

**OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana**

February 11, 2019 – 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, Bras Pursley and Renee Sweeney present.

Dowty moved to approve the minutes of the December meetings. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Joe Lewis, Park Board President, shared a quote from Adam's Lawn & Landscape; it would be \$30,000 to contract out the Town's mowing for the year. Otherwise the Town pays an average in \$10,000 for mowing wages and about \$1,500 in fuel. Council decided to purchase the 1600 WAM mower from John Deere for \$49,835.00. The mower would be paid from the following funds: \$10,000 from Storm, \$10,000 from Park, \$15,000 from Water, and \$15,000 from Sewer. Pursley moved to purchase the mower. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Town Manager, Luann Martin, asked Council to continue our contract with Aquatic Management. Pursley moved to approve the contract. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, requested Council to approve of specialized training for Officer Tucker with the Police Executive Leadership Academy totaling \$2,100. Dowty moved to approve of training. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Receiving no bids for the 103 N. Jefferson building, the next options are to: hire a broker to sell it, hire an auctioneer, sell it to neighboring owners, give it back to original owner, give it to a nonprofit, tear it down or repair it, or secure the building and then sell it. Barkley recommended waiting on any action as he knew of someone who was trying to put something together.

Council revisited utility adjustment from previous month at 516 Beechwood Drive. Martin reported that all repairs had been made and the sump pump was no longer plumbed in the sanitary sewer. These repairs were verified by the Town. Total bill for the incident was \$2,271.98. Sweeney moved to make sewer adjustment for \$1,330.18 for high consumption. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin asked that employee, Kaitlyn Weikel, be taken off of probation when her 90 days were up on February 17<sup>th</sup>, receiving a 50 cent increase in pay. Barkley moved to take Weikel off of probation. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Resident of 702 Sandalwood asked for a 30 day extension on her violation claiming that some of the items in her yard were frozen to the ground. Council granted a 30 day extension and recommended to resident that if this were to happen again or if she would need more time to call Martin in the office.

Chad Kline, from Wells County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development, touched on the highlights from the 2018 Economic Development Annual Report.

James Smith, from Republic Services, spoke on the highlights and breakdowns for Ossian's trash and recycling for 2018 calendar year.

Nate Rumschlag, County Highway Engineer, spoke on behalf of Wells County RSD Board with their Preliminary Engineering Report. He requested a response and agreement to be done by this winter or early spring to meet the State's financing deadline in June.

After Nate Rumschlag, Jim Breckler discussed the Preliminary Engineering Report with Council. The Davis Road Lift Station is already at full capacity, to upgrade the lift station would cost about \$150,000 to \$200,000. Breckler recommended having capital costs covered in the project. As far as the next steps to take, Breckler recommended clarifying when signing the agreement if it would be for 96 or more towards 650 connections. He also wanted to look at Silo Farm's (formerly known as Kozy Kort) agreement to see if Silo Farm's monthly billing would cover the additional sewer operation costs. Breckler additionally stated that our current sewer rates are based on consumption and doesn't specific between out-of-town and town residents. Nor does it specify connection costs.

Resolution 19-2-1 was discussed to accept the County's tax lien on the property known as the retention pond on Blakewood Court. Martin announced that she is on the agenda for the Wells County Commissioners meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> to ask them to forgive the tax lien that is on the property. Pursley moved to adopt Resolution 19-2-1. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

In other business, Gene Donaghy asked about the unlicensed commercial plates on Ogden and about Ossian obtaining network fibers through Comcast.

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

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$126,276.41 as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**Ossian Park Board  
February 4, 2019**

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Ashley Harmon, and Joe Lewis

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on January 7, 2019
2. Received contract from Aquatic Management to take care of Archbold Wilson Park pond. Quote for \$890. Ashley motioned to approve. Joe seconded. Passed 3-0.
3. No one here from baseball leagues to discuss schedules. No contracts have been received.

4. Discussed new mower and prices. New price is \$49,835 from Troxel Equipment. Quote from Mutton Power is \$48,999, which is least years pricing. No decisions will be made until Town Council is contacted.
5. Next meeting is March 4, 2019
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

**MINUTES**  
**OSSIAN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018**  
**10:00 AM**

Meeting called to order at 10am. Members present: Tim Miller, Rose Barrick, Luann Martin, Jeff Kemper, Jim Breckler. Also present: Gene Donaghy, Ted Martz.

Rose Barrick made a motion to approve June 26, 2108 minutes and was seconded by Tim Miller.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RR Rose Ann Heights swale update:** Jim Breckler reported they received from Railroad a signed copy of Preliminary Engineering agreement which covers the railroad permit review and procedures associated with the agreement. Railroad will have a 'Plan of View' comments available shortly. Will invoice at a later date. 'Not to exceed amount' is \$6493.00. All easements and right of entries are done except Springers.

