

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

September 14, 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.

Barkley opened the Public Hearing for the 2021 budget. There being no comment or questions from the public, Brickley motioned to close the public hearing, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

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

Council started the bid opening for the office remodeling. Bids were received from Meyer Renovation, Stylus Technologies, and Collier's Comfort Services. Office renovation supplies were also requested by the Police Dept for a gun locker, office furniture, evidence lockers, and file boxes. Barkley motioned to accepted the quotes received including Meyer Renovation for \$25,512.00, Stylus Technologies for \$6,988.00, Collier's Comfort Services, Option B not to exceed \$2,800. Also, approved requested office renovation supplies not to exceed \$7,000, making the total renovation cost not to exceed \$41,577. Brickley seconded. Passed 4-0 with Sweeney abstaining. Barkley also requested for Chief Rigney to ask for the remaining balance of the Court Cost Fund from the Wells County Auditor.

The Town Hall will still be used for the October Council meeting, then starting in November it'll be held at Colliers for the following meetings.

Brickley motioned to approve payment application #4 of \$120,568.02 to Cornerstone Stewards for WWTP Improvements. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Brickley motioned to approve payment application #5 of \$303,682.31 to Cornerstone Stewards for WWTP Improvements. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley motioned to approve payment application #1 of \$123,588.23 to Hoosier Pride for Rose Ann Heights Drainage Swale, Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney motioned to approve payment application #2 of \$152,253.00 to Barkley Builders, Kemper seconded. Passed 4-0 with Barkley abstaining.

Barkley motioned to set the bidding at \$5,000 for selling the 2009 Dodge Charger, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0. Bids will be opened at the October meeting.

Sergeant Tucker also asked about purchasing another SUV to replace McClish's 2011 Dodge Charger. Council agreed that the Police Dept could start getting prices but asked to get prices for a car and SUV.

Upon Council's unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 20-9-1 for adoption on the same day of its introduction, Brickley motioned to adopt Ordinance 20-9-1, incorporating Supplement 2020 S-4 in to the Town of Ossian Code of Ordinances. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

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Barkley motioned to set Trick-or-Treat hours for 6-8p.m., Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin explained that two employees, Michael Ward and Nick Ormsby, are doing well and she would like to take them off probation and give each of them a raise. Sweeney motioned to take both employees off probation and increase Ward's pay to \$16.50 and Ormsby's pay to \$17.75, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Brickley motioned to approve a utility adjustment for \$916.65, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley explained that the Town has been unsuccessful obtaining a contractor for the demolition of 103 N. Jefferson due to specialized scope of the project. However, there might be another person interested in purchasing it. Barkley said he would like to cover the costs of the building that the Town has put into it this far. Pursley motioned to appoint Athena Brickley as the point person, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

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

Pursley moved to approve claims of \$1,001,964.91 as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Brickley moved to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Ossian Park Board
August 3, 2020

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Dodie Filchak, and Joe Lewis

1. Read and approved minutes from 7-6-20 meeting
2. An additional \$57,000 grant has been received for the playground equipment at Archbold Wilson Park. The playground will be called The Wells County Foundation Playground. The equipment has been ordered and hope to have it installed by October. The Rotary Club will be getting benches August 11th. Concrete should be poured this week for the amphitheater.
3. Discussed budget. Decided to change the cost of the adopt-a-tree from \$275 to \$375. Dodie motioned. Tim seconded. Passed 3-0.
4. Next meeting on October 5, 2020
5. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

Erika Allison
