

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

September 14, 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.

Council President, Brad Pursley opened the Public Hearing for the 2016 budget. There being no comments or questions from the residents in attendance, Pursley closed the hearing.

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

Ossian resident, Mike Sponseller, asked if the council had reached a decision about the Rigney situation. Pursley replied that they have been talking with legal counsel and have no answers as of yet. Sponseller said - that's not good enough. Barkley replied – that's all we have at this point. Kevin Pritchard accused council of stalling until Dave runs out of time and called the handling of the situation ridiculous. Sponseller said they don't want to go to the Marshall system because of the pension changes. They want police commissioners who will do what's best for Ossian. Barkley stated that Ossian would not be going to the Marshal system. Pursley closed the discussion.

Eventt Norris reported for the fire department, asking about the hydrant rent. The hydrant rent increased this year due to the number of hydrants increasing. Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey explained that hydrant rent is set by ordinance at two hundred fifty six (\$256) dollars per hydrant, so it cannot be changed. This fee is split between the town and the fire department. Town Manager, Luann Martin said the previous counts were most likely not correct. The counts, made in October 2014 and April 2015 were made by two different people and matched.

Police Chief, David Rigney presented mileage and overtime reports for August. He also presented a letter of resignation from Officer Hunt to the council.

Rigney reported that Innovative Concepts had gotten final information required to install new computers in the cars. He said installation will begin next week with completion of one (1) car per day.

Rigney asked for guidance in covering the shifts of Officer Hunt, who accepted a position with the Wells County Sheriff's Department. He said he will not attempt to cover hour for hour because it would be too costly. Neuenschwander and Miller both told him to just do the best he can. Rigney said he will send a schedule to Sheriff, Monte Fisher, so they can co-ordinate coverage with the county.

Rigney asked what the council thought about selling the old laptops in order to recoup some of the cost of the new ones. They suggested he consult Innovative Concepts about this possibility.

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OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015

The Ossian Stormwater Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Stormwater Board members present included Tim Miller - President, and Rose Barrick - V.P. Dennis Ramey – Sec'y was absent due to family illness. Also attending: Luann Martin - Town Manager, Bill Miller -Town Council, Jim Breckler - ERI, Glen Werling - The News-Banner, and local resident Amanda Hakes – 619 Millside Ct.

Minutes Approval ----- Tim made a motion to approve the minutes for the Stormwater meeting held on July 29, 2015, Rose second, vote was 2-0 to approve.

Old Business

- Smith Drain – Haldrup Inc., Industrial Park ----- Luann reported nothing new has been decided.
- Roe St. project----- Jim reported that project is nearing completion, pipe and manholes are in including the new section connecting Ogden Place apartments to the new line on Roe St. There is a lot of cleanup left to do and Luann said she plans to check ground conditions before grass seeding is completed. As for other landscape restoration work, Jim said there are pictures to use for reference.

Group discussed the concern that a couple of manholes appear to be too high and one appears to be too low. Jim is going to ask Wisel to check elevation of these items to verify they are correct.

A question was asked about where Wisel stopped and the Town crew started on setting another manhole and Luann informed the group the Wisel's work stopped at the sidewalk. The Town is going to repair the sidewalk and driveway in Ogden Place as it

was related to work the Town was involved with. During the discussion it was also pointed out that several ties between storm and sanitary were discovered on the system. Bill said that these were probably connected years ago when it was not an issue for storm and sanitary to run together. Correcting this will reduce the amount of Stormwater going to the Wastewater Plant which reduces operating expenses long term. Completion date for this project is September 11, 2015.

