

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

January 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Collier's – 213 North Jefferson

Council President, Josh Barkley called into the meeting by telephone and called the meeting of the Ossian Town Council to order with Council members, Brad Pursley, Jeff Kemper, Jason House, and Renee Sweeney present.

Pursley motioned to elect Barkley as President; Sweeny seconded. Passed 5-0. Barkley motioned to elect Pursley as Vice-President; Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve the minutes of the December meetings. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Ben Fenstermaker informed Council that the Township Trustees determined to give \$30,000, as a straight dollar amount, towards the Fire Department's radios. The Department is looking to purchase 16 handhelds, 10 mobiles, 16 speaker mics, and 9 chargers. The total cost is \$105,994.73, and Fenstermaker asked the Town to pay the remaining \$75,994.73. Fenstermaker would like to pay for the radios by seeking an additional appropriation for the General Fund and paying \$13,000 from it, resembling the Fire Department's leftover budget money from 2020. The remaining \$62,994.73 was asked to be paid for from the Public Safety Fund. Sweeney motioned to approve the purchase of radios with the Town to pay \$75,994.73, \$13,000 from General Fund and \$62,994.73 from the Public Safety fund, House seconded. Passed 5-0

Caleb Chichester, Police Commissioner, asked for the Police Department to stop handling money for police fees. It was determined for the Police Department to handle the issuance of the report or permit, including golf cart permits, and after the customer obtains their permit or report, for the Clerk-Treasurer's office to receipt the money. Sweeney motioned for the Police Department to handle the administration and the Clerk-Treasurer's office to write the receipt; Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley motioned to approve payment application #9 of \$105,902.41 to Cornerstone Stewards, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Engineering Resources, reviewed the demolition proposal to 103 North Jefferson and potential effects on the adjacent properties. Martin informed Council they have the option to declare an emergency and obtain at least two quotes instead of advertising bids for the project. It was determined that quotes needed to be obtained by noon on January 27th. The contractor would also need to start demolition on the week of February 1st and create a timeline of completion for the project. Kemper motioned a declaration of emergency, and to seek quotes from Frauhiger Excavating, Minnich Lawn Care and Excavating, Kreager Brothers Excavating, and Bunn, Inc., Sweeny seconded. Passed 5-0. Kemper motioned to have Barkley view the quotes and award the project, Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Chief Rigney presented Duane Klaus with a distinguished service award upon his announcement of retirement as Reserve Officer after serving the community for a collective 37 years.

Barkley motioned to appoint House, Kemper, Sweeney, Barkley, Pursley, and Gene Donaghy as the School Board Representative, to the Redevelopment Commission Board for 2021. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Chad Kline was unable to attend the meeting and will discuss the housing TIF at the February meeting.

Sweeny motioned to approve the purchase of the Custom Programming FREY software to bring the Town's chart of accounts in compliance with State Board of Accounts Chapter 3 and 4 Manual in an amount of \$5,985, Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Property 403 Christ Street was cited a number of years ago with an unsafe building. It has been up for tax sale multiple times without selling. Since the Town had a lien filed against the property, the County Commissioners determined to give it to the Town, for the Town to sell and recoup some of their money. Pursley motioned to pass Resolution 21-1-1 accepting an assignment of the County's tax lien against a certain property, Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

Martin explained in 2020 the Town was required to pay 80 hours of extended leave to employees who contracted COVID-19 or had to quarantine after being exposed. Martin asked for Council to extend the 80 hours of pay for employees who tested positive or are waiting on test results until the public emergency has dissipated. Martin explained that if Council was in favor, she would have Hartburg write up a Resolution or Ordinance spelling out the details for Council to pass at their February meeting. General consensus was to move forward, paying employees up to 80 hours from their normal funds.

Martin explained the utility adjustment for Bruce Sonner does not meet the Town's criteria and asked that an exception not be made. However, Martin and Barkley estimated the cost of Sonner's material, being seed and fertilizer, to be \$25 and asked that the Town disburse a check for the said amount. Barkley motioned to reimburse Bruce Sonner \$25; Sweeny seconded. Passed 5-0

Upon news of Sally Bracke's announcement of retirement, Allison passed out an updated Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's job description for Council to adopt. Allison stated she would post the job opening and would like to list a pay range with the job opening. It was determined to set the pay range from \$14.50 to \$18 per hour. Pursley motioned to accept the job description, Sweeny seconded. Passed 5-0

Gene Donaghy asked about the Town's long-term comprehensive plan.

Sweeny moved to approve time as presented. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to approve claims of \$303,241.30 as presented. Sweeny seconded. Passed 5-0

Pursley moved to adjourn. Kemper seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

OSSIAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Regular Meeting

January 11, 2020 - 7:45 p.m.

Ossian Town Hall – 507 North Jefferson

Jeff Kemper called the meeting to order at 8:21p.m. with Commission members Brad Pursley, Jason House, Josh Barkley, Renee Sweeney, and Gene Donaghy present.

Pursley nominated Kemper for President, Sweeney for Vice-President and House for Secretary. Sweeney seconded. Passed 5-0

There being no other business, Pursley moved to adjourn with a second from Kemper. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Ossian Park Board

January 4, 2021

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

1. Read and approved minutes from 12-7-2020 meeting.
2. Dodie motioned to keep all officers the same for 2021. Gary seconded, passed 5-0. Joe Lewis- President, Ashley Harmon-Vice President, Tim Rohr-Secretary
3. Meetings will be on first Monday of each month at 7pm
4. Mark DeLagarza here representing Summit City Sluggers. Would be interested in heading a baseball program in Ossian. A 7-and-under age group, 8-9 year age group, and 10,11, and 12 age group. Joe to arrange a meeting with Mark and the Aces League representatives to discuss scheduling. Ashley motioned to have Joe make discussion arrangements concerning scheduling. Dodie seconded. Passed 5-0
5. Bob King here to discuss tennis courts and the condition of the courts. K&M Asphalt gave quote of \$69,500 to mill existing courts and resurface the courts with asphalt. To resurface with concrete would cost \$88,650. An additional cost of \$27,000 to install new 10' high galvanized fence. Luann to check to see if any grants would be available for reconstruction.
6. Park ended the year with \$19,972.91 in new cash.
7. Next meeting Monday, February 1, 2021
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm