

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

October 8, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

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

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

There were no questions on the Monthly Police Report. Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, reported that there has been a change in policy regarding the police cars. Police Officers must now live within a fifteen (15) mile radius in order to have a drive home car. He stated the Officer McClish, who lives sixteen miles, away would be grandfathered.

Chichester announced the hiring of Matt Brown to replace Officer Torres, who resigned in April 2018. He is a lateral hire and thus will be “on the street” much sooner.

Rose Barrick, reporting for the Storm Water Board, reported there are no updates on the Industrial Park Project and we are still waiting to hear from the railroad before the Hickory Street Project can move on.

The next regular meeting of the Storm Water Board will be October 30, 2018 at the town hall at 10:00 a.m.

Town Manager, Luann Martin, reported that Moshin Huddah, owner of 103 North Jefferson has signed a warranty deed and a Sales Disclosure Form formally giving the Town of Ossian ownership of the 103 North Jefferson property. Pursley moved to accept the property with a second from Dowty. Passed 5-0 Barkley stated he had made arrangements with the Bluffton Fire Department to use their bucket truck to view the property from above to better determine what the building really needs. Several parties are interested in taking over the property.

There will be a meeting on October 24 at 8:30 a.m. with engineers to discuss the future of the 103 North Jefferson property.

Martin announced a grant received from the Indiana Department of Transportation for Forty Seven Hundred Twelve dollars and Sixty Cents (\$4712.60) for signage and road markings at the railroad crossings in Ossian. Sweeney moved to accept the grant. Pursley seconded.
Passed 5-0

Sweeney moved to approve time cards as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$167,382.13 as presented. Sweeney seconded.
Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

October 3, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commission President, Andrew Wanner. Commissioner Caleb Chichester and Bob Miller were present along with council liaison, Bill Dowty. Police Chief, Dave Rigney and Officer Stephanie Tucker were also present.

Wanner moved to approve the minutes of the September meetings. Chichester seconded. Passed 2-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney, presented his monthly report on mileage and overtime. There were no questions.

Rigney reported on the status hiring, they started testing on Saturday with 5 candidates, 3 took the written test, and of those 2 had passed. Background tests are in the process and hope to have the results next week.

Rigney has received a couple people interested in the part-time positions but is trying to be selective.

Wanner discussed the local policy, needed to be reviewed for grammatical errors.

Chichester brought up the vehicle policy next, discussing a 15 to 20 mile take home radius, but had settled on 15 miles with the exception of to allow Officer Brian McClish to keep his take home vehicle even though he lives outside a 15 mile radius. Commissioners wanted feedback from Bill Dowty on what council would think for a 15 mile radius. It was also purposed that officers, if they live in town limits could use their vehicle for personal use in town limits.

Policy approval review should be started by Rigney and approval will be discussed in December meeting.

There was nothing to discuss regarding department overview.

The next regular meeting of the commissioners will be November 7th 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Chichester moved to adjourn. Miller seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

October 24, 2018 - 6:00 pm

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Commission President, Andrew Wanner. Commissioner Caleb Chichester was present along with council liaison, Bill Dowty. Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Sally Bracke and Officer Stephanie Tucker were also present. Commissioner Bob Miller was absent.

Wanner moved to hire Larry Butler and Russell Mounsey as part-time police officers. Chichester seconded. Passed 2-0

Officer Tucker indicated on November 15 polygraphs would be given to 2 full time applicants.

Interviews for the full time position will be conducted on November 26 at 6 pm in executive session, with hiring taking place at the regular meeting on December 5 at 6 pm.

There being no other business before the Commission, Chichester moved to adjourn. Wanner seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.