

OSSIAN TOWN COUNCIL – Town of Ossian, Indiana

June 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Collier's – 215 North Jefferson St.

Council President, Josh Barkley called the Ossian Town Council Meeting to order with Council members, Dennis Ealing and Jason House Jeff Kemper and Brad Pursley were present.

House moved to approve minutes from May meeting. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Dept./Committee Reports

Fire Dept.: House reported that since the fire department voted him on as a fire fighter then that will mean council person Dennis Ealing will need to replace him as the Fire Liaison.

Park Board: no report

Police Commission: Caleb requested to send Officer Mounsey to Gracie Survival Tactic training in PA. Total cost is estimated \$2500. This would include training \$1200, hotel \$1000 and food. Mounset will drive his own vehicle and not charge mileage to the town. House motioned to approve training. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0.

Caleb requested council come up with a range in pay for the new police chief. The board has discussed hourly vs salary. The board would like salary and have contacted Attorney Mike Hartburg to see what needs to be done for that. A new job description is being developed and it will be submitted to council for approval soon.

Old Business

Chad Kline Community Master Plan for Ossian and Wells Co. Total cost is \$90,000 with Ossian paying not to exceed \$25,000, Bluffton paying \$35-40,000 and the 3 other smaller communities paying \$5-10,000. Kemper motioned to approve the not to exceed \$25,000. Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0

New Business

House motioned to approve below listed CF-1s. Pursely seconded. Passed 5-1

* CF-1/Real Property H&N Properties; * CF-1/PP Perma-Column; * CF-1/PP Pena's; * 5 CF-1/PP Trusted; * 3 CF-1/PP Rethceif; * 1 CF-1/Real Property Rethceif; * 5 CF-1/PP TI Automotive; * CF-1/PP Linder Oil.

API pay app#2 (Greenwood project) Pursely motioned to approved API's pay app#2. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

API pay app#1 (various streets project) Pursely motioned to approved API's Various Streets pay app#1. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Michael & Emily Diss discussion on Ordinance 94.02 'Keeping and Harboring Animals'. They have chickens and found out the town ordinance does not allow them. They are requesting council allow chickens. Until they actually got out of the yard, no one ever complained about the chickens. Council wants time to get more input and it will be put on July's agenda.

Martin presented an Agreement for Improvements in a ROW for Mike Sponseller' property on Bittersweet. Sponseller is wanting to replace existing fence that is in the town's drainage easement. Pursley motioned to approve agreement. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Fireworks permit (Ossian Rehab) Pursley motioned to approve permit. Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0

In December of 2021 after the clerk-treasurer resigned, council agreed to have Council President, Josh Barkley fill in as acting clerk-treasurer. They also gave him permission to sign all necessary documents and checks for the town and gave Vice President Brad Pursley permission to be the alternate to sign checks if Barkley was not able to. Kemper motioned to make this retroactive to Dec. 2021. House seconded. Passed 5-0



Other Business Pertaining to the Town&/or Council

Martin presented a dedication of ROW for the Hillcrest Development. Barkley motioned to approve. Ealing seconded. Passed 5-0

Approval of Time Cards House motioned to approve time cards. Kemper seconded. Passed 5-0

Approval of Claims House motioned to approve claims of \$446,980.64. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

Citizens' Questions/Comments

Marielle Lael has been attending meetings for the Vision Plan where the bypass around Ossian has been discussed. She urged council to stay informed as this moves forward.

Adjournment Kemper motioned to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Passed 5-0

OSSIAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

June 13, 2022 - 6:45 PM

President Kemper called the meeting to order. Attendees were Jeff Kemper, Josh Barkley, Jason House, Brad Pursley, Dennis Ealing, and Gene Donaghy.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Barkley motioned to for President: Kemper, Vice President: Ealing and Secretary: House. Pursley seconded. Passed 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

Chad Kline presented a proposal for steps to begin the creation of a downtown TIF. Kemper motioned to approve. House seconded. Passed 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 22-6-1 "RESOLUTION OF THE OSSIAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION DETERMINING NEED TO CAPTURE INCREMENTAL ASSESSED VALUATION" Barkley motioned to approve. House seconded. Passed 6-0

OTHER BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion on the impact study for the bypass around Ossian that the county is doing.

ADJOURNMENT Kemper motioned to adjourn. Barkley seconded. Passed 6-0

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