

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL** – Regular Meeting  
June 8, 2015 - 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, Bill Dowty and Tom Neuenschwander present.

Neuenschwander moved to approve the minutes of the May meetings. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

There were no questions or comments from Ossian residents.

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**Ossian Park Board Minutes June 1, 2015**

Attendance: Joe Lewis, Ashley Harmon, and Tim Rohr

- I. Read and approved minutes from meeting on May 18, 2015
- II. Jeanette Dickey here presenting budget numbers. Jeanette explained questions about charges being billed to Park Department.
- III. Discussed Indiana Regional Cities Initiative First Steps. This is a plan by the state to put a trail through Ossian connecting the parks. IRCI has submitted that Ossian is interest in possibly getting a grant to start a trail connecting all the Ossian Parks.
- IV. Ball diamond issue will be tabled until next meeting.
- V. The new ball diamond line marker is in and is working well.
- VI. Learned that some trees in Archbold-Wilson Park have diseases and will need to be treated.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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John Nussbaum represented Berne Apparel and H&N Properties in their request for tax abatement. Barkley moved to accept both the CF-1 forms presented. Miller seconded.

Passed 5-0

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**OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015**

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 – Sec'y. Also attending: Luann Martin, Town Manager, Glen Werling of The News-Banner, and Bill Dowty, Town Council.

**Minutes Approval ----- Correction to include Homestead Ave. easements status, page 1 of April 29, 2015 Stormwater minutes.**

Rose made a motion to approve the minutes, with the added correction, for the Stormwater meeting held on April 29, 2015, Tim second, vote was 3-0 to approve.

**Old Business**

- **Smith Drain – Haldrup Inc., Industrial Park -----** Luann reported nothing new has been decided.
- **Homestead Ave. easements -----** Luann reported there is 1 easement remaining to be signed.
- **Roe St. project-----** tentative start date is July 1 for this project, 1 easement remaining to secure .
- **600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area -----** Luann reported the area is starting to dry up some, crew has been draining the sump holes installed to collect water and they connected a temporary pipe to drain Brad's water discharge away from the ditch area. Rose and Jim have talked with Shady and Lampton concerning access through their properties. Shady wasn't sure where the property stakes are located. Luann said she would have crew try to locate them.
- **Vactor Truck-----** Luann informed the group that the new truck has been in use and everyone seems very happy with it.
- **Siebold and LaFever Sts.**-No problems reported this month.

- **Storm Water Budget -----** With the down payment of \$ 4,666.66 transferred from Savings to Checking Acct. the approx. balances are \$ 43,356.07 in Savings and \$ 121,217.72 in Checking Acct.
- **901 Park St.-----** Luann will have the basin checked out and cleaned as soon as possible, weather permitting.
- **Depot & Mill Sts.-----** Luann reported the Town crew found a water line leak and an old drainage pipe which was dry upstream. The 1" line is repaired and back to normal. AEP was contacted about removing a pole apparently setting in tile. They will move light to another pole and remove this pole.

### New Business

- **Steve Jones, 613 Oakdale Dr.-----** Crew went out to locate existing SW drain and it was deeper than thought. Mr.Jones has been notified about the depth. Luann provided sketches of the Stormwater drain approximate location to Mr. Jones at the April meeting. This is on hold until we hear back from Mr. Jones.
- **Larry Lundeen, 519 Hickory Lane-----** Rose and Luann reported that property owner had contacted them about trees in easement area ditch blocking water movement adjacent to his home. Discussion ensued about ownership, future needs, etc.

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

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

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary

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Rose Barrick reported for the Storm Water Board, stating that they have one (1) more easement to obtain for the Roe Street Project. The start date is the first week of July with a projected completion date sometime in August.

No other committees reported.

Council President, Brad Pursley opened the two (2) bids for the lining of eight (8) manholes and some work on others as follows:

Front Range Environmental	Base Bid	\$35,075	Alternate	\$ 3,335
Curly Contracting	Base Bid	\$26,600	Alternate	\$ 2,160

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources will evaluate the bids and make a recommendation at the next council meeting.

Breckler and Dennis Frederickson recommended that Mill Street, between the railroad tracks and Siebold Street, be built up and widened at the edges. The pavement in this area is thin at the edges and thick in the middle causing the edges to crumble. Apparently, when the street was milled for a project last year it was cut too thin at the edges. Neither, the engineers nor the asphalt company realized this at the time. Engineering Resources offered to deduct two thousand (\$2000) from the engineering cost of this year's project because of this oversight.. Wayne Asphalt agreed to make the necessary repairs at a reduced cost of seventy one hundred dollars (\$7100.) Frederickson will get a quote from Wayne Asphalt to repair east of the railroad tracks in the same manner and pave four (4) feet into Energy Control's parking lot. Frederickson said he would work out a timetable with Energy Control, since it will interrupt their business. Barkley moved to have the above work done and pay for the extra cost with CEDIT funds. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented a quote from Wayne Asphalt to mill and repave two (2) small sections of Countryside Drive and several spots where water breaks had occurred on Millside Court, LaFever Street, and Depot and Egber street. Barkley moved to accept these additions at a cost of fifteen thousand fifty dollars (\$15,050.) Neuenschwander seconded . Passed 5-0

