

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Special Meeting**  
December 10, 2015 - 1:00 p.m. Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with Council members Bill Dowty and Tom Neuenschwander present. Bill Miller and Josh Barkley were absent. Also attending were Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources, Town Manager, Luann Martin and Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey.

Pursley opened the bid for the UV Disinfection System at the sewer plant as follows:  
Trojan Technology for equipment only                      \$178,000

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources will review the bid and make a recommendation to Council at the regular council meeting on December 14.

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Town of Ossian  
Executive Session  
207 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

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Time  
on December 10, 2015 to discuss 2B - Initiation of litigation or  
Date Subject  
litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:15  
Time

Council Members Present:

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Bradley Pursley  
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Joshua Barkley  
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William D. Dowty  
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Thomas Neuenschwander  
[Signature]  
William W. Miller

Guests Present:

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- Mike Hartburg  
- Robert Keen

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting**  
December 14, 2015 - 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, Bill Dowty and Tom Neuenschwander present. Brad Pursley was absent.

Neuenschwander moved to approve the minutes of the November meetings. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Lynn Lipp, an Ossian resident presented information on criteria for selecting Police Commissioners. He said everything he found is very vague, but that some larger towns required a degree in criminal justice. He didn't think that would work for Ossian because it would eliminate nearly everyone in Ossian. Council stated that all they really need to do is follow the state statute on the matter. The subject of increasing the Police Commissioners from three (3) members to five (5) members was brought up. There was a brief discussion, but no action was taken.

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker requested the purchase of an ice rescue truck for the fire department. He reported that the existing truck is in need of extensive repairs and because it is thirty (30) years old, he didn't think putting several thousand dollars into it would be a wise investment. Fenstermaker said he had checked with Kelley Chevrolet in Fort Wayne and they could sell us a forty seven thousand dollar (\$47,000) Chevrolet Silverado with crew cab for twenty nine thousand dollars (\$29,000). Barkley asked if he had checked with Mike Anderson because they may have access to the same program. Fenstermaker said he had not checked with them, but he would do so tomorrow morning.

Council asked what fund the money could be taken from. Fenstermaker suggested the LOIT Public Safety Fund. Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey stated that none of the Town funds had that much money appropriated for 2015 and if they wanted to spend LOIT money for it they would need to do an additional appropriation for 2016. She further stated that this could not be done until the 2016 budget had been approved by the state. Fenstermaker said he had arranged for a short term loan from the Ossian State Bank until the funds could be released. Neuenschwander moved to approve thirty one thousand (\$31,000) dollars for the purchase of the ice rescue truck to be paid from the LOIT Public Safety Fund. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney gave his monthly overtime and fuel report.

Rigney then reported they had received fifteen (15) applications for the opening for a patrolman. He said they had done agility testing on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, which eliminated 3 of them and a written test had eliminated three (3) more candidates, leaving nine (9). Rigney stated that background checks and interviews for these would begin shortly. He said the next academy would be held from March to June 2016 and field training cannot be started until after they have attended the academy.

Rigney reported that the new computers for the police cars are in the process of being installed. Officer Tucker's computer installation has been completed with the others following shortly.

Rose Barrick of the Storm Water Board announced that their December meeting would be moved up to January 13 because of Christmas and that will be the only meeting in January. She reported that Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources would get permission from the Rail Road to have the elevations done along the railroad track.

Kody Kumfer of the Revitalization Committee told council that revitalization had voted to contribute forty three hundred seventy five (\$4375) dollars toward the downtown railing that will be installed in early 2016.

Angie Dial of Ossian Rolls asked permission to do a Donut Drop at the ball diamond on New Year's Day. She stated that the Donut Drop would be at noon with other activities beginning at 11:00 a.m. and continuing after the Donut Drop. Neuenschwander moved to allow this activity. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0 with Dowty abstaining.

Dial then asked permission to hold a 1.25 mile Love Walk/Run on the Lenny Gerber Walking Trail on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Neuenschwander moved to allow this activity with a second from Miller. Passed 3-0 with Dowty abstaining.

Neuenschwander moved to allow a picnic table to be installed in the Archbold-Wilson Park. Council member, Bill Dowty has already raised the money for this. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0 with Dowty abstaining.

Council Vice-President, Josh Barkley opened bids for the snow plow (item #1) and the salt spreader (item #2) as follows:

Snow Plow	\$490	Dave Lowe
	\$512	Ron Terry
	\$600	Greg Swaim
	\$500	H & H Fencing, LLC
	\$1551	R & M Landscaping
	\$700	Oetting, Inc.
Salt Spreader	\$385	Dave Lowe
	\$800	Brad Thiele

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\$2501	R & M Landscaping
\$700	Oetting, Inc.

