

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** August 13, 2019
- Place:** Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose:** Regular Board Meeting
- Present:** Supervisor Dwight Knapp, Councilmen David Mark, Louie Patane, Christopher Pero, Patrick Jaeger, Town Clerk Steve Rauber, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Bourgoine, Assessor Holley Smalt, Highway Superintendent Shaun Metcalfe
- Absent:** None
- Call to Order:** The Regular Board Meeting of the Ossian Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Knapp at 7:30 pm.
- Pledge to Flag** The pledge to the flag was led by Rhea Walker.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for June 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were presented. Supervisor Knapp asked to change the word “Meeting” to “Hearing” in the first paragraph under “Other Business. Councilman Pero moved to accept the June 9 minutes as corrected. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp reported that the NYS Dept. of Public Service is holding Public Hearings on a requested rate increase by NYSEG. He also stated that a letter has been received showing that Local Laws # 2-2019 and #3-2019 are on file with the State Department.
- Financial Report:** The Financial Report for July 2019 was distributed by the Supervisor. Total receipts were \$2,874.79 and total disbursements were \$41,164.00. Councilman Patane moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway claims #108 through #122 totaling \$55,454.73 and General Fund claims #103 through #112 totaling \$2,196.38 were presented for payment. Councilman Jaeger moved to accept all claims as presented. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Town Clerk Rauber reported a total business for July 2019 of \$206.00. The Towns share is \$206.00 which is presented to the Supervisor. Rauber also informed the Board that he is presently issuing dog licenses. Town Justice Gorden Wilson reported “No activity in July 2019”. Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine reported that the cars at the Canfield property have been removed. A camper still remains on the property. Town Historian Rhea Walker reported that the Summer Youth Program was a great success with 10 to 15 children in attendance. On Monday, Bernadette Harwood from Cornell Cooperative Extension taught Aquaponics. On Monday and Tuesday, Mark

Harmon taught Frisbee and Golf. On Wednesday, Steve Rauber and Norm Wolf built bird feeders with the children and on Thursday and Friday, Beth Watkins taught painting. Rhea submitted all invoices to cover the Town funds that were received. The County Historians continue to plan for the County's Bicentennial. A float is being designed to be brought to events in each town.

Tom Depuy reported that the draft of new zoning laws will be available in late September.

Tony Scavone stated that the Youth Board did not meet during July.

Assessor Smalt reported that she has been doing address changes and transfers.

Other Business:

Deanne Knapp reported, in reference to the Whitney Cemetery, that the Town has no responsibility to maintain private cemeteries as per New York State.

Supervisor Knapp stated that Tony Scavone has stepped down from the Youth Board after 6 ½ years of service. Heather Pero will take on the duties as Ossian's Youth Board Representative.

Councilman Mark moved to appoint Heather Pero to the Youth Board position. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. Supervisor Knapp reported that the Livingston County TRIAD, an organization comprised of seniors is looking for a representative from the Town of Ossian. For details, contact the town Supervisor. The Town Board will meet at 7:00pm on August 27, 2019 to discuss the 2020 budget and then meet with Baldwin Bus. At 2:30pm on August 28, 2019 to discuss the 2020 Tentative Budget. The Highway Superintendent passed out a class action settlement on the Navistar Engine which is in the Towns 2013 International and has been rebuilt at a cost of \$20303.91.

Councilman Pero moved to enter Executive Session with the Town Assessor to discuss employee matters. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.

“No Action was Taken”

Councilman Pero moved to leave Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Pero moved to reappoint Holly Smalt as Ossian's Assessor for 6 years. 10/01/2019 to 09/30/2025. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.

Adjournment:

Councilman Jaeger moved to adjourn. Council Patane seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Stephen Rauber, Ossian Town Clerk
August 20, 2019