Steve has decided to resign effective 12-31-14
- III. Bill stated that we now have 17 checks in hand for sponsorship of the disc golf course. 1 more group has been contacted and are considering a sponsorship. Bill motioned to send \$3,150 to Arachnid Disc Golf Targets. This would be 50% of the total cost of 18 holes. Jason seconded and passed 4-0
- IV. Learned that electrical work has been completed at ball diamond complex.
- V. Reviewed budget information. Learned we have \$847.80 let until the end of the year.
- VI. Next meeting will be on January 5, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

Bill Dowty of the Park Board presented an invoice from Arachnid Disc Golf Targets for sixty three hundred dollars (\$6300) for eighteen (18) disc golf holes. He requested permission to pay half this amount per the agreement with Arachnid. He stated that he has already collected the money and that the balance would be paid in the spring. Neuenschwander moved to approve this expenditure. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 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, Glen Werling of The News-Banner, and Jim Breckler, P.E., of Engineering Resources.

Minutes Approval ----- Tim made a motion to approve the minutes for the Stormwater meeting held on October 29, 2014, Rose second, vote was 3-0 to approve.

Old Business

- Roe St. project ----- Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources, Inc., presented updated plans and bid documents for the Roe St. project. Key points include:
 1. The job will be posted for bid later this winter with a proposed start time of next spring. This should assist in getting the lowest bid prices due to less construction activity going on during the winter.
 2. Jim informed the group that NIPSCO has agreed to lower two main gas lines at their expense. Luann is working with Erik Schlemmer from I&M to relocate an electric pole at the corner of Roe & Homestead Sts.
 3. Joel Hoehn from Stody and Associates, Bluffton, prepared easements (1 permanent and 6 temporary) for the required properties and they have been delivered to Luann. Luann and Rose plan to contact the property owners for signatures prior to the project being posted for bid in late January, 2015. Jim suggested that when contacting the property owners to inform them of their responsibility of replanting any plants and accessories moved due to the project.
 4. As it stands now, this project should get underway next spring. This decision was arrived at earlier this year 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 summer/fall.
 5. Some points from earlier planning include: adding a manhole that Ogden Apts. area could be tied into in the future, and upsizing the manhole adjacent to the Duncan residence to accommodate the new section of 30" pipe. Jim said the estimated price

including these additions would be around \$ 155K, which puts it over the \$ 150K “no bid required status”. He also recommended that the job be let for bids in late January, 2015 to secure the best prices due to winter slowdown in projects. The plan is to open bids at the second monthly Town Council meeting in February.

- **600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area -----** Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources, Inc., presented a concept drawing and some other updated info. After much discussion mostly around how to access the area with equipment, the following points are to be determined:
 - 1. Research if there is a valid easement along the drainage swale between 518 and 604 W.Shady Lane. If there is not, Luann will contact Town Attorney Andrew Carnall to see what is involved with securing one. Jim recommended having 10’ on both sides of the swale.
 - 2. Get an opinion from Town Attorney Andrew Carnall that the Town has adequate easement rights to do the proposed grading and improvements in the swale area.
 - 3. Jim reported that he has received word back from Frontier phone carrier that they agree with lowering their services proposed excavation area. He has not heard back from Comcast or I&M as of yet.
 - 4. Include an optional bid item in the concrete chute spec to install with 5 inch thickness for increased strength. Also, description of landscape restoration, sodding method, etc., is the responsibility of the contractor performing the work.
 - 5. Highlights from previous SW meetings include: 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. Detailed information on 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.

Smith Drain – between Industrial Pkwy & S.R.1---

Jim Breckler, ERI and Luann presented a recommendation from County Surveyor Jerrod Hahn to the group concerning the Smith Drain in the Industrial Park. This proposal is a result of planning for the new Haldrup USA project which announced a new facility to be located in this area. Hahn recommends widening the ditch 15’ by removing dirt from the east side of the bank at a 4 to 1 contour. This will cut into the small piece of ground owned by the Town of Ossian which has the Ossian Industrial Park sign located on it. The purpose of the change is to eliminate the need for installing a retention pond to hold any Stormwater runoff created by the new facility. The increased capacity of the ditch would collect the additional run-off created during heavy rains or snow melts. The ditch is a legal drain and controlled by the County. Since it will cut into Town property, it requires Town Council approval, and Luann suggested the Council may want any input the Stormwater Board may have. The Board as well as Bill Miller, the Council’s representative to the SW Board, had several questions regarding mowing, maintenance, and future requirements which involve budgeting expenses. Luann will pursue getting answers to these questions.

