

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

October 12, 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.

Sweeney moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

Fire Chief, Ben Fenstermaker, asked to use the CARES money from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to purchase radios. In total, the Fire Dept. needs 16 radios for a total of \$109,910.12. He asked to split the remaining reimbursement money with the Police Dept to purchase the radios. After Barkley asked, Fenstermaker explained that his original plan would've been to buy half of the radios this year and half the next with Public Safety money and the Fire Dept's budget. Council took no action.

Brickley motioned to appoint Gary Guenin to the Park Board, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0. Guenin then took his oath. Guenin filled the vacancy of Janet Riley and therefore his term will expire 12/31/2022.

Girl Scout Troop #44 asked a few questions to Council as they are working on their democracy badge.

Brickley motioned to approve payment application #6 of \$179,259.67 to Cornerstone Stewards for WWTP Improvements. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Breckler informed Council that everything is going according to plan on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement project.

Sweeney motioned to approve payment application #3 of \$209,520.00 to Barkley Builders, Brickley seconded. Passed 4-0 with Barkley abstaining.

Pursley motioned to approve Resolution 20-10-2 reducing MVH's current year budget by \$85,000, Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

Allison explained that after August's meeting she increased Public Safety's 2021 budget in case Council wanted to move any of the allowed expenses from the General Fund to the Public Safety Fund. Council was in favor of reducing the General Fund's budget. Upon Council's unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 20-10-1 for adoption on the same day of its introduction, Brickley motioned to adopt Ordinance 20-10-1, adopting the budget for 2021, lowering the General Fund adopted budget to \$715,474 for a total of \$3,200,499.00 including home-ruled funds. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Breckler explained that there has been another call for the Community Crossing Grant as Council had previously discussed applying for the grant for Industrial Parkway road. Breckler explained two options for the road. Option one being a full depth removal and replacement, estimating at around \$1.3 million, or, option two, full depth reclamation at a \$814,000 estimate. Breckler recommended to move forward with the full depth reclamation for the project as it's a cheaper and just as good as option one. Also, full depth reclamation will close down the whole road two-three days compared to

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removal and replacement would be a one lane for two-three months. The financial obligation for the Town, if CCMG was obtained, would be \$215,000 for option two. Brickley motioned to proceed with the application for CCMG using full depth reclamation, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0. Brickly motioned for Barkley to sign finical commitment letter that will be submitted with the grant, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Kaehr Excavating, developers of Crosswind Lakes, asked the Council to pay an invoice from Shambaugh & Son Contractors & Engineers in an amount of \$1,500. Our Town's construction standard book and Indiana state code requires a water flow test to be performed to determine fire hydrant flow. Kaehr's explained, as a developer, they've not had to pay that before and usually it's information that the town provides. Breckler said Fort Wayne can perform their own test and pass that information along, but other places like Angola don't provide anything. Kemper motioned to split it the invoice payment with Kaehr Excavating in an amount of \$750 from CEDIT fund, Sweeney seconded.

No bids were received for the 2009 Dodge charger. By unanimous consensus, Council determined to set the new bid to \$4,000.

Upon Council's unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 20-10-3 for adoption on the same day of its introduction, Brickley motioned to adopt Ordinance 20-10-3, amending fees and charges for garbage, refuse, and recyclable collection to \$16.51 plus and administration fee of \$1.00 for a total of \$17.51. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney motioned to approve Resolution 20-10-4, adoption of the Wells County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

Upon Council's unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 20-10-5 for adoption on the same day of its introduction, Pursley motioned to adopt Ordinance 20-10-, establishing a new fund, "Police Resource Library Fund". Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Kemper motioned to approve Resolution 20-10-6, a resolution to accept title of real property known as 90-02-21-100-021.000-009, Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

Sweeney motioned to continue buying Christmas hams or turkeys for employees, committee members, and revitalization members, Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

Kemper motioned to approve License for Improvement in Right of Way with Beth Loucks at 617 Oakdale Drive, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Brickley approved payment to Newell Construction Company for Oakdale Drainage Improvement Project for a total of \$41,604.78, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

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

Martin obtained quotes for resurfacing the walking track from Wayne Asphalt and E&B. Barkley doesn't believe they looked at the track before sending a quote and would like them to see the track as it might lower the price. Pursley motioned for Barkley to make the decision on moving forward with resurfacing after new quotes are obtained, Brickley seconded. Passed 5-0

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*Bud Pursley*

Pursley moved to approve claims of \$731,406.64 as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Barkley explained that the individual who expressed interest in the 103 N Jefferson Building didn't get a chance to go through the building yet.

Pursley moved to adjourn. Brickley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17p.m.