Neuenschwander moved to accept the bid from R & M Landscaping for both items. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources presented a bid for one hundred seventy eight thousand (\$178,000) dollars from Trojan Technologies of London, Ontario, Canada for the equipment for the UV Disinfection System at the sewer plant. The bid had been opened at a special meeting on December 10, 2015. Breckler said this is the only bid, but it's a very good one since we had estimated the cost to be around two hundred twenty five thousand (\$225,000) dollars. It includes a twelve (12) month warranty. Neuenschwander moved to accept the bid and Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Breckler presented bids, opened at the November 9 council meeting, for the generator at the Davis Road Lift Station as follows:

Furhman Electric	\$59,000	Alternate \$2,495
Two Brothers Generator Sales & Svc.	\$59,369	Alternate 0

Neuenschwander moved to accept the Bid from Furhman Electric. Miller seconded Passed 4-0 Breckler then introduced change order #1, which reduced the original bid by eighty three hundred fifty (\$8350) dollars. Neuenschwander moved to accept this change order with a second from Dowty. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander extended a thank you to all of the sewer committee for doing such a commendable job with all of the sewer difficulties.

Martin presented Ordinance #15-12-1 An Ordinance Amending Title IX of the Town Code of Ordinances to Include Chapter 96 – Structure Address Numbering and Amend Section 35.04 – Schedule of Offenses. Barkley asked the history of this ordinance. Martin explained that Police, Fire, EMS, Town employees, and even, East of Chicago Pizza had expressed frustration in locating residences in Ossian. Neuenschwander moved to adopt Ordinance #15-12-1. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

The Wells County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented. This had been presented at the November 9, 2015 regular council meeting. Council, at that time, asked if any other Wells County Entities had approved the plan. Martin did not know, so Council tabled it. Martin stated that Ossian is the last to adopt the plan. Neuenschwander moved to adopt the Wells County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Ordinance #15-12-2. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey, presented a revised Salary Ordinance per council's request at the November 9 meeting. Miller moved to adopt the new version of the Salary Ordinance #15-12-3. Dowty seconded. Passed 3-0 with Neuenschwander abstaining.

A revised version of The Ossian Employee Handbook was presented for approval. This revised version was drafted by Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg. Miller moved to adopt this new version. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to appoint Dan Baumgartner to represent Ossian on the Wells County Area Plan Commission. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented two (2) requests for utility adjustments. One for \$47.82 and one for \$159.18. She pointed out that both of these met the criteria for adjustment. Neuenschwander moved to grant both adjustments. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Lynn Lipp asked if there was anything that could be done about a large amount of junk located at a particular property. Martin stated that we have an ordinance prohibiting this and agreed to check into it if Lipp could give her the address of the offending property.

Dowty moved to approve time cards as presented. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Miller moved to approve claims of \$164,998.86 as presented. Neuenschwander seconded. Passed 4-0

Council canceled the December 28 meeting as long as no essential business comes up before that date. Council expressed appreciation to Tom Neuenschwander for his three (3) years of service to the Ossian Community.

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

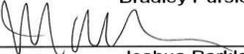
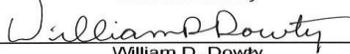
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Guests Present:

  
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**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting**  
December 28, 2015 - 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 Dowty, Bill Miller and Tom Neuenschwander present. Brad Pursley was absent. Barkley explained that Pursley's mother was ill and Pursley was at the hospital with her.

Barkley read a letter from Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg regarding the pending resignation of Police Chief, Dave Rigney, in which Hartburg recapped the events since July 27, 2015 and recommended the council take no action regarding Rigney's resignation. Neuenschwander moved to accept and implement Hartburg's recommendation. Miller seconded. Passed 4-0

Neuenschwander moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

**OSSIAN STORMWATER BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

The Ossian Stormwater Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Stormwater Board members present included Rose Barrick - V.P., and Dennis Ramey – Sec'y. Tim Miller - President, was absent. Also attending: Luann Martin - Town Manager, Jim Breckler, PE at ERI, Kevin Pritchard, 510 Brenden Way and Glen Werling -The News-Banner.

Minutes Approval ----- Rose made a motion to approve the minutes for the Stormwater meeting held on September 30, 2015, Dennis second, vote was 2-0 to approve.

