

**Ossian Town Council – Town of Ossian, Indiana**  
**February 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Collier’s – 215 North Jefferson St.**

**Public Hearing**

Council President, Josh Barkley, called the Public Hearing to order for Appropriations for Park Funds, Fire Funds and Police Funds. After no public discussion Tucker motioned to adjourn. Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0.

**Council President**, Josh Barkley called the Ossian Town Council Meeting to order with Council members, Brad Pursley, Dennis Ealing, Stephanie Tucker present. Jason House was absent.

**Approval of Minutes** – Pursley motioned to approve the minutes and Tucker seconded. Passed 4-0.

**Dept./Committee Reports**

Fire Dept. had nothing to report.

Park Board also had nothing to report.

Police – Commissioner, Caleb Chichester, reported that a decision on the new Ossian Police Chief will be made at a public meeting on February 28. The council directed Chichester to offer an amount for the new chief’s salary not to exceed \$70,000.00 for the first six months and an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 thereafter. Chichester also reported that the interim coverage, from the wells county sheriff’s department, has been working out well. He also informed the council that they are accepting applications for the open full time officer position.

**Old Business**

Ordinance 23-2-1 Recertifying the historical electoral district of the Town of Ossian, Indiana

Ordinance 23-2-3 Additional Appropriation of Park Fund, \$17,357.18

Ordinance 23-2-4 Additional Appropriation of Police Fund, \$50,000.00

Ordinance 23-2-5 Additional Appropriation of Fire Fund, \$1,050.93

Barkley made the motion to approve all 4 and Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

Ordinance 23-2-6 Ordinance amending the previous ordinance concerning parking of vehicles and trailers. Tucker made the motion to approve and Ealing seconded. Passed 4-0

Council approved, on the recommendation of Jim Beckler of Engineering Resources, hiring Ottenweller Contracting of Ft. Wayne at a cost of \$664,000.00 to replace the deteriorating mechanical bar screen and overhead door at the wastewater treatment plant. Town manager Martin stated that \$544,158.94 will come from the Sewer Debt Reserve Fund and the remaining amount of \$119,841.06 will come from the Sewer Utility Operating Fund. Motion was made to approve by Pursley and seconded by Ealing. Passed 4-0


Ordinance 12-12-2 The annexing of certain territory to the Town of Ossian, Indiana. Pursley made the motion to adopt and Ealing seconded. Passed 4-0

The Ossian United Methodist Church has worked out, to the satisfaction of the town council, issues surrounding a parking complaint made by a neighbor of the church/daycare. They plan on taking sections of their sidewalk out and removing bushes so that the parents can pull off the road to pick up their children.

Council approved pay App #1 for \$146,416.66 to API Construction, for the Hickory Lane/Shady Lane water line replacement project. Motion made to approve by Pursley and seconded by Tucker. Passed 4-0. Town manager, Martin, also explained they are scheduled to replace the culvert at Homestead and Meadow Lane.

Council also signed the agreement for the Poke-A-Bache Trail and appointed Myndi Love as representative on the trails task force board. Tucker moved to adopt the agreement and Ealing seconded. Passed 4-0

#### **New Business**

Council approved three sewage adjustments, \$128.30, \$198.54, and \$288.37 for citizens who had water leaks on their property. Pursley motioned to approve the adjustments. Tucker seconded. Passed 4-0

Council approved a 4 year tax abatement for Trusted Supply Chain Partners in the Ossian Industrial Park. The abatement is for 3 years at 100 percent and year 4 at 50 percent. Motion was made to approve by Barkley. Tucker seconded. Passed 4-0

#### **Other Business**

**Approval of time cards** – Council member Tucker had some concerns about the hours for the part time officer. McIish agreed to check into it. Tucker motioned to approve and Pursley seconded. Passed 4-0

**Approval of Claims** – Council approved claims in the amount of \$338,136.63. Pursley motioned to approve claims and Ealing seconded. Passed 4-0

**Citizens Questions/Comments** – Jennifer Ford, 402 Melching Ct., asked that the cul de sac at the end of the court be paved. Ford stated the pavement has deteriorated which is causing her driveway to crumble. Town manager, Martin, explained that it is too late to put it on this cycle of paving projects but she would consider it for approval the next cycle.

Citizen Gene Donaghy also expressed concerns about snow piled up in areas around town which is impacting the parking in the downtown area.

**Adjournment** – Pursley motioned to adjourn at 7:49pm. Ealing seconded.

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Ossian Park Board

February 6, 2023

Attendance: Tim Rohr, Gary Guenin, Jared Kurtz, Ben Jones, and Jay Esparza

1. Read and approved minutes from meeting on January 4, 2023
2. Jared motioned to make Jay Esparza President of Ossian Park Board. Ben seconded.  
Passed 5-0
3. Jared and Luann met with Engineering Resources to talk options on reconfiguring the Ossian diamonds. Discussed new site just south of dog park and the existing site.
4. First baseball games should be April 29<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting.
5. Jay to interview some bands for the Summer Concert Series. No sponsors are yet contacted. The Bulldogs are scheduled for July.
6. The Bridges firework display will be July 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. Next meeting will be March 6<sup>o</sup> at 7pm
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm



Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners  
Executive Session  
215 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

An executive session was called to order at 6:00 PM  
Time

February 7, 2023

To receive information about and interview prospective employees.

We, the undersigned, certify that no final action was taken on this matter,  
no other subjects were discussed and that all proceedings will remain  
confidential.

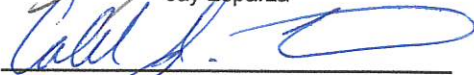
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Time

Commissioners Present:

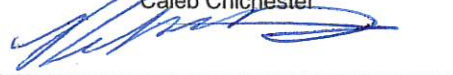
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Jay Esparza

  
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Caleb Chichester

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Police Commissioner President





Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners

Executive Session

215 North Jefferson, Ossian, IN

An executive session was called to order at 5:00PM  
Time

on February 12, 2023

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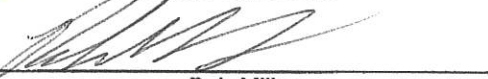
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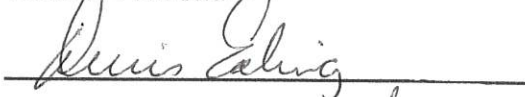
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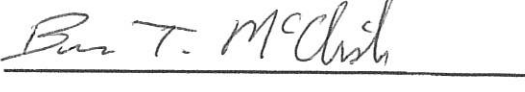
  
Jay Esparza

  
Caleb Chichester

  
Bob Miller

Guests Present:

  
Dennis Ealing

  
Ben T. McClish

ATTEST:

  
Police Commissioner President

  
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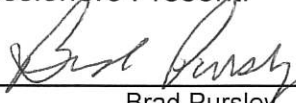
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Time  
on February 24, 2023

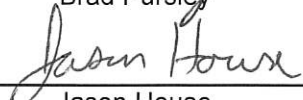
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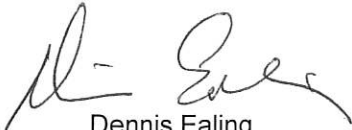
Meeting was adjourned at 8:17  
Time

Commissioners Present:

  
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Brad Pursley

  
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Jason House

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Stephanie Tucker

  
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Dennis Ealing

Guests Present:

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ATTEST:

Town Council President:

  
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