

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** August 9, 2016
- Place:** Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose:** Regular Board Meeting
- Present:** Supervisor Dwight Knapp, Councilman David Mark, Chris Pero, David Walker, John Van Heusen, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Bourgoine, Highway Superintendent Shaun Metcalfe, Assessor Holly Smalt, Town Clerk Steve Rauber
- Absent:** None
- Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Ossian Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Dwight Knapp at 7:30 PM.
- Pledge:** The pledge to the flag was led by Bob Bourgoine.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the July 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were presented. Supervisor Knapp requested to have the paragraph beginning with "Highway Superintendent" under Other Business deleted. Councilman Walker moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.
- Open Public Hearing:** Town Clerk Rauber read the legal ad advertising the Public Hearing. Councilman Van Heusen read the proposed changes to the Zoning Laws. The changes discussed the number of farm animals allowed per acre, the number of assessor buildings permitted on a property and shipping and storage containers on propertys. No one was present to discuss the proposed changes. The Board did discuss the proposed changes and why they were being proposed. The hearing remained open.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp stated that he was officially informed that the Towns equalization rate is at 100%. He informed the Board that an audit of the Towns records and procedures is taking place.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of July 2016. Total disbursements were \$36,721.37 and total receipts were \$29,622.68. Councilman Mark moved to accept the financial report as presented. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #103 through #115 totaling \$19,565.29 and General Fund claims #104 through #112 totaling \$1,340.61 were presented for audit. Councilman Pero moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Town Justice Wilson presented a check in the amount of \$311.00 for fines received during the month of July 2016.

Town Clerk Rauber presented a check of \$722.00 to the Supervisor which represented the total business of his office for July 2016. Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine reported that one variance hearing was held and a number of permits and inspections were completed.

Assessor Smalt stated that she is working on property transfers. There were 4 small claim hearings and 1 vacant land claim due to the Grievance Day proceedings.

Historian Rhea Walker stated that she is mostly working on various inquires.

Highway Superintendent Metcalfe stated that their department has been oil and stoning Blank, Shuts and Bonner Roads. They also have been graveling our unpaved roads.

Youth Rep Tony Scavone, not present, reported that notices of upcoming events have been posted on the Town Hall front door.

Zoning board of appeals member Deanne Knapp stated that a hearing was held for Tony LaPiana request for a variance. That variance was not approved.

Other Business:

The following transfers were asked to be made by Baldwin Business Service. Councilman van Heusen moved to make these transfers:

General Fund		
Transfer from;	A9060.8 Hosp & med Ins	\$ 3783.00
Transfer to;	A5010.1a Hwy Sup Ins Reimb	\$ 3000.00
	A7510.4 Historian Contr.	\$ 783.00
	Total;	\$ 3783.00

Highway Fund		
Transfer from;	DA5142.4 Sn Rem Contr	\$ 10,000.00
Transfer to;	DA5110.4 Gen Rep Contr	\$ 10,000.00
	Total;	\$ 10,000.00

Councilman Walker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted “aye”. Carried.

An updated copy of the Towns “Equal Employment Opportunity Policy” was presented by the Supervisor. Councilman Pero moved to accept that Policy. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.

The tax cap has been established at 0.68 % for the Towns 2017 budget. Councilman Van Heusen moved to hold a Public Hearing at the September 2016 Regular Board Meeting to discuss a local law to allow the Town to exceed the tax cap of 0.68 % for the 2017 Town Budget. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to authorize Councilman Mark to secure 3 bids for sealing the Town Hall Parking Lot. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Van Heusen informed the Board that the salt storage is in need of painting. The Board requested that the Highway Superintendent put together a bid sheet for the project.

Rhea Walker handed out a final report on the Summer Recreation Program. The committee had a balance of \$214.68 which was not spent. Councilman Van Heusen moved to take the unspent monies and return them to the General fund. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried. Mrs. Walker presented a check in that amount to the Supervisor.

A meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2016 at 1:00pm at Baldwins to begin the 2017 budget process. The Board will meet on August 30, 2016 to prepare for this meeting.

Supervisor Knapp again asked if anyone was present to discuss the

proposed changes to the Zoning Laws. Since no one responded, he declared the hearing closed. Councilman Van Heusen moved to adopt the changes to the Zoning Law. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.

Adjournment: Councilman Van Heusen moved to adjourn. Councilman Walker seconded he motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Steve Rauber, Ossian Town Clerk
July 11, 2016