Vactor Truck update----- A review of the financing of the new Vactor Truck is as follows:

1. The original price of \$ 349K minus trade-in of the old equipment resulted in price of \$ 314K. The Town will pay \$ 100K from the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund bringing the balance down to \$ 214K.
2. The Town plans to finance \$ 200K with the Ossian State Bank at a fixed rate of approx. 2.89%. The remaining amount of \$ 14K will be paid from cash from the budgets of Stormwater, Wastewater, and Water Depts. equally. The monthly payments for the \$200K will also be divided 3 ways between the 3 Departments.

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

Nothing new to report

Siebold and LaFever Sts.---- Bill Miller reported that no flooding occurred during the recent heavy rainfall in this area. The recently installed field tile by the farm ground owner continues to apparently resolve the previous issue.

Storm Water Budget ----- The balance in the Stormwater Fund is \$ 81,046.64 and \$ 30,000.00 in the Emergency / Equipment Savings Fund.

New Business

Change of December SW regular meeting--- due to conflicting dates with Christmas and New Year holidays, Tim made a motion to re-schedule the regular monthly SW meeting from December 24 to December 17, 6:00 pm at Town Hall. Rose second, vote was 3-0.

Update from Town Manager on Projects----- Luann reported one concern from a resident on Bittersweet about water standing in his front swale after a heavy rain. In a short period of time the water was gone and the swale performed as it should have.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary

Rose Barrick of the Storm Water Board reported that projects are on hold now due to the weather but the board is working on getting easements and paperwork in order for the Hickory Street and Roe Street Projects in the spring. She invited everyone to attend the Storm Water Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on December 17. This is a week earlier than usual because of Christmas.

Barkley initiated a lengthy discussion of the catch basin on Park Street. No one was sure of where everything was located but Town Manager, Luann Martin said she would look into it with Barrick's help.

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the monthly and year-to-date fuel and mileage report and stated that due to lower gas prices fuel costs have been down. He further stated that Officer McClish had more off-duty miles than the other officers. Rigney explained that McClish lives in the southern part of the county and that his wife works at the Ossian Elementary School. He said McClish drives up once a week to have lunch with his wife at the school. He said this is a benefit to the town because McClish is available at this time if there would be any problem at the school. He also presented the monthly and year-to-date overtime report including the hours worked by the reserve officers. Rigney also clarified how the police hours are worked and calculated, which is different from other employees.

Neuenschwander moved to award a 2% wage increase to all employees except the council. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

Neuenschwander moved to accept the resignation of Steve Andrews, Park Board President. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

There was a discussion of street repairs for 2015. Martin said her recommendation was to pave Mill Street from the railroad tracks to the bridge and Morton Street from Melching Street to Highway 1. There was also some discussion of the concrete on East Mill Street but no action was taken on any of these matters.

Martin announced that town employee, Scott Kling, had passed the tests and received the required certifications to take over the Certified Water Operator position as of January 1, 2015.

Neuenschwander announced that any board or commission members or hopefuls should submit letters of intent to Martin before December 31, 2014. These appointments will be made at the first January meeting.

Neuenschwander moved to approve the November time cards. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

Neuenschwander moved to approve claims of \$32,457.46 as presented. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Town of Ossian
Executive Session
Ossian Town Hall - 507 N. Jefferson

An executive session was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
Time
on December 22., 2014 to discuss 2B - Initiation of litigation or litigation
Date Subject
that is pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm
Time

Council Members Present:

Bradley Pursley
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Joshua Barkley
Joshua Barkley
Terri Hughes-Lazzell
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Thomas Neuenschwander
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William W. Miller
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Guests Present:

James P. Fenton
Luann Martin

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

There were no comments from Ossian residents.

Jim Fenton, attorney for the town in a pending lawsuit, presented a proposed settlement for the previously mentioned suit. Hughes-Lazzell moved to accept this proposal. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to adopt Ordinance #14-12-1 to set the compensation of Ossian employees for 2015. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Town Manager, Luann Martin, presented an agreement allowing Wells County to make improvements to the WM Smith open drain and also to assign future maintenance of the ditch to Wells County, with the exception of mowing. Neuenschwander moved to accept this agreement. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey administered the Oath of Office to Josh Barkley and Bill Miller. Barkley and Miller were elected to a four (4) year term in the November 2014 election.

Neuenschwander moved to pay claims of \$125,629.01. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented a list of equipment along with tentative plans for repairs and/or replacement. There was little discussion at this time.

Pursley reminded all residents that letters of intent for any of the 2015 committee/board openings must be submitted by December 31, 2014.

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.