

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

February 13, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council Vice-President, Brad Pursley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Bill Dowty and Renee Sweeney present. Barkley and Kemper were absent.

Dowty moved to approve the minutes of the January meetings. Sweeney seconded.
Passed 3-0

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker requested permission to purchase two (2) radios to replace older ones that are still operational but are no longer supported by Motorola and replacement parts are no longer available. Jefferson Township will provide one (1) radio and he asks the Town to purchase the other one. He requested a refurbished radio at a cost of eighteen hundred (\$1800) dollars (new ones are fifty six hundred (\$5600) dollars) along with a mobile radio for the ice rescue truck and a radio microphone for a total cost of Twenty seven hundred fifty (\$2750) dollars. Dowty moved to approve this purchase with a second from Sweeney.
Passed 3-0

Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester presented a contract for newly hired police officers. He said it was written by Mike Hartburg, Town Attorney, and the commission approved it at their February meeting. Dowty moved to approve this agreement. Sweeney seconded. Passed 3-0

Chichester reported that they are in the process of hiring a lateral police sergeant and will report news of that as it develops.

Town Manager, Luann Martin presented a proposal from Innovative Concepts of Decatur for an update for the server and accessories for the Police Department's interview room.. She reported that those items are eight (8) to ten (10) years old and in need of replacement. Sweeney moved to authorize this purchase at a total cost of Twenty eight hundred sixty two dollars and seventy five cents (\$2862.75) including necessary wiring and accessories and installation. Dowty seconded. Passed 3-0

Martin requested that the appointment of the new Park Board member be postponed until the March meeting.

Bob and Becky King presented plans for the Sandalwood Park improvements. They stated that the current estimate is sixty one thousand (\$61,000) dollars with a discount of twenty thousand dollars for installing it ourselves. Martin said town employees would do the installation and Becky King said the price would include oversight and inspection of the installation by the manufacturer. At this point, they were requesting council approval so they could begin raising funds for the project. Council members present agreed it would be a worthwhile project.

Jim Breckler of Engineering Resources and Rose Barrick presented a quote from Engineering Resources for the final design and permitting for the Hickory Street Drainage Project. She reported that they still had not gotten any participation from the Railroad on this project, but what they really want from the railroad is an agreement giving the town the right to maintain the area after the project is completed. Barrick stated that the affected homeowners had been notified by mail and asked to attend the next storm water meeting on February 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall in order to keep the property owners updated on the project.

(Kemper arrived at this point)

Barrick also said that the necessary easements could be obtained by the town. Barrick said they would like to get the project done this year, but the ground must be dry. Sweeney moved to spend the seventy five hundred (\$7500) dollars for the engineering. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Breckler reported on the status of the Mill Street Project, presenting council member with a final plan. He stated that he would like to see the storm sewer replaced from the Library to the Eight Mile Creek. Kemper asked if it needed replacing; to which Breckler replied that the only way we would know is to get video of the tiles. He said we have the equipment and manpower to do that, but it must be dry.

Pursley asked where we stand on the Community Crossing Grants. Breckler said the Department of Transportation is dragging their feet a little waiting on the outcome of House Bill #1002, which will totally revamp funding for roads. Applications will not be accepted until late spring and he does not expect any awards to be made before fall. This would be too late to start a major road project, so the project is at a standstill right now. Breckler suggested that we can go ahead with any necessary easements or rights of way so as to be ready when funding is in place.

Ossian resident, Vince Hoopingarner of 127 East Roe Street came with survey in hand from Sauer Land Surveying. He stated that about twenty five (25) years ago, when he bought the property there had been a discrepancy in the property lines. Hoopingarner was told by Lynn Yager and town attorney at the time, Trent Patterson, that they would take care of it. However, Hoopingarner did not follow up to see that it had been done. And, indeed, it had not been done. Hoopingarner's survey, dated February 6, 1017, stated the correction of the property line, but he needed approval from the council because the property line in question involved a town easement. Council did not take exception to this. Martin will send a copy of the survey along with what is requested to Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg.