Pursley opened bids for the F700 dump truck with plow attached and salt spreader as follows:

Chuck Moughler	\$ 5,500
Greg Miller	\$ 6,700
Ranger Material	\$10,000
Dan Sherrer	\$ 5,550
Doug Klefeker	\$ 7,600

Town Manager Luann Martin stated that the purchaser must sign an Asset Purchase Agreement upon payment and delivery of the asset. Barkley moved to accept the \$10,000 bid from Ranger Material. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley reported that he had been approached by an Ossian resident who had, apparently, been unable to sign up for the sprinkling credit within the allotted time. Pursley felt that the customer should be given the benefit of the doubt since the customer was having some computer issues. Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey, asked why he had waited until ten (10) days after the deadline of May 15 before calling. Dickey further stated that the deadline had been running on the sign in front of the town hall and had been posted on the town website for four (4) months prior to the May 15 deadline and that a reminder had been printed on two (2) of the monthly utility bills. After some discussion Martin suggested they extend the deadline to June 15, but pointed out that those customers signing up late would forfeit the first month's credit, as that cycle has already began. Dickey asked if this would be every year or just this year. Barkley replied that the deadline would be May 15 next year and no exceptions would be made. Barkley then moved to set the deadline at June 15 for this year. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Neuenschwander moved to approve time cards as presented. Dowty seconded.  
Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to approve claims of \$169,885.69 as presented. Miller seconded.  
Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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June 22, 2015 - 7:00 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, Josh Barkley, Bill Dowty and Tom Neuenschwander present.

There were no comments from Ossian residents.

Jim Smith of Republic Services announced the Ossian Clean-up Day as Saturday, June 27, 2015. He reminded citizens that electronic items will not be collected. These items may be taken to Bluffton or Fort Wayne. He said latex paint may be dried up with kitty litter in order to be picked up, but not oil based paint.

Ryan Chasey and Heather Presley-Cowan of High Performance Government and Kody Kumfer of Ossian Revitalization presented the Ossian 20 Year Plan for approval. Chasey stated that this is a long-term vision for the whole community – not just the park, necessary in order move on with funding quests. The Ossian Park Board has already approved the plan. Barkley expressed some reservation regarding the housing portion of the plan, saying it was too expensive for Ossian and that the downtown buildings should be brought up to code before building new ones. After some discussion, Neuenschwander moved to approve the plan. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Kumfer reminded all of the Freedom Fest June 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Ossian Healthcare.

Larry Heckber of Ossian Revitalization began a discussion of the railing downtown. There were additional plans presented for bicycle racks all the way down the street instead of the railing previously suggested. Town Manager, Luann Martin reminded everyone of the ADA requirements and of the insurance requirements. Martin offered to order one (1) rack in order to visualize how it would look. Barkley asked Martin to get a quote for installation from Liter Concrete, who is doing our sidewalk project. Barkley moved to approve the purchase of no

more than ten (10) bike racks from Dero Playcore Co. not to exceed five thousand (\$5000) dollars, including installation. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley presented information in regard to the street paving project for 2015. He stated the needs east and west of the railroad tracks on Mill Street as follows: West of the tracks on the north side of the street four (4) feet into Energy Control's parking lot would be paved. West of the tracks on the south side of the street would be paved 2 feet out from the edge.

East of the tracks would be paved two (2) feet out on both the north and south sides of Mill Street.

Barkley stated that there are some drainage issues in this area causing some of the deterioration, which need to be corrected. The cost of the additional work is estimated at seventy nine thousand nine hundred twenty five (79,925) dollars, including twelve thousand (12,000) dollars for the drainage work. There is still approximately thirty one thousand (31,000) dollars remaining of the original appropriation. Barkley moved to have the additional work done, using CREDIT money for the amount exceeding our 2015 appropriation. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to award the bid of for manhole lining to Culy Contracting per Engineering Resources recommendation. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin reported that Engineering Resources inspected the State Road 1 entrance to the Sandalwood Addition after it flooded during the recent rains. Finding no permanent damage to the road, it was opened for use. Martin also reported that several power outages. She said she will look into having the electrical wires on Davis Road buried. There is also a need to have a permanent generator on the Davis Road lift station because of the nursing home. She said the street closings were handled very well by Ossian employees.

Martin further stated that there was no interruption of service at the sewer plant due to the high water. She also expressed the need to revamp all the lift stations to accommodate the same portable generator but, that we would need more than one (1) generator to service multiple lift stations in a crisis situation. She stated that we already have three (3) automatic generators in place for the wells and a portable generator, which would keep the town supplied with water in an emergency. The Sewer Committee will meet this week to discuss some of these matters and report back to the council.

Neuenschwander moved to approve claims of \$115,326.49 as presented. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.