

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL**

Town of Ossian, Indiana July 9, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.  
Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council President, Josh Barkley called the regular meeting of the Ossian Town Council to order with Council members, Bill Dowty, Jeff Kemper, Brad Pursley and Renee Sweeney present.

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

Bids for the 2018 Street Projects were as follows:

Brooks Construction – Project	- \$153,356	
Alt. #1	- \$ 17,217.48	
Alt. #2	- \$ 20,857.77	
Alt. #3	- \$ 2,500	
Alt. #4	- \$ 10,046.75	Total 203,978
Wayne Asphalt - Project	- \$141,825	
Alt. #1	- \$ 17,710	
Alt. #2	- \$ 15,276	
Alt. #3	- \$ 4,500	
Alt. #4	- \$ 5,250	Total 184,561
E & B Paving Project	- \$145,936	
Alt. #1	- \$ 16,921	
Alt. #2	- \$ 18,963	
Alt. #3	- \$ 12,000	
Alt. #4	- \$ 12,250	Total 206,070

Jeff Weaver of Engineering Resources will verify that all bids are complete and make a recommendation to Council. Pursley moved to authorize Josh Barkley to sign as Council Representative to award the bid after Weaver’s work is done. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney asked permission to sell the 2006 Crown Victoria as it is no longer needed. He proposed a minimum bid of Two Thousand (\$2000) dollars. Rigney reported that it has 112,000 miles on the odometer and needs new tires. Sweeney moved to authorize the sale with a second from Kemper. Passed 5-0 The car will be advertised and bids accepted until 7:00 p.m. on August 13, 2018.

Rose Barrick, reporting for the Storm Water Board, announced a special meeting of the board on July 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the town hall.

Barrick presented council with a rough draft of Storm Water Standards for Ossian. After council approval she will forward it to Mike Lautzenheiser for input from the county.

Barrick reported that they would be ready to start the bidding process on the railroad project as soon as they get the required permits from the railroad and the Department of Natural Resources.

There will be a regular meeting of the storm Water Board on July 31, 2018 at the town hall.

Jim Smith, of Republic Services presented council with a report on trash collections so far this year. He reported that trash collection is up and recycling is down and stressed the need for public education on recycling. He reminded council that the new rate per our three year renewable contract would start on October 1, 2018.

Pursley moved to pass Ordinance #18-7-1, An Ordinance Amending Section 33.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Ossian, Indiana. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0 This is an amendment to make the Ossian Code agree with our employee handbook.

Martin presented a quote from Fuhrman Electric to replace the Norwell lift station for Seventy Four Hundred Sixty Seven (\$7467) dollars. It includes a stainless steel cabinet and two (2) pumps and all items and labor required for installation. Dowty moved to authorize the work with a second from Kemper. Passed 5-0

Darrell Reynolds, Sewer Department Certified Operator, reported that the repairs to the clarifier authorized at the June meeting had been completed and that the repairs to the ceiling, also authorized in June, will start this week.

A.J. Reynolds and Darrell Reynolds, representing the Ossian Days Committee, requested permission to move the ride vendors from the ball diamond area to the area by the tennis courts in back of the town hall. The current 100 amp electrical service would need to be upgraded to 200 amp service, which the Ossian Days Committee is willing to pay for. They would also like to add a spigot to the water service already there. Barkley moved to authorize these upgrades. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

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

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$130,461.17 as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Les Wyss, an Ossian resident, questioned why Mill Street was not being paved this year. Barkley explained that we are waiting on a grant. The grant should be awarded this fall with bidding to start in January and paving to begin in 2019 as weather permits. Wyss then asked how council decided which streets would be paved. Barkley and Martin concurred that the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) System was used to determine which streets would be paved.

Wyss stated that speeders on Mill Street were rampant. He said it is really bad in the evenings when people are coming home from work with Fridays being especially bad. Barkley said that is part of the reason the speed limit is 25 miles per hour on Mill Street, adding that if people are speeding they should get speeding tickets.

Ossian resident, Karen Hitchcock, asked if anything had been done about the golf cart ordinance regarding crossing the highway diagonally. Rigney stated that he had looked into it and that particular part of the ordinance is governed by state law, which Ossian cannot change. Barkley said she would have to contact Travis Holdman or Matt Lehman to address the issue.

Pursley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

### ***Ossian Park Board***

June 4, 2018

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

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on May 9, 2018
2. Basketball backboard was broken in Melching Park, estimated cost to replace will be \$350. Backboard to be ordered.
3. Discussed "A Day in The Park" event. Event to be held on 6-16-18. Luann has a list of items needed and tasks to be performed. Plan is for possible 100 people to participate. 120 shirts ordered, to be sold for \$10 each. A freewill donation will be asked of people attending to cover the cost of food. Set up to start at 7am. Joe to mark out where the run will take place.
4. Ossian Psi Otes presented a check for \$30,000 for use on the amphitheater.
5. Peg Buuck presented a check for \$5,000 from Lon's Legacy to be used for amphitheater. The money was from memorials at Lon Buuck's funeral.
6. Next meeting July 30, 2018
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

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

Regular Meeting

June 13, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

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

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

Wanner stated that he or Chichester would get together with Clerk-Treasurer, Jeannette Dickey to co-ordinate the Police Commission Files with all the policy work that has been done so far.

Commissioners asked Dickey to make up a voucher for the officers to sign when the policy is ready to be distributed to all of the officers in the department.

In regards to the Lexipol Policy, Chichester said he was going to check for any conflicts between the Lexipol portion and Ossian's portion and report back.

No new applications had been received as of meeting time.

Wanner announced that all questions for the department overview had been submitted to Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg for approval. He nominated Chichester to conduct the overviews with a second from Chichester. Passed 3-0 It is hoped that the overview will be completed by the August meeting.

There will be no July meeting. The next meeting will be August 1, 2018 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m.

Wanner moved to adjourn. Miller seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.