Old Business

- Smith Drain – Haldrup Inc., Industrial Park ----- After reviewing the lack of progress on the improvements to accommodate the new Haldrup facility, Luann suggested the Town send a letter to the Wells County Drainage Board requesting an update on the status. Rose made a motion to recommend, Dennis second, vote was 2-0 approving the action.
- Roe St. project----- Jim and Luann reported Wisel has been paid and the Town has a one year guarantee of satisfaction as far as additional items that may come up needing attention . Also they will be back in spring to seed a couple of places and repair a few sinkholes. Luann commented that we still need to obtain 2 easements for the new section of line to Ogden Apts.
- 600 block between Shady Lane and Bittersweet and adjacent area ----- Luann requested Outdoor Concepts in Bluffton to have one of their Representatives attend tonight’s meeting if possible to discuss Jim’s design for the project. They could then field check it and present a price to complete the project. No-one was able to attend.
- 510 Sandalwood----- Jim presented his research info on this situation. See Jim’s ERI report to ” Stormwater Board Meeting 18 November2015 .“ Additional discussion included talking to the property owner about disconnecting down spouts from perimeter drain and have them disperse onto the ground. Luann will talk to home-owner about situation.
- 519 Hickory Lane, Rose Ann Heights / Railroad Drainage---- Jim presented an updated copy of email correspondence with Norfolk Southern R.R. concerning the scope of work being considered in clearing the ditch located on R.R. property. Jim has also been corresponding with Mike Hartburg, Town of Ossian Attorney to review Drainage Board Rights & Responsibilities.
- Jim updated the group with the following points: See Jim’s ERI report to “Stormwater Board Meeting 18 November2015 .“

Rose informed the group that a recent conversation with Mr. Lipp provided info that he will be visiting a friend who works for the RR and may be able to provide some additional contacts for the project. Mr. Lipp and another neighbor have been working on clearing some of the debris in the ditch area behind their properties.

- Siebold and LaFever Sts.----- Bob Williams spoke to Luann about concern with backwater issue during heavy rains. Bob will plan to attend future meeting.
- Storm Water Budget ----- 11/17/2015 Report Balances are \$ 50,556.07 in Savings and \$ 27,120.63 in Checking Acct. These balances reflect the recent payment to Wisel.
- Steve Jones, 613 Oakdale Dr.----- waiting to hear from owner.
- Amanda Hakes, 619 Millside Ct.----- Luann learned that property owner is going to have drainage line connected to SW catch basin. Waiting to hear from owner.
- Kyle Selking, 104 N. Bunn St.-- Pending, owner has been informed. Luann will send letter.

New Business

- Update from Town Manager on Projects-----
- Kevin Pritchard, 510 Brenden Way----- Kevin requested approval for attaching new 4” drainage pipe into Town catch basin. After discussion Rose made motion to approve, Dennis second, 2-0 approved. Will call Luann to have connection verified for seal.
- Add some additional pipe onto the new pipe in the park to eliminate small sinkholes.
- Other business pertaining to the Ossian Storm Water Management Board
- Budget Priorities for future----- The group had brain-storming session about unfinished projects. It was decided that after more info is available from Wastewater studies and a general discussion among all interested parties, Jim will construct some type of priorities list as a guide for the future Stormwater projects.
- Rescheduling of the next meeting---- After group consensus, Rose made motion to re-schedule next regular meeting to January 13, 2016, Dennis second, vote was 2-0 approved. Also, prior to opening of next meeting, nominations for Officers for 2016 and selection of regular monthly meeting time, place, and date for 2016.

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

The next regular re-scheduled meeting for the Stormwater Board will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Ramey Secretary

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**Ossian Park Board**  
**December 7, 2015**

Attendance: Jason Heckber, Phil Horton, Ashley Harmon, Joe Lewis, and Tim Rohr

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on November 2, 2015
2. Angie Dial here representing Ossian Rolls. They would like to sponser a donut drop on January 1, 2016 at ball diamonds. Would like to use the concession stand for food sales. A crane to be on left baseline for donut drop. Event from 11am to 1pm. Proceeds to go back to revitalization earmarked for Ossian Parks. Fees to use facility to be waived due to proceeds going back to park department. Ossian Rolls would like to have an event one time each month. Joe motioned to approved. Phil seconded. Passed 5-0.
3. Ossian Rolls February event to be a Love Walk/Run, on the walking trail. This will be on February 13, 2016 at 10am. Registration to be \$10 per person. Proceeds to go back to revitalization earmarked for Ossian Parks. Joe motioned to allow usage of trail for this event. Phil seconded. Passed 5-0. The concession stand will be used at this event.
4. Dirt has been delivered to minor league diamond by Mike Baker. Twenty-four loads were brought in.
5. New doggie cans are needed around walking trail. Tabled until next year.
6. Two Girl Scout members interested in projects in the parks. They may be here in January with their ideas.
7. Next meeting Monday January 4, 2016.
8. Adjourned at 8:24pm.