- Drainage Ditch west of Rose Ann Heights----- Rose reported that she and Jim Breckler recently walked the area to see what condition the ditch is in. Jim passed out pictures and maps of the area for reference. Most of the property is owned by Norfolk Southern R.R. After some discussion, Rose made a motion, Tim second, to have ERI draft a letter on Town letterhead and forward by email to the R.R. public projects contact to inquire what their policy is. Jim will also contact Town Attorney by conference call to inquire about whom is responsible for the maintenance of the ditch and various other related questions.
- 600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area ----- Luann reported last month that this project is temporarily on hold as the area is still too wet to start. Rose stated that when her and Jim walked the ditch on the west side of Rose Ann Heights, they also walked over to view this swale area and how wet it is. This generated an idea of possibly hiring a landscape contractor to do part of the required work as they would likely have some smaller equipment capable of getting in and out much easier. Contacts for bids may follow.
- Sandalwood----- Homeowner reported a problem with Stormwater in the area of his property. Bill was familiar with the past history of this issue which may have been caused by inadequate planning of the real estate developer, said to be Ideal Suburban Homes. Sometime in the past, Bill recalled responding to a call in this area on a Sunday morning when the water was running full stream and appeared to be a water main leak. As it turned out the Stormwater was running from an exposed 4" tile. After a discussion exploring options, it was agreed that Luann will call Ideal Suburban to inquire if they have prints of the subdivision showing Stormwater drains and if they are willing to correct any problem areas related to common grounds owned by them.
- Siebold and LaFever Sts.- Luann reported that the parking area at this location has been paved with asphalt to prevent future washouts.
- Storm Water Budget ----- 8/26/2015 Report Balances are \$ 47,476.07 in Savings and \$ 100,279.42 in Checking Acct.
- Steve Jones, 613 Oakdale Dr.----- Nothing new to report this month. Last month, Luann reminded him to notify the Town to approve the connection in front of his home before closing the trench.
- Mike Fisher, 605 N.Jefferson St.----- Town crews have been too busy to complete connections on this project. Last month, after group discussion, all parties were satisfied with plan for new section of pipe to be installed from Mr. Fischer's property across Town lot and into existing junction.
- Kyle Selking, 104 N. Bunn St.----- Nothing new to report
Amanda Hakes, 619 Millside Ct.----- Amanda came to the Board to report back on situation. She has sent letter but hasn't heard anything back yet from Parent Corp. The Health Dept. has already been notified by one of the neighbors seeking to resolve the issues. Bill recommended turning the issue over to our Town Attorney to determine if this situation is in violation of any Town Ordinances.

New Business

- Update from Town Manager on Projects-----
- Other business pertaining to the Ossian Storm Water Management Board

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

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey, Secretary

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Rose Barrick reported for the Storm Water Board saying that the Roe Street Project is complete all but the final billing. She stated that they are just waiting for the final report on the storm portion of the water project and then they will start putting aside money for next year's projects.

Kody Kumfer and Larry Heckber of the Ossian Revitalization Committee presented a proposal to the council to put Scotchlite lettering on the back of the town signs on both the north and south ends of the town saying 'TIL WE MEET AGAIN... They had looked into solar lights but found them to be more expensive and they would need more maintenance. Neuenschwander moved to accept this proposal at a cost of twenty three hundred fifty six dollars and forty cents (\$2356.40.) Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Heckber asked about a decision on the downtown railings. He stated that the committee was not in favor of the black u-shaped devices that had been tentatively approved. Council

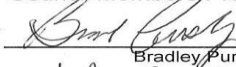
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507 Warren Street, Huntington, IN

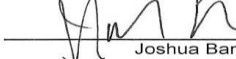
An executive session was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
Time
on Sept. 24, 2015 to discuss 2B - Initiation of litigation or
Date Subject
litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.

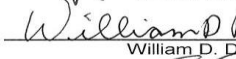
We, the undersigned, certify that no final action was taken on this matter and that no other subjects were discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30
Time

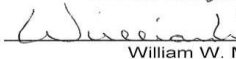
Council Members Present:


Bradley Pursley


Joshua Barkley


William D. Dowty


Thomas Neuenschwander


William W. Miller

Guests Present:


Michael Hartburg, Attorney

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting
September 28, 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.

Pursley read the following statement prepared by Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg:

“On or around August 27, 2015, a Notice of Charge of Discrimination was received by the Town. It is my understanding that the EEOC is required to provide notice even before a signed Charge of Discrimination has been filed. At the EEOC’s request, the Town attorney has filed his appearance in the matter and all further communications from the EEOC will be provided to him.

Given this development, the Town attorney has advised Council to not publically address any Town personnel matters until the matters before the EEOC have reached a conclusion.

I have invited the Town attorney to Council’s next meeting on October 12th to make a brief statement.”

Ray Gage asked the name of the attorney. Pursley replied – Mike Hartburg.

Neuenschwander moved to adopt the 2016 budget as presented and advertised. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Mike Gerber presented a request for a tax abatement for a new machine costing \$75,000. Neuenschwander moved to grant the ten (10) year abatement. Barkley seconded. Passed 5-0

Kody Kumfer, representing Ossian Revitalization, presented a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by Revitalization, Town Council and Park Board. Since the council had not seen this prior to the meeting, they tabled it until the next meeting. Neuenschwander asked Town Manager, Luann Martin to get Hartburg’s opinion on this.

Martin presented bids for downtown sidewalk sealing as follows:

Pelkington for 7884 Sq. Ft.	\$3530.00
Lawnworks for 6900 Sq. Ft.	\$3795.00

Council requested that Martin see why there was a difference in the square footage and also to see if Lawnworks could provide the necessary insurance coverage. No action was taken.

Bonnie David, an Ossian resident, asked if a street light could possibly be installed at the corner of Zurcher and Morton, stating that it was awfully dark in that area. Martin will look into the situation.

Barkley moved to set Trick or Treat hours at 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2015. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 5-0.

Neuenschwander moved to approve claims of \$154,563.31 as presented. Miller seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to adjourn. Neuenschwander seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.