

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** December 12, 2017
- 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 Holley Smalt, Town Clerk Stephen 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 Sheila Hess.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the November 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, minutes were presented. Supervisor Knapp asked to change the word Budget deleted and insert the words Tax Rate under the area of "Communications". He also asked to include the number 2017-5 after the word resolution in the last sentence of the resolution under the area of "Public Hearing". Councilman Mark asked to change the date under "Other Business from December 17 to December 12. Councilman Pero to accept the minutes as amended. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.
- Public Hearings:** Supervisor Knapp opened the public hearings on 2017 -2, a law to allow the Town to collect Attorney's fees and 2017-3, a law to authorize an alternative Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans. No one was present to speak on the laws.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp stated that the Ossian Planning Board has a vacancy and John Van Heusen has agreed to serve on that Board. The Livingston County Highway Dept. Municipal Agreement needs to be extended for another year, Supervisor Knapp will sign and return that document.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of November 2017. Total disbursements were \$46,044.14 and total receipts were \$9,406.87. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the financial report as presented. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #171 through #192 totaling \$211,147.42 and General Fund claims #167 through #185 totaling \$7,486.28 were presented for audit. Councilman Walker moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Town Clerk Rauber reported that he did a total business of \$346.00 for the month of November 2017. A check for the amount of \$344.00 was presented to the Supervisor as the town's share. He

also informed the Board that he has added Monday to his hours during Tax Collection January to March. He also reported, for the Historian, that the Program on WWI on the past Sunday was a great success and well attended.

Supervisor Knapp stated that he is in receipt of \$390.00 from Judge Wilson for November 