

***OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL*** – Regular Meeting

December 11, 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 Bill Dowty, Jeff Kemper and Renee Sweeney present. Brad Pursley was absent. Fund reports were given to council members, including investments and appropriation balances.

Sweeney moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Wells County Economic Director. Chad Kline and Jenni Milholland, representing H & N Properties, which owns the real estate for Berne Apparel, requested tax abatement for a sixty thousand (60,000) square foot addition to their existing building. Dowty moved to grant the ten (10) year abatement. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Tim Fiechter of Rethceif Enterprises and Kline requested tax abatement for new manufacturing, logistic and IT equipment. Sweeney moved to grant the requested abatement with a second from Dowty. Passed 4-0

Jon Sherburne, representing the Ossian Volunteer Fire Department requested authorization to purchase a new Genesis S425XL spreader and Genesis C195 Cutters at a cost of Eighteen thousand six hundred ninety (\$18,690). He stated that they would like to use the money left of the town's 2017 budget for the fire department and the Township would pay the balance. A Genesis 21-36 inch Ram will be purchased in 2018. Sweeney moved to authorize this purchase. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Caleb Chichester, reporting for the Police Commission stated that the police may run over their budget for salaries. He said it would be very close.

Town Manager, Luann Martin reported for the Parks Department, stating that they had a good meeting with the Revitalization Committee and several members of Psi Iota Xi regarding the building of a pavilion/amphitheater in the Archbold-Wilson Park. They are moving ahead with plans for funding the project.

Rose Barrick of the Storm Water Board presented a quote from Cosby Excavating to replace a damaged pipe on Woodcreek Drive. She stated the urgency of this project to be done before the weather gets too bad. The cost would be fourteen thousand five hundred sixty (\$14,560) dollars, which the Storm Board has on hand. Barkley moved to approve the project with the cost of any bracing required being paid by Crosby. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Barkley read the following letter from town attorney, Mike Hartburg, regarding the conflict of interest question raised at the last meeting. Barkley requested that a copy of the letter be sent to Lynn Lipp and Steve Detrick, the Ossian residents who raised the question at the last meeting.

Kemper moved to pass Ordinance #17-12-1, an ordinance to Re-establish Ossian's Voting Districts. Sweeney seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to pass Ordinance #17-12-2, An Ordinance Establishing the Compensation of Appointed Officers, Deputies and Employees of the Town of Ossian for the calendar year 2018. Sweeney seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to appoint The Ossian Journal as the Official newspaper for the Town of Ossian for the calendar year 2018 with a second from Sweeney. Passed 4-0

Sweeney moved to set Council meetings dates for 2018 as the second Monday of each month with a second meeting, if needed, on the fourth Monday of each month. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Kemper moved to appoint DeLaney, Hartburg, Roth & Garrott LLP as the town attorney for 2018. Sweeney seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to appoint Engineering Resources as the town engineering firm for 2018. Sweeney seconded. Passed 4-0

Martin presented an assessment of two (2) street projects for 2018 which prompted a short discussion. Council agreed that the streets should be kept at the same height as they are now.

Barkley moved to set the deadline to receive Letters of Intent for 2018 appointments at noon on January 4, 2018. There are two (2) open seats on the Park Board, two (2) open seats on the Storm Water Board and one (1) vacancy on the Police Commission.

Martin reported that the Area Plan Commission has requested Ossian's Appointments for the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Area Plan Commission. Rose Barrick has consented to continue her position on the Board of Zoning Appeals with Dan Baumgartner staying on the Area Plan Commission. Barkley moved to approve these appointments. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Sweeney pointed out one (1) error on Officer Alig's time card stating that he had been paid correctly but the time card should be changed to reflect that. Sweeney then moved to approve the time cards with the correction. Dowty seconded the motion. Passed 4-0  
Martin reported that the time card errors from the previous meeting had been corrected.

Barkley asked Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey to transfer the expense for Halloween candy from the police budget to the LOIT Public Safety Fund. He said that we should talk about that next year because he did not think the taxpayer should be paying for Halloween candy.

Dowty moved to pay claims of \$116,922.61 with the correction stated above. Sweeney seconded. Passed 4-0

Sweeney moved to pay town employee, Chad Foreman, two (2) weeks of vacation pay that he is unable to take off because the town cannot have more than two (2) people off at one time. Council stipulated that this is the last time this will be done for any department. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Dowty moved to adjourn. Kemper seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

*Jeannette Dickey*  
C.T.  
*[Signature]*  
*JWB*

***OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS***

**Regular Meeting**

December 6, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner President, Andrew Wanner. Commissioners, Bob Miller and Caleb Chichester were present along with council liaison, Bill Dowty. Police Chief, Dave Rigney, Officer Stephanie Tucker, Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner and Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey were also present.

Wanner moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Chichester seconded.  
Passed 3-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the monthly report stating that the mileage had been about the same for the last three (3) months and they are still within their budget for the year. He went on to say that they will be very close on the overtime budget for the year.

Rigney reported that the new car he ordered from Mike Anderson Chevrolet will probably not be in before the end of the year.

Rigney reported on a missing juvenile. He stated that due to some good old fashioned police work by Officers Tucker and Torres the child was found about a week later in good health.

Rigney stated that he, and officers Tucker and Torres had viewed a two-hour video with Lexipol today. He said there are lots of changes in the works.

Chichester moved to extend the deadline for expiration of the current department memoranda to January 31, 2018. This will give the Commissioners time to review them and make any necessary changes. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0 These will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Chichester reported that he had sent out the Rules and Regulations portion of the policy with the suggested phrase "without supervisor authorization" added. Chichester moved for approval of the policy with a second from Miller. Passed 3-0 Chichester will send it to Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg for approval.

Officer Tucker asked if they had read the Media Policy that she had presented at the last meeting. The Commissioners decided to table that until the next meeting. Instead, Wanner moved to have the Ossian Police take control of the Ossian Police Face Book page, but keep it locked from public postings until the policy is approved. Chichester seconded. Passed 3-0

Rigney stated that Officer Torres will have the officer reviews completed by December, 15, 2017.

The next meeting will be January 10 with the other 2018 meetings being held on the first Wednesday of each month until further notice.

Miller asked Rigney to start putting the odometer readings on his monthly reports. Rigney agreed.

Miller moved to adjourn. Chichester seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*Jeannette Dickey*  
C.T.

*AWW*  
*JWB*

Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners

Executive Session

507 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

An executive session was called to order at 6:00pm  
Time

on December 6, 2017  
Date

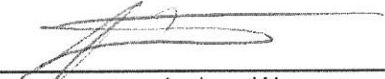
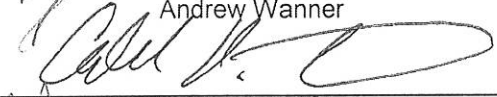
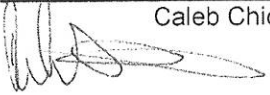
Subject

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 6:48  
Time

Commissioners Present:

  
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Andrew Wanner  
  
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Caleb Chichester  
  
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Bob Miller

Guests Present:

  
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