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

*6 August 2020*

MEMORANDUM FOR POLICE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: August Meeting Minutes

Minutes were recorded by Stan Reed.

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Caleb Chichester

Stan Reed and Caleb Chichester present  
Also Liaison Renee Sweeney, Chief of police Dave Rigney & Glen Werling

Approval of Minutes for June 3, 2020 2-0

Chief Rigney discussed budget we are well under budget for fuel.  
Due in part to good fuel prices.

Sergeant Tucker currently taking DARE training.

We need new antenna for one Radar Detectors. May be cheaper to upgrade.  
\$1095 for a refurbished unit.

We are doing a background check on a potential "New Officer"

policies review- Possible Body Cams in the future. would require server upgrade.  
Civil Disputes. Asset Forfeiture.

2021 Budget- Salary looking for a 3% raise for ALL officers. Via less OT  
And hiring another Officer.  
Ossian has the lowest rate of pay for Officers in Wells County.  
This is due in part to a new pay matrix.

Discussion on meeting moving to a new Day & Time?? 1st Monday of Month @6:00pm  
No Meeting in September. First meeting will be October 5th 2020 at 6:00pm  
Nov 2nd @6:00pm and December 7th at 6:00 pm.

Motion to Adjourn approved 2-0  
Meeting Adjourned @6:45pm

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*Bob Pursley*

Ossian Police Commission Minutes

October 5, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Ossian Police Commissioners was called to order at 1805 by Chairperson Chichester.

Members in attendance were Vice-Chairperson Miller, Police Chief Rigney, SGT. Tucker, Town Council Liaison Renee Sweeney.

The minutes of the August meeting were presented and approved on a motion by Bob Miller, second by Caleb Chichester, 2-0 approved.

Chief Rigney provided his monthly police report that denoted under budget in Fuel costs and salaried for the year to date.

Old Business:

Chief Rigney presented a significant amount of operation policies for review by the commissioners. For the most part this will complete the process of revising and adding the policies. The next step will be to work on editing and then obtaining final approval.

Sgt. Tucker advised that they were in the probes of interviewing and vetting possible candidates to hire for the position. There were several more applications that was reached.

Sgt. Tucker provided information on the renovation of the station to better improve the police departments quarters. The renovations should be starting sometime in November. Sgt. Tucker went over how things will be set up and how they will be storing records and evidence to make sure that they meet the required standards.

New Business:

Sgt. Tucker spoke at the Presbyterian church and discussed Domestic Violence awareness since this is the month that we recognize this. There will also be an article in the newspaper as well.

Officer Tucker wanted everyone to be aware that Wednesday morning at the Crimson House will be the first Coffee with a Cop. They are hoping that this will have a good turnout and be the start of other great community measures.

Sgt. Tucker was present a commendation for her role in leading the investigation into the child homicide that occurred earlier in the year. Sgt Tucker was recognized for her leadership and diligence in making sure that the case was solid and that a conviction was obtained. The family presented her with a token of thanks as well.

With no other business to conduct, meeting adjourned on a Caleb motion with a second from Bob. All in favor 2-0

Submitted, Robert Miller, Acting Secretary

*Erika Allison*  
*Bob Miller*

Ossian Park Board  
October 5, 2020

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Dodie Filchak, Ashley Harmon, and Joe Lewis

1. Read and approved minutes from 8-3-20 meeting.
2. Ossian Psi Otes here and presented a check for \$30,000 to be used for the Archbold Wilson Amphitheater.
3. Discussed fees and charges for Ossian Parks.
  - Melching Park Pavilion \$25-for 4 hours. All day \$40
  - Melching Park Accessories \$50-refunded when returned
  - Dog Park annual access: Town resident \$15, Wells County resident \$20, All others \$25
  - Tennis Courts \$25 per day
  - Baseball Diamond \$100 per day
  - Concession Stand
  - Temporary electric hook-up
  - Amphitheatre \$100-4 hours or less, \$150 over 4 hours
    - ◆ Amphitheatre Pavilion only \$75-4 hours or less, \$100 over 4 hours
    - ◆ Matching deposit for each fee
4. Discussed what to call the amphitheater, decided on Archibold-Wilson Event Center
5. Playground equipment here for Archbold-Wilson park. Josh Barkley has the 327-page assembly instructions. Planning to be put together by Josh.
6. Gary Guenin here inquiring about the open position on the Park Board. Ashley motioned to accept. Dodie seconded. Passed 4-0. Ossian Town Council to swear in Gary at meeting on Monday October 12, 2020.
7. Next meeting on November 2, 2020
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

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*Bob Busby*