

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

November 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, Brad Pursley and Renee Sweeney present.

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

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker, asked permission to spend \$4,116.79 on engine 601 repairs, \$2,783.50 to replace a hose that failed hose testing this year, and \$8,869.14 for two radios from Motorola. Sweeney moved to approve listed purchases, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Police Chief, Dave Rigney, asked for 7 tasers to be purchased from Axon Enterprise in the amount of \$25,200. The cost includes licenses and cartridges and the tasers hold a five year life expectancy. After much discussion, Kemper moved to approve the purchase of \$25,200 for 7 tasers, Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Next, Rigney presented a couple of quotes received from Hiday Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Mike Anderson Dodge for a 2020 Durango all-wheel drive. Hiday's quote came in at \$27,962 and Mike Anderson's at \$28,162. Dowty moved to purchase the Durango from Mike Anderson's in the amount of \$28,162 to keep the sale local. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Jim Breckler, from Engineering Resources, opened and read the bids for 2019 Street Improvement Project. Bids were as follows:

<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Bid Pkg A:</u>	<u>Bid Pkg B:</u>	<u>Bid Pkg C1:</u>	<u>Bid Pkg C2:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
API Construction	\$89,674.00	\$44,603.00	\$62,789.00	\$39,206.00	\$236,272.00
E&B Paving	\$107,583.55	\$44,611.39	\$64,308.16	\$34,062.40	\$250,565.50
Brooks Construction	\$110,346.00	\$46,003.50	\$69,914.00	\$36,862.50	\$263,126.00
Wayne Asphalt	\$109,070.00	\$51,405.00	\$72,560.00	\$43,185.00	\$276,220.00

Breckler will review the bids and come back with a recommendation at the December meeting.

Breckler notified Council of Fox Contractors being done with their work on the Industrial Park Drainage Improvements Project. He recommended Council to approve of Change Order 1 for a deduction of \$1,966.70 and to pay Payment Applications 2 and 3 for \$7,123.50 and \$22,340.33 respectively. Pursley moved to pay both Payment Applications and approve Change Order 1, Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to pay Payment Application 2, final payment, to Utility Service in the amount of \$105,241.00 from the CEDIT Fund, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve Payment Application 6 to Wayne Asphalt for the Mill St. Project, at a cost of \$184,400.92 and Change Order 3, a deduction of \$80,894.09. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Resolution 19-11-1 is to adopt Ending Cash and Investment Balances at December 31, 2018 as the Beginning Cash and Investment Balances for January 1, 2019. These balances were reconciled by the

current Clerk-Treasurer, Erika Allison. Believing the Resolution to be true and correct, Sweeney moved to approve Resolution 19-11-1, Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Dowty moved to approve of buying Christmas Hams as done in years past, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Mike Lautzenheiser Jr., Area Plan Commission Director, explained all changes that have been made to the Wells County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Sweeney moved to adopt Ordinance 19-11-1 amending the Wells County Comprehensive Zoning, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney moved to approve MEWA, the Indiana Chamber Care, for health insurance for the next year, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to enter into Agreement with Indiana Department of Transportation for the Community Crossing Match of \$187,487.88 that will be used for the 2019 Street Improvements Project, Dowty seconded. Passed 5-0

Allison provided Council with a draft of the Salary Ordinance for discussion. The draft included no increase given to Council, Allison's request for Clerk-Treasurer's annual salary, a 3% for all town employees, as well as a 3% for the Police Dept. as an option one and what the Chief requested as option two.

Allison explained a few added items. She noted that the Town already reimburses employees up to \$75 for boots, as Council has determined, but that she would like it in the Salary Ordinance. Same with adding Police Commissioners pay of \$12.00/year. She also asked Council and Police Commissioner President Caleb if they wanted the wording in the Ordinance to be, "Lateral Hire Officers could be credited with up to 5 years of service," this way they would have the option if they wanted to credit the years of service or not. The unanimous consensus was to have the option. Allison also added a section for Personal Time and explained that the Handbook doesn't address how or if personal time is prorated for new hires and that this schedule would make that easier. Allison also stated that Longevity Pay was added at the end to see what Council thought of giving employees a yearend bonus based on their length of service.

Bill and Cindy Johnson, residents in the Melching Addition, wanted to know what the next steps were about feral cats. They've incurred multiple expenses with feral cats making a mess in their yard, garden, and garage. Barkley explained that Council is currently working on amending the Animal Ordinance to better address these issues.

Sweeney moved to approve training for Athena Brickley, Council-Elect, for regional training for newly elected officials on December 17<sup>th</sup> in Fort Wayne at a cost of \$99.00. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

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

Dowty moved to approve claims of \$512,513.97 as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Kemper seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Erika Allison