**Ossian Industrial Park Drainage project:** 3 bids were received for the Ossian Industrial Park Drainage project. Fox Contractors: \$225,370.00, Fleming Excavating: \$371,914.01. and API: \$351,900.00. Engineer estimate was \$253,055.20. All necessary documents were included in the bid and Fox is ready to move forward. Jim recommended that the bid be sent to Town Council with a recommendation to issue a Notice of Award to Fox Construction.

**Hillcrest Development Update:** Gene Donaghy reported they have had some trees removed and will continue to cut brush and mow, when needed. They will cover the cost to replace overflow and 3 tiles. They asked that Storm water cover the cost to back fill sewer line at \$1,000 and concrete overflow. Hillcrest will cover the cost of a boundary survey and grant the town an easement for entry. Jim Breckler stated this means they would be willing to pay for Alternate #1 minus \$1,000. Gene will draft an agreement stating what they will pay and what work they will be responsible for. Rose made a motion to take to Town Council for a vote to accept the project. Tim seconded.

**Budget:** \$199,369.82 in checking and \$92,632.36 in savings.

**Update Storm Water Standards:** Jim reviewed Storm Water standards and the County's comments. The board decided that 2 stage ditches would be allowed only as alternative with written authorization from the Board.

**NEW**

**Blakewood retention pond:** There has been no response from the owner to calls or letters regarding. Luann is working with attorney on ways we can acquire it.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 10am in the Town Hall.

Tim made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Rose.

**MINUTES**  
**OSSIAN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, September 25, 2018**  
**10:00 AM**

Meeting called to order at 10am. Members present: Tim Miller, Rose Barrick, Luann Martin, Jim Breckler.

Rose Barrick made a motion to approve July 17, 2108 minutes and was seconded by Tim Miller.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RR Rose Ann Heights swale update:** Jim Breckler reported the project was submitted to Norfolk Southern Railroad in June. He received comments in September from the railroad. The plans were revised and resubmitted with Supplemental Storm report to the railroad. They are reviewing but want to change the terminology of 'Right of Way' to say 'Norfolk Southern Right of Way', they want cross section extended a little bit to show tracks instead of just embankments.

They said we need to work with Norfolk Southern Real Estate on easement for the work in their Right of Way. Also need a legal description and exhibit for that. Jim requested pricing from Joel Hoehn from Stoodly Associates, who do a lot of legal for the town, and also Bertsch Franklin Associates, who did the topography for the project. Jim will work with Luann once the pricing is back to get authorization, can then move forward to getting that legal.

No bills have been received from the railroad yet. This will be a project that will be done next year.

**Ossian Industrial Park Drainage project:** A contract has not been received yet from Fox Construction. Notice of Award has been delivered to them. They are working on the agreement and will deliver when finished. Easements are done except for SBA structures Luann is still waiting to hear back from them.

**Budget:** \$206,371.65 in checking and \$95,632.36 in savings.

**Update Storm Water Standards:** Storm Water Board is continuing to review the standards. Jim has prepared an updated standard report from the discussion at the August meeting that incorporate the updated County comments. Changes are highlighted in the document Jim prepared.

**NEW**

No new projects or other business.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 10am in the Town Hall.

Rose made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Tim.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Miller

**MINUTES**  
**OSSIAN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018**  
**10:00 AM**

Meeting called to order at 10am. Members present: Tim Miller, Rose Barrick, Luann Martin, Jim Breckler.

**Minutes:** No minutes were presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RR Rose Ann Heights swale update:** Jim Breckler said additional comments from railroad were received. Confirmation was received from Plan Review team that all issues were addressed. They do want plans updated to show final easements, required easements for proposed work, temporary easement 20 feet wide and permanent 15 foot wide easement. Part of the Real-estate team has approved the plans and the other part of the team is still reviewing plans.

**Ossian Industrial Park Drainage project:** Industrial Park project is nearly complete. There are stacks of brush left and a few trees still to be taken care of by Hillcrest Development. Fox contractors need to grade areas where there are still ruts from trucks driving thru and cattails to be removed. Also need to put down turf reinforcing mat and still needs seeded. No seeding will be done this year. There was no update available for the new mower.

**Hillcrest Development:** Hillcrest Development will transfer ground when work is complete.

**Budget:** Not available.

**Update Storm Water Standards:** New storm water standards were accepted and Rose made a motion for the Council to approve new standards. They will be presented at next Council meeting.

**8 mile creek at the sewer plant:** County Surveyor, Jarod Hahn said we could add stone to top of bank.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Update From Town Manager:** No new projects.

**Other New Business:** None

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 10am at the Town Hall.

Tim made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Rose.