

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

November 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Council Vice-President, Brad Pursley called the meeting of the Ossian Town Council to order with Council members Jeff Kemper and Renee Sweeney present. Council members Athena Brickley and Josh Barkley were absent.

Sweeney moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Kemper seconded. Passed 3-0

Police Commissioner, Bob Miller, noticed as an oversight, the Commissioners never requested Officer Mounsey to receive his five years of service credit for having previous experience before being employed at Ossian. Miller asked for Mounsey to receive a pay increase to reflect the five-year experience pay and to receive backpay from January for his years of experience totaling \$455.05 on the November 25<sup>th</sup> payroll. Sweeney motioned to approve an increase in pay and backpay for Rus Mounsey totaling \$455.05, Kemper seconded.

Miller also asked about CARES Act money, and if anything had been determined. Pursley answered that it is still being worked on.

Sweeney approved payment application #7 to Cornerstone Stewards for the Wastewater Improvement Project in the amount of \$211,509.61, Kemper seconded. Passed 3-0

Pursley approved payment application #4 to Barkley Builders for the Archbold-Wilson Pavilion Project in the amount of \$72,360.00, Sweeney seconded. Passed 3-0

Pursley opened the bids for the 2009 Dodge Charger. The Town received two bids, one from Chris Madej for \$3,000 and another from Craig Kindy for \$4,500. Kemper moved to approved the sale for \$4500 to Craig and JoJeana Kindy, Sweeney seconded. Passed 3-0

Sweeney motioned to reaffirm Melissa Woodworth as the Area Plan Commission Appointment for 2021, Kemper seconded. Passed 3-0

Jim Brewer from Ossian Revitalization informed Council of their annual event, Hometown Christmas occurring December 3<sup>rd</sup> in downtown.

Chad Kline, Wells County Economic Director, discussed the proposal from Baker Tilly in establishing a Housing TIF for Crosswinds Lakes and the area behind Ossian Furniture. Kline explained the process of how Housing TIF works, the setup process, and what the revenue may be spent on. Pursley said he would like to wait on making a decision to get Barkley's input. Kline said he would be back at the December meeting.

Sweeney motioned to approve easement number IN200572 to Indiana Michigan Power Company at Archbold-Wilson Park, Kemper seconded. Passed 3-0

Allison informed Council that the salary ordinance will need to be adopted next month. It was determined to propose a 3% increase to all positions except Council and the part-time officer position.

By unanimous consent, Council set the deadline for committee letters for December 14, 2020.

Sweeney motioned to approve the utility adjustment for account 10839229 in the amount of \$147.31, Kemper seconded. Passed 3-0

Tim Baker, Jefferson Township Advisory Board Member, updated Council on the Fire Department's request for radios. He informed Council that the Fire Dept. would like to purchase Motorola radios that are estimated at about \$108,000, but he has found Kenwood radios for about \$70,000. The Kenwood radios are used by Union Township, Markley, and the EMS. Baker expressed his concerns in the price difference and would like Council to be aware of other options.

Sweeney moved to approve time as presented noting that the total is missing on Chad Foreman's 10/25 timecard. Kemper seconded. Passed 3-0

Kemper moved to approve claims of \$416,547.74 as presented. Sweeney seconded. Passed 3-0

Pursley asked Bob Miller for his opinion on radios. Miller stated that there's pros and cons to both, but the Kenwood's typically need more maintenance.

Ben Fenstermaker, Fire Chief, stated that him, Dan Rupright, and Athena Brickley are trying to make contact with Motorola to go over all the numbers. Ben said that his department has tried Kenwoods and they had a few problems with them. Fenstermaker also stated that the Fire Dept, through the Town, Township, and Ossian Volunteer Fire Inc., has already slowly started to replace radios and they've been purchasing Motorola's. Fenstermaker said stated it wouldn't make sense to replace the next batch with a different brand.

Kemper moved to adjourn. Sweeney seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m.

*2 November 2020*

MEMORANDUM FOR POLICE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: November Meeting Minutes

Minutes were recorded by Stan Reed.

Meeting Called to order at 6:01pm

Commissioners Stan Reed and Caleb Chichester present. Bob Miller present via Phone.. Also present

Sergeant Tucker Ossian Police Dept , Liaison Renee Sweeney & Glen Werling Ossian Journal.

Approval of previous minutes 2-0

Tucker discussed Fuel budget and Overtime. Possible increase in payroll due to holidays and end of the year. Fuel budget

well below estimate due to fuel cost.

Old Business- policies revisions will be discussed at December meeting.  
goal to have new policies in effect Feb 2021.

Experience pay discussed - Up to 60 months of Experience pay.." Russ" falls into that category...Should be retro to January 2020..Bob Miller will present this to Council Meeting Monday November 9, 2020. Should be around \$500 of back pay earned.

Motion 4th class patrol Officer Pay Approved 2-0 Will approach council about pay.

December Meeting to be at Colliers Heating due to construction .

Prospective new hires three possible candidates.

Dec 7 2020 date of next Meeting.

Quotes for new vehicle presented by Sgt. Tucker

Motion to Adjourn 2-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:18

### Ossian Park Board

November 2, 2020

Attendance: Tim Rohr·, Dodie Filchak, Gary Guenin, Ashley Hannon, and Joe Lewis

1. Read and approved minutes from IO-5-2020 meeting.
2. Archbold Wilson Amphitheater close to completion. No electrical installed yet. The walking trail will be resurfaced next spring.
3. Discussed rental fee application for Archbold Wilson Amphitheater. Park Board to walk through amphitheater to take inventory and how to police the inventory.
4. Luann to submit wording to Town Attorney for approval concerning alcohol usage in the park. After approval of wording from attorney, Town Insurance Company to be contacted for approval.
5. Discussed budget, currently we are \$4,755.52 over budget. New funds will be here on December 1, 2020.
6. The playground is scheduled to be installed on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Josh Barkley is heading the installation. A memorial for Angie Chasey will be installed at the playground.
7. Next meeting December 7, 2020 at Collier 's
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm