

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Regular Meeting**

February 12, 2018 - 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.

Pursley moved to approve the minutes of the January meetings. Sweeney seconded.  
Passed 5-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the Annual Report for the Ossian Police Department. He briefly explained some of the items in the report that had changed from last year. There were no questions about the Annual Report or the Monthly Report presented.

Caleb Chichester, representing the Ossian Police Commission, suggested that two part-time police officer positions be renewed in perpetuity for Ossian. Kemper moved to approve the part-time positions in perpetuity with a second from Sweeney. Passed 5-0

Chichester presented information for two (2) new camera systems for the 2008 and the 2018 Chargers priced at twelve thousand two hundred eighty (\$12,280) dollars for both and one radar detector for the new 2018 police car at a cost of twenty four hundred ninety eight (\$2498) dollars. Pursley moved to approve these purchases. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0 Rigney said he would order the equipment right away and get it to the outfitters, along with the 2018 Charger for installation.

Rose Barrick announced that the Storm Water Board meetings would be held on the last Tuesday of the month from now on at 10:00 a.m.

Barrick reported that she and Jim Breckler, Town Engineer, had walked along the swale between the Industrial Park and Sandalwood Addition. They found two (2) places where the sewer pipes were totally exposed and other areas where the swale had eroded. The board presented a quote from GME Testing to collect split-spoon samples of the soil at 2.5 ft. intervals along the swale and test them to determine the content and stability of the soil at a cost of thirty two hundred (\$3200) dollars. It was stated that this testing needs to be done in order to determine the proper method of correction. Pursley moved to approve this expense. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Council members were presented with a letter from Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg, regarding eminent domain. This may be necessary for two (2) residents. Certified letters were sent to both residents and they were not picked up. Barrick stated that, if the Industrial Park and the Hickory Street projects could be done together it would save the Town a lot of money. No action was taken.

Chad Kline, Wells County Economic Development Director, presented the Annual Report for Wells Economic Development. He went over some of the key points, stating that the focus at this point is on developing housing in Wells County and in retaining local talent. There were no questions.

The following utility adjustment requests were presented for approval:  
\$166.56 water went into sanitary sewer No action was taken.  
\$529.28 water did not go into sanitary sewer  
\$ 66.98 water did not go into sanitary sewer  
\$ 53.03 water did not go into sanitary sewer  
\$114.96 for 1 month or \$268.32 for 3 months water did not go into sanitary sewer but owners did not repair the problem when notified by the town.

Pursley moved to grant adjustments to the previous four accounts with the last being for \$114.96. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to keep the Redevelopment Commission members the same as in previous years. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin presented information about the Indiana Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (InWARN) along with a letter from Water Operator, Scott Kling recommending Ossian become a member of this system. Dowty moved to become a member and Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley asked Martin who was taking care of the maintenance on the lift stations. Martin replied that W.W. Williams has done it the last few years and she is happy with their work.

Town Manager, Luann Martin presented quotes for furnace repairs and replacements in the town hall. When Collier's was installing the furnace at the town hall Martin asked them to inspect all the other units in the town hall. Several deficiencies were found in these inspections. The total cost of all the repairs and replacements is fifteen thousand eight hundred ninety two (\$15,892) dollars. Barkley moved approve the installations and repairs. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley asked Martin to make arrangements with Fort Wayne Roofing to have the flashings on the vents on the town hall roof inspected.

The Crimson House asked a question about parking in front of their building which sparked a conversation about parking in front of the Ossian Elementary School and the Northern Wells School Administration building. There was a brief discussion of possibilities with the council asking Martin to consult with Dan Baumgartner, Ossian's representative on the Area Plan Commission about the situation.

Sweeney moved to approve the December time cards as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$242,188.28 as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

### **Regular Meeting**

January 10, 2018 - 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, Officers Stephanie Tucker and Victor Torres, Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner and Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey were also present.

Wanner moved to keep the officers the same as last year, Wanner President and Chichester Vice-President.

