

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

August 10, 2020 – 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, Brad Pursley, Athena Brickley, Jeff Kemper, and Renee Sweeney present.

Brickley moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney informed Council that the Police Department is concerned about their pay structure and how that will affect hiring and retaining employees.

Retha Springer, owner of NAPA, asked for an update on 103 N. Jefferson. Barkley informed her that we are seeking a quote from a contractor but he has not provided a quote yet. Brickley informed Springer and Council that she took pictures of the NAPA building for documentation.

Pursley approved payment application for retainage to API Construction for \$23,617.06, Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

Brickley questioned change order #1 with an increase of \$67,663.00 to Cornerstone Stewards for WWTP Improvement Project. She requested that findings of needed repairs come out of the allowance moving forward instead of creating a change order. Brickley also requested confirmation of profit percentages as its currently at 15% and thinks it should be at 5%. Barkley motioned that upon confirmation with the engineer, Brickley can sign the change order, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney approved payment application #1 to Barkley Builders for the Archbold-Wilson Pavilion Project of \$69,120, Brickley seconded. Barkley abstained from the vote. Passed 4-0

Pursley motioned to appoint Bill Dowty to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

For health insurance renewal, Martin explained that the Town's two best options are with Anthem Blue Cross MEWA and to renew the Town's current plan at a 4% premium increase, or to choose option 1, increasing the premium 1% and raising the deductible and out of pocket expense. Pursley motioned to use option 1 of Anthem Blue Cross MEWA raising the premium 1%, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Per the Governor's Executive Order, the Utilities Department was suspended from making shutoffs due to COVID-19. The Executive Order is set to expire August 14th. To alleviate those impacted by COVID-19, the attorney drafted a Utility Repayment Plan as Resolution 20-8-1. Customers on the delinquent list have the opportunity to sign up for the repayment plan before September 4th at 3:30. This payment plan allows customers to pay there month's current bill plus 1/6 of their delinquent amount over the course of 6 months. Sweeney motioned to approve Resolution 20-8-1, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin informed Council that the railings on one of the pumps has deteriorated at the Davis Road lift station. Martin presented a proposal from Cornerstone Stewards for \$11,800 for the materials to repair the lift station. Martin said if approved, she would then seek quotes for the labor. Barkley questioned Martin about using Barnes pumps in the future. Sweeney motioned to approve the Cornerstone proposal, Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin sought 3 quotes for the Oakdale Drainage Project, as this was one of Stormwater's projects. The project includes installing a storm line in the back of two houses with a couple of inlets. Martin only received one proposal back and requested that if Council would like to seek additional quotes, to not share the amount of the proposal she received. Martin shared that the proposal is probably high as she recalls Breckler's estimate might have been \$30,000-\$35,000. Council asked Martin to have Breckler look over the proposal. Brickley motioned to approve Newell's proposal pending the engineer's approval, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin sought quotes on for the parking lot from local companies and received no response. Council agreed to have Martin contact paving companies next including Wayne Asphalt, API Construction, Brooks, and E&B.

Allison presented and discussed preliminary budgets as requested by Department Heads. Allison also asked Council how they wanted the levy distributed for 2021 and if they wanted to make any changes. There was much discussion but no final decisions were made. Allison informed Council that she will advertise the maximum levy and budget onto Gateway no later than September 4th. The Public Hearing will be along with the next Council meeting on September 14th and budget adoption on October 12th.

Brickley motioned to have Barkley sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Ossian, Bee Creek Development, and FHG Development, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

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

Brickley moved to approve claims of \$500,420.46 as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin informed Council that Gene Donaghy dropped off the purchase agreement for the detention pond at Industrial Park. The attorney had a couple changes that needed to be made. Brickley motioned to for Barkley to be able to sign the purchase agreement after the requested changes have been made, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin explained Ordinance 20-8-2 would prohibit vehicles as dwellings on Town streets. After unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 20-8-2 for adoption on the same day of its introduction, Barkley motioned adopt on first reading, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0 Pursley motioned to adopt Ordinance 20-8-2 on second reading, Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

Kemper moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

26 February 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR POLICE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: March Meeting Minutes

Minutes were recorded by Stan Reed.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Caleb Chichester

Bob Miller Caleb Chichester and Stan Reed Present

Also, Council Liaison Renee Sweeney, Chief Of Police Dave Rigney

Approval of minutes 3-0 after amendments

Chief Rigney discussed Monthly budget

Salary is under budget for month of February

Chief Rigney discussed Mission Statement

Chief Rigney discussed recap of 911 calls

Chief Rigney discussed 2019 recap of arrest & tickets

Tazers have arrived full payment complete

Discussion on Policy revisions

Bob Miller makes Motion to Promote officer Tucker to Sergeant Approved 3-0.

Liaison Sweeney discussion on training Compensation

Discussion on Per Diem allowance

Discussion on Policy on Officers Vacation Qualifications-Handbook

Caleb Chichester Motion to present Handbook changes to Council 3-0

Social Media discussion- Policy is fine may edit later.....

Regular meeting at 6:00pm April 1,2020 may do a Executive meeting at 7:00pm

Caleb Chichester motion to Adjourn at 7:55pm approved 3-0

3 June 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR POLICE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: June Meeting Minutes

Minutes were recorded by Stan Reed.

Meeting called to order at 6:04 By Caleb Chichester

Caleb Chichester, Bob Miller and Stan Reed

Also, Chief of police Dave Rigney & Sergeant S.Tucker

Approval of Minutes for February 28th 2020 meeting 3-0

Rigney monthly report gas expenses VERY good. Under budget

Old Business- Durango waiting on equipment.

Hiring process- put on hold until July account Covid19 . Academy full for 2020

Discussion on a hiring video and the hiring process.

Discussion on hiring another reserve officer.

Policies review-305.5.3 wording change.

306.6 wording change.

New policy reviews to go over before next meeting.

Old business- 5 year plan – we added a crime scene lab.

New AED received may get another later this year.

Social Media getting positive feedback. Great feedback
on GREEN-YELLOW-RED signs National Attention.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:26 By C.C approved 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26pm