

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

July 8, 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 June meetings. Kemper seconded.

Passed 5-0

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker, asked permissions to purchase a positive pressure fan from Municipal Emergency Services at a cost of \$3,829.26. Sweeney moved to approve of the purchase, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, informed council of Zachary Hess's termination. The hiring process is open once again, but now new hires will need to meet the exit standards of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Commissioners have hired Jacob McKinley as a part-time officer. Chichester also asked for an exception to the salary ordinance for Russ Mounsey to receive his \$2,500 salary increase (that typically occurs after probation period) retroactive to his start date. Chichester informed Council that Mounsey has had previous training and experience. However, he will still remain on probation and will not receive an additional salary increase upon probationary period. Sweeney moved to approve of the exception, Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley addressed the offer from Ossian State Bank on the former PNC building once again and asked Sweeney to speak on it. Sweeney had stated that she did more investigating and while OSB has offered a \$1/month lease opportunity, the Town would be required to purchase the building after 10 years, and the current price stands at \$300,000. The building would require extensive renovation plus additional monthly expenses and maintenance costs. Council determined that it's too much money to invest into.

Barkley spoke on the design for the new sign out front. He asked for a few details to be changed and for Martin to obtain a quote.

Town Engineer, Jim Breckler, opened the bids for the Industrial Park Water Tower Maintenance 2019, the bids received were:

<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Base Bid:</u>	<u>Alternate:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Utility Service, Co., Inc.	\$135,500.00	\$114,200.00	\$249,700.00
Industrial Painting Contractors, Inc.	\$177,000.00	No Bid	No Bid
Seven Brothers Painting, Inc.	\$192,500.00	\$152,000.00	\$344,500.00
Maguire Iron, Inc.	\$206,000.00	\$238,750.00	\$444,750.00
Preferred Tank & Tower Maintenance Division, Inc.	\$209,128.00	No Bid	No Bid
Pittsburg Tank & Tower Maintenance Co., Inc.	\$230,000.00	No Bid	No Bid

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Breckler stated that he would review the bids for completeness and put together a recommendation. Pursley moved to have Barkley sign the contract once a recommendation has been made, Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Breckler spoke on the Mill St. Project saying Wayne Asphalt is planning to delay work on the pavement in front of Heyerly's Bakery to accommodate for Ossian Days. With over a month a half delay on NIPSCO relocating their natural gas lines, Wayne is asking for the project completion date to be extended from September 6th to Oct 12th. The extension request will be considered at next month's council meeting. Sweeney approved to pay the application for payment 2 to Wayne Asphalt in the amount of \$162,145.80. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to approve Payment 1 to Culy Contracting in the amount of \$204,985.80 for the Collection System Improvements and Change Order 1 changing the work allowance down to zero. Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Breckler addressed the Capital Improvement Wastewater Plan suggesting the Town move forward to phase 2 with a project estimate of 1.2 to 1.4 million. Pursley moved to have Barkley sign a contract with Engineering Resources to perform all engineering for the project at \$115,000 and inspection fees not to exceed \$101,376. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Breckler also talked about the street improvements for Roe and Ogden Streets and Heyerly Drive. He stated that the Town would qualify for Community Crossing Matching Grant which would pay for up to 75% of the project. If desired he would work with Martin to start on the grant application.

Kemper moved to approve agreement with Intelligent Fiber Network of Indiana connecting Ossian State Bank to its fiber optic network. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney moved to approve time cards with Hess's timecard needing a total on the week of May 27th. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$311,131.34 as presented. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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MINUTES
OSSIAN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
Tuesday, May 28, 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 March 26, 2019. Tim seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

RR Rose Ann Heights swale update: Still waiting for Railroad real estate group approval. Survey is underway for potential regrading of swale at the north end. After that would go to design then application.

Ossian Industrial Park Drainage project: Still waiting for fine grading and seeding but due to excessive rain that has not been done yet. Jim talked to Fox last week and they are hoping to complete as soon as weather allows. Final payout will be around \$30,000.00.

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. Option A for new storm pipe on both sides of the road would be \$115,000.00. Option B to restore driveway culverts and side ditches on both sides of the road would be \$270,000.00.

Rose thought it would be better to regrade ditches and uncover culverts to see what size tile was there to start. Town employees will go out and do potholing in the areas to determine the size of tiles.

The Blake swale problem cleanout would be part of the Railroad project.

Hope to have more info at the June 25 meeting. Residents present were Todd Myers, Jean and Max Daniels and Larry Hunter.

E. Mill Street: Jim went out and did readings and found there used to be a ridge behind 401 E 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.

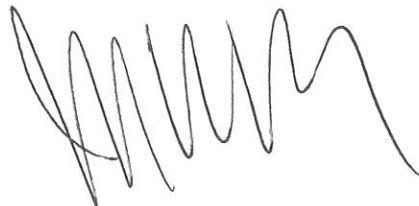
Sandalwood drainage: Luann reported sink holes in the Sandalwood area. 707 Sandalwood and 509 Willowood have sink holes that have pipes that run between properties, they have been dug up once and are still sinking. 405 Greenwood has a pipe coming out to the curb that is causing destruction of street because there is no storm drain. Jim said we 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 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, June 25, 2019 at 10am at the Town Hall.

Rose made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Tim.

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OSSIAN BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

July 3, 2019 – 6:00 pm

Ossian Town Hall - 507 North Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Commission Chairman, Caleb Chichester. Bob Miller was present along with Police Chief, Dave Rigney. 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. The Chief reported that we are well within budget on the fuel budget.

For over time/comp time the Chief reported that we are over budget by \$2301.76. This is due partly to use of part time.

Chief Rigney made a recommendation that Zach Hess not received a permanent appointment to the Ossian Police Department. Caleb made a motion to approve the recommendation to terminate the employment of Zach Hess, approve a letter of termination, and authorize Caleb Chichester to sign the letter on the board's behalf. Bob Miller seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 2-0.

Chief Rigney recommended the board hire Jake McKinley as a part time officer for the Ossian Police Department. Bob Miller motioned to hire Jake McKinley, Caleb seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

Chief Rigney made a recommendation to change our physical agility testing standard to match the ILEA exit standards for physical agility. Caleb motioned to approve the change, Bob Miller seconded, the motion passed 2-0.

Miller motioned to adjourn, Caleb seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

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