

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

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

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Josh Barkley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Brad Pursley, Bill Dowty, Jeff Kemper and Renee Sweeney present. Fund reports were given to council members, including investments and appropriation balances.

Barkley opened a Public Hearing to consider an Additional Appropriation for the 2017 Budget year. There were no comments and Barkley closed the hearing at 7:05.

Barkley asked Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey, to remove a conversation pertaining to the feral cat problem in Ossian from the minutes of the last meeting. He asked that she replace it with a sentence directing the reader to the Town website to listen to the recorded minutes. Pursley moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve Resolution #17-11-1 approving the additional appropriation. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Ossian resident, Steve Detrick expressed his concern over the storm water project approved at the last meeting. He thanked the council for allowing him to speak to them and presented several documents from the county engineer regarding the flood plain and pictures of previous flooding on his property. Detrick explained that he does not expect them to do anything about the flood problem that he now has. He only asks that they not make it worse by pursuing the Railroad Drainage Swale Project. Ossian resident, Lynn Lipp, asked if this might not be a conflict of interest since both Barkley and Pursley live in Rose Ann Heights Addition and would be affected by the project. Barkley said he would contact town attorney, Mike Hartburg and report back at the next meeting.

Barkley stated that all employees except elected officials would receive a 3% increase for 2018. He asked Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey to draft the ordinance required for the next meeting.

Melissa Toets, President of Friends of the Shelter in Bluffton and Lisa Tarr requested permission to offer help with the feral cat problem. They said they had several ideas and asked to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Pursley said he saw no harm in that and council agreed.

Ossian resident, Les Wyss asked why the streets were not being cleaned. Town Manager, Luann Martin explained that they cannot clean the street when it is cold and that town employees were busy with leafing right now.

Sweeney moved to approve time cards with three (3) corrections. Pursley seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to pay claims of \$81,357.50 as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Ossian Park Board
November 6, 2017

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Janet Riley, Crystal Streeter, Ashley Harmon, and Joe Lewis

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on 10-2-17
2. Discussed 5-year plan. Two big projects discussed. One is an Amphitheatre in Archbold Wilson Park and number two is a trail system connecting our parks. Kody Kumfer, Larry Heckber, and Phil Donovo here from Ossian Revitalization. Psi Otes, Ossian Revitalization and Ossian Park Board to meet in December to discuss ideas for Amphitheatre.
3. No update on mower repairs
4. Discussed "The Bone Yard" rules and regulations. Crystal motioned to approve as submitted. Ashley seconded. Passed 5-0
5. Next meeting on December 4, 2017
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm