

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

May 13, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

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

Dowty moved to approve the minutes of the March meetings. Sweeney seconded. Passed 4-0

Caleb Chichester, Police Commissioner, informed Council of their recent hire, Russell Mounsey, to fill the open full time position. Chichester also informed council that there is now a fee for officers to attend the academy, so there will be unbudgeted expenses sending Hess to the May academy.

Rose Barrick, from Storm Water Board, introduced the Rose Ann Heights/ Norfolk Southern Drainage Swale Improvements and Blake Drainage Swale Additional Services to Council. Dowty moved to approve Engineering Resource's services for the project in the amount of \$6,250. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Ryan Fry, from TI Group Automotive Systems presented two CF-1s showing compliance on their abatements. Sweeney moved to approve the CF-1s, Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Isaac Pena, from Pena's presented their CF-1 showing compliance on their abatement. Dowty moved to approve the CF-1s, Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Shawn Marshal, from Linder Oil presented their CF-1 showing compliance on their abatement. Dowty moved to approve the CF-1s, Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Todd Lantz, from Trusted Supply presented four CF-1s showing compliance on their abatements. Kemper moved to approve the CF-1s, Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

A representative from Melching Machine was not present. It was determined that they would be on June's agenda.

Jenni Milholland, from Berne Apparel presented their CF-1 showing compliance on their abatement. Sweeney moved to approve the CF-1s, Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Larry Heckber requested an extension on the Bridge's existing agreement with the Town. Pursley stated that he had talked with Barkley on the matter and that they would work with the attorney to write up an extension. However, there was confusion on the dollar amount for Heckber to recover and it would need to be looked into further.

Luann Martin, Town Manager, introduced a rehabilitation project for a few undetermined side streets connected to Mill Street. Sweeney approved of Basic Services from ER to prepare

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construction documents for the Ossian Street Improvements 2019 project. Kemper seconded.
Passed 4-0

Utility adjustment for Account 10414730 was presented. The excess water did not go through the sanitary system. Dowty moved to make an adjustment of \$217.70. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney, shared the Ossian Police Department 2018 Annual Report.

Martin shared that County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, informed her that rehabilitation to both of the bridges located on Mill and Lafever will be completed at the same time in September after Ossian Days. Rumschlag was hopeful that they would be closed less than a month.

Sweeney moved to approve time cards as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0

Kemper moved to approve claims of \$343,396.65 as presented. Dowty seconded. Passed 4-0

Rigney awarded Officer Tucker with an award for her 20 years of service with the Ossian Police Department.

Kemper moved to adjourn. Sweeney seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

MINUTES

OSSIAN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

TUESDAY, March 26, 2019

10:00 AM

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

Minutes: Rose made a motion to approve minutes for November 27, 2018, January 29, 2019 and February 26, 2019. Tim seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

RR Rose Ann Heights swale update: Jim Breckler had a meeting with the Railroad real estate group, they wanted to see the project. Railroad might waive the assessed value of the easement if the project is a benefit to the Railroad. Jim has a phone meeting set fore Thursday, March 28 to discuss making a decision about waiving the assessed fees. All permit review team comments have been addressed. If Railroad approves waiving the fees for the easement the project can move forward with bids in the spring and possibly start in late summer or fall.

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Still waiting on the Springer easement.

Ossian Industrial Park Drainage project: Hillcrest has deeded the property to the Town but haven't paid the 2018 taxes. They will pay the taxes as soon as they get a bill. Date of June 1 was given for the remaining trees and brush to be removed. Fox has cleared the brush and trees in the ditch.

Mowing: Adams Lawn Service was the best bid for mowing. The cost for the Industrial Park is \$375 each time and estimated would need to be done 3 to 4 times a year. They will also do the Blakewood and Bunn detention ponds for the initial time then Town can take over after that.

Budget: Checking \$182,177.87. Savings \$57,833.27. There will be money coming out for the work on the yard at Highland and Maplewood. That drainage problem has been fixed.

Meadow Lane: Jim said no survey has been done on Meadow Lane but he has quotes. Rose thought it was a good idea to go ahead with the survey. Jim said it might be better to wait until ready to do the work in that area.

Jim thought the Option 2 was the best option. A topography study was needed before starting. The project could be done a block at a time due to money issues or could get a loan for entire project. Jim will wait on topography. Rose will need to go to Council for permission to have topography study done.

Mill Street: Jim went out and did readings and found there used to be a ridge behind 401 Mill Street property that has been replaced with a fence. Water now flows between the houses and there is a slight low spot in the yard that holds water. There are no storm sewers in the area. Resident can fill in the low area to eliminate the puddle or build a hump in yard to redirect flow.

There is also a wet area in the front yard and Town will go out and shoot elevations to check drainage.

NEW: Robert Blake came to meeting to report problem with the sump pump. He said the pump is clogged due to sediment in the ditch behind his house. He said sediment has filled the ditch and keeps the pump from forcing water out. He has a backup pump that has been keeping water out of his basement and he's not sure where that one drains. He would like the Town to come out a clean out the ditch. Town will send someone to locate the pipe and will get the ditch cleaned out when the Rose Ann Heights/Railroad project is done.

Luann reported sink holes in the Sandalwood area. 707 Sandalwood and 509 Willowood have sink holes that have pipes that run between properties, they have been dug up once and are still sinking. 405 Greenwood has a pipe coming out to the curb that is causing destruction of street because there is no storm drain. Jim said could install a cleanout with open grate and pipe it to nearest inlet. Other option would be dig up the street to get to storm line and install tap on the storm line. Then could pick up the line coming from between houses. Jim thought

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getting some shots to get invert of the tile and shots of the drain causing the sink hole is a good idea.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 10am at the Town Hall.

Rose made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Tim.

Ossian Park Board April 1, 2019

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

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on February 4, 2019
2. Andrea Morris concerned about scheduling for Ossian Koufax. Monday and Wednesdays are needed for practice. Games may start on April 15th.
3. Minor league \$3,405 received. Aces \$480 received. No Bandit or Koufax user fees received at this time.
4. Luann talked to Minnich Landscaping about installing drainage tile in Sandalwood Park. Approximate cost will be \$4,000
5. Next meeting May 6, 2019
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

April 30, 2019 - 7:00 pm

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

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

Bob Miller moved to approve the minutes, Caleb seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

Police Chief Rigney presented his monthly overtime and mileage reports.

Chief Rigney also reported that Zach Hess is finishing phase I of his FTO program. Zach is scheduled to start ILEA on May 28.

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The Chief also reported that the academy has started charging for sending our new hires to the academy. The academy is charging a fee of \$545.00 additionally, the town will need to pay for one meal each day at \$9.49 per meal for a total of \$569.40. A list of supplies is also required that will have an estimated cost of around \$500.00. Since these expenses were unexpected there is not enough in the training budget to pay for training. The funds will need to be transferred from another account or an additional appropriation will be needed.

Discussed hiring Russ Mounsey to fill the vacant full time position. Bob Miller moved to hire Russ Mounsey, Caleb seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

Bob Miller brought up re-visiting the Sergeant position since the department is almost back up to full strength.

Caleb motioned to adjourn, Bob seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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