Kody Kumfer, representing Ossian Revitalization, presented a Request for Qualifications. Kumfer stated that there would be a nine (9) member Reviewing Committee comprised of:

- 2 Ossian Town Council members
- 1 Ossian Park Board member
- 1 Wells Co, Economic Development member
- 1 Wells Co. Revitalization member
- 2 Ossian Revitalization members
- 2 Ossian Rolls Committee members

When Martin asked who would be representing some of the various boards Kumfer gave her no clear answers. Martin stated that Barkley had stipulated that he wanted no government subsidized housing located in the park. Kumfer further stated that the submissions would need to follow the Revitalization guidelines and be delivered to Chad Kline at the Wells County Revitalization Offices prior to 12:30 p.m. March 17, 2017. Council did not object to this.

Jim Smith presented an annual report from Republic Services. He showed in graph form that recycling is increasing in Ossian. He cited the need for education of the public as to what may be put in recycling bins. The education campaign goal is Empty – Clean – Dry. Smith also informed council of several new services being offered.

Martin reported that the ceiling tiles in some of the offices in the town hall were falling down. She stated that we would be looking into replacement of these tiles that had not been replaced when the ceiling tiles in some of the other offices were replaced several years ago.

Martin presented three (3) requests for utility adjustments, stipulating that all of them met the criteria for adjustment. Dowty moved to grant all three (3) requests. Kemper seconded.
Passed 4-0

Sweeney moved to approve the January time cards as presented. Kemper seconded.
Passed 4-0

Sweeney moved to approve claims of \$342,220.94 as presented. Dowty seconded.
Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to adjourn. Sweeney seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Ossian Park Board
February 6, 2017

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Joe Lewis, Ashley Harmon, and Chrystal Streeter

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on January 16, 2017
2. Revised last name from Kink to King
3. No update on Sandalwood playground equipment. No Ossian Town Council meeting has been held since our last meeting. 20 to 28 foot landscape timbers to cost approximately \$1,877 to complete the job. Stakes will be extra.
4. John Murawski here now representing Ossian Minor League. Would like to get high school team involved with minor league. Jason Heckber's son (Colby) to run minor league concessions stand. John's contact number 443-845-1532
5. Luann to get pricing on adding electric and lighting at the pavilion in Melching Park. Pricing to be obtained for a ½ court basketball court and a pole and backboard
6. Kody Kumfer here representing "Request for Qualifications" info to be able to develop plans for park development. Ashley to be the Park Board Representative to the Revitalization Committee
7. Next meeting March 6, 2017
8. Meeting adjourned 8:37pm

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

February 7, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Commissioner Caleb Chichester called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the absence of Chairman Andrew Wanner. Commissioner Bob Miller was present along with Town Council Liaison, Bill Dowty. Glen Werling of the News-Banner and Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey were present, as well as, Police Chief, Dave Rigney.

Miller moved to approve the minutes of the January meetings. Chichester seconded.
Passed 2-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented his monthly report stating that the reason there was no overtime expense is because all the overtime so far has been banked.

Rigney reported that Officer Alig has completed his field training and recently completed the Reid training in interrogation so he can now work on his own.

Chichester asked if Rigney had talked with the Wells County Prosecutor regarding the reserve officers. Rigney said that he had not done so, yet and he had no other information on the reserve academy or the reserve program.

Chichester asked if anyone had any input on the New Hire Reimbursement Agreement. There being no suggestions and no objections, Chichester moved to approve the agreement. Miller seconded. Passed 2-0

Chichester said he would contact attorney Mike Hartburg about a modified agreement for new lateral hires who would require little or no training with the town incurring far less expense. Chichester asked Rigney if he would ask Officer Alig if he would sign the agreement.

Chichester stated his desire to have an exit interview with officer Arnold, who resigned December 31, 2016 after less than a year with the department and just completing his training. Arrangements will be made for this meeting with the commissioners and two (2) council members in attendance.

It was decided to hold an executive session on February 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the town hall with Chief Rigney.

The next meeting will be March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall

Chichester moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners
Executive Session
507 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

An executive session was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
Time

on February 7, 2017
Date

Subject

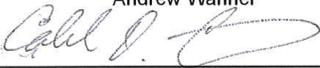
To discuss the job performance evaluation of individual employees.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10
Time

Commissioners Present:

Guests Present:

Andrew Wannier


Caleb Chichester


Bob Miller