Miller moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Wanner seconded.  
Passed 3-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney presented the monthly report stating that the monthly report this month was also the yearly report, as the end of the year fell in this 28 day period. He stated that they were very close on the wage budget, but managed to come in just under budget for the year.

Rigney reported that the new police car, recently received, has been marked, but needs an in-car camera. He reported that he has been researching these and found that they are averaging about four thousand dollars. He also researched body cams and found them to be less expensive but more controversial. Rigney stated the rules for storage of body cam info would require much more storage capacity than the department has now. Wanner suggested putting a camera in the unmarked car, as well as in the new car.

Rigney also stated the need for new radar equipment in the new car. He suggested that this would be the time to add it so it could be installed along with all the other new equipment in order to save on installation costs.

Miller moved to purchase two (2) in-car cameras and radar equipment for the new car. Wanner seconded. Passed 3-0 Chichester will present this to the council at their next meeting.

Police Sergeant, Victor Torres requested time off without pay to attend three (3) national conferences. He stated that he knows he will have to use holidays, personal time and comp time before he can take time off without pay. He said he has been attending these conferences for a number of years and gains considerable knowledge from them that can be used for the Ossian Police Department. Torres further stated that there would be no cost to the Town of Ossian for these conferences. All commissioners support Torres in this endeavor. Chichester will present the request to the council at their next meeting.

Wanner reported that he had sent the Part-Time and Reserve Employees portion of the policy to all members and Rigney for their perusal and feedback.

Chichester reported that he had sent out the final Discipline Policy after legal approval. The policy was approved and implemented.

Chichester also reported that he had received the Rules and Regulations portion of the policy from attorney, Mike Hartburg. Chichester moved to implement this portion of the policy February 1, 2018. Wanner seconded. Passed 3-0

Wanner stated that he and/or Miller will work on the Off-Duty portion of the policy.

Wanner remarked that the markings on the new car look good. Rigney stated that the other cars will be made to match the new one.

Wanner moved to approve the memoranda for the Monthly Report and the Department Scheduling for the year 2018. Miller seconded. Passed 3-0 There was some discussion about adding the memoranda to the Rules and Regulations Policy.

Miller suggested renewing the authorization of part time officers. The Town Council would have to approve this. Wanner moved to request the council authorize the part-time officers in perpetuity. Chichester seconded. Passed 3-0

Wanner moved to accept applications for full time, part time and reserve officers, even though there are no openings at this time. He thought this might speed up the process when the time came for them to hire. Chichester seconded. Passed 3-0

The next meeting will be February 7 with the other 2018 meetings being held on the first Wednesday of each month until further notice.

Miller moved to adjourn. Chichester seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

### ***OSSIAN PARK BOARD***

February 5, 2018

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

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on January 2, 2018
2. Started discussion concerning amphitheater for Archbold Wilson Park. Building to be placed on the southwest side of the sledding hill. Board discussed installing a metal roof. Stylus to be contacted to see if a metal roof would affect the sound. Canvas drop downs would be used on outside walls to protect from weather elements.
3. Stephanie Tucker here with possible request for a safety village in the Archbold Wilson Park. Presented board with pictures of possible buildings and ideas. Discussed putting safety village where tennis courts are now located and building new tennis court in Archbold Wilson Park
4. Next meeting February 26, 2018
5. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

### ***OSSIAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION*** – Regular Meeting

February 12, 2018 - 8:05 p.m.

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Commission President, Josh Barkley called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. with Commission members Brad Pursley, Bill Dowty, Jeff Kemper and Renee Sweeney present.

Dowty nominated Barkley for President, Pursley for Vice-President and Sweeney for Secretary. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

There being no other business, Dowty moved to adjourn with a second from Pursley. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners

Executive Session

507 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

An executive session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Time

on January 10, 2018  
Date

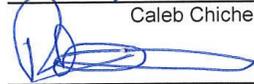
Subject

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 6:44  
Time

Commissioners Present:

  
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Caleb Chichester  
  
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Bob Miller

Guests Present:

  
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Bill Dowty  
  
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