

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

August 12, 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, Brad Pursley and Renee Sweeney present.

Pursley moved to approve the minutes of the July meetings. Kemper seconded.
Passed 5-0

Martin announced Dodie Filchak as a new member of Ossian Park Board, filling the vacant seat. Clerk-Treasurer, Erika Allison, swore Dodie Filchak in.

Police Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, report that the Police is over budget on the salary but that Officer Tucker had worked on the schedule to reduce overtime. Chichester then let Chief Rigney explain the new proposed salary pay for the Police Dept. Chief Rigney also discussed what Bluffton Police Dept. and the County Sheriff's Dept. will be proposing this year as well. He stated that he would like to adopt the new salary structure to stay competitive in the area.

Rose Barrick, from Stormwater Board, reported that they have been approved by the Rail Road, but they did not provide a cost estimate. A bid date has been set for the project.

Sweeney moved to approve Change Order #2 for the Mill St. Project, a reduction of \$7,692.84. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approved Payment Application #3 to Wayne Asphalt for the Mill St. Project in the amount of \$206,313.67. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley moved to allow Joe Lewis, Park Board President, permission to sign the DNR Contract for Archbold-Wilson Park. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

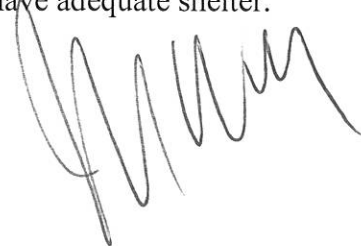
Pursley moved to accept the Bertsch-Frank Land Surveying Contract. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Chad Kline invited Matt Kelly from Comcast to speak on Ossian's internet speed. Kelly stated that he believes Ossian residents currently possess good internet speed and would not recommend expanding it.

Martin informed Council that the Road 1 resurfacing project would begin August 26th and they are not supposed to be working in Town during Ossian Days.

Barkley revisited Ossian's problem with feral cats. He stated that something needs to be done to address the issue and would like to work with citizens to take action. Barkley also stated that he would like to move forward with Officer Tucker making sure pets have adequate shelter.

Erika Allison



Les Wyss, resident of 405 W. Mill St. had complaints of dust on the Mill St. Project. He noted that there is a water truck to wet down the area once a day but it does not adequately solve the dust problem. Wyss also stated that the water truck didn't appear until after a meeting with the contractor.

Rob Williams and Sam Sommer, residents of W. Mill St., complained about the new concrete curb on the north side of Mill Street being too high. After discussion, a meeting was scheduled for the next day, Tuesday August 13th at noon with any W. Mill St. residents, Martin, Barkley, engineer Jim Breckler and the contractor from Wayne Asphalt.

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

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$452,988.75 as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Dowty seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

MINUTES
OSSIAN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
Tuesday, July 30, 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 June 28, 2019. Tim seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

RR Rose Ann Heights swale update: Design plans approved by railroad next step is the agreement with the railroad. RR has not clarified what the easement fee might be. ERI is ready to apply for the Erosion Control permit, prepare the bid package and bid out the project. ERI wants to know if storm wants to move forward. We are looking at a difficult bidding climate so extending the completion date until next year could be helpful. Board gave permission to proceed.

Ossian Industrial Park Drainage project: Fox revisited site for fine grading & seeding, it was discussed about the areas that still have standing water, Fox will be in to fix those areas. Hillcrest Development has not completed their portion; a letter will need to be sent out with a time limit again. Storm wants a 30-day time limit.

Blakewood deed for the retention pond was filed on Monday so it is officially ours.

Meadow Lane: Rose would like to see the swales reestablished and see how that works, Tim wants to make sure the tile at the end is a little smaller possibly 18" so that the ditch is not so deep and the swale grading would be a lot gentler. It was agreed that ERI would make a couple of cross section sketches of how a ditch would look and Jim & Jeff would meet with residents to give them a good idea of how their ditch might look.

Bunn/Oakdale: The town found a 10' easement behind the property.

Sandalwood: The town has found and fixed a few sink holes. ERI and Luann have been talking about doing a street project which could include storm drainage.

Erika Allison



Budget: Checking \$208,850. Savings \$69,843.45

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 10am at the Town Hall.

Rose made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Tim.



**BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE
COMMISSIONERS
OSSIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF OSSIAN, WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA**

30 August 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR POLICE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: August Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes were recorded by Andrew Wanner on 7 August 2019. Commission members Chichester, Wanner, and Miller were present. The Town Council Police Commission Liaison, Dowty, was also present. Member(s) briefing the Police Commission included: Chief Rigney. Monthly meeting started at 1800hrs.
2. Miller motioned to approve minutes from June meeting. Chichester seconded approval of minutes, the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
3. Chief Rigney briefing monthly statistics. Fuel costs were cut in half, due to more efficient use of personnel and time. September 7th at 1000hrs is scheduled Physical Agility Testing for potential hires. Pay increase proposal was discussed, increase of 3%. Increase will make wages more competitive for the area, but not top pay in area. Miller motioned to approve proposal, Chichester seconded, vote passed 3-0.
4. Miller proposed bringing back Sergeant position, citing liability issues, use of force issues, failing to train, and failing to supervise. Chichester stated per Town's legal representative, Hartburg, there is no legal requirement to appoint more office positions. Wanner stated he saw no need for position due to historical incapability of position remaining filled, and due to small size of department it is unnecessary.
5. Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 1845 with a 3-0 vote.

Caleb Chichester, Vice - Chairmen
Ossian Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners

Andrew Wanner, Vice - Chairmen
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Bob Miller, Member
Ossian Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners

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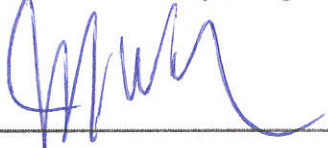
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CERTIFICATION

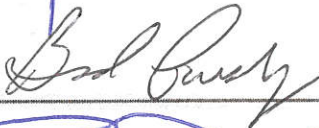
We, the members of the Town Council of the Town of Ossian, Indiana, hereby certify that we held an executive session on August 20, 2019 at 12:30pm, for the discussion of the purchase or lease of real property, said executive session being permitted pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b). No subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject specified in the public notice.

Ended @ 1:35pm

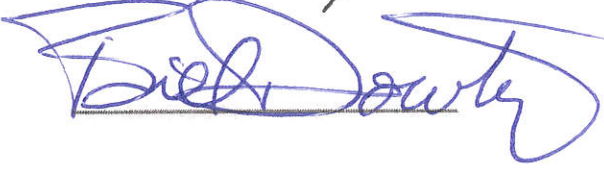
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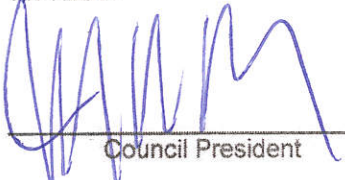








ATTEST:


_____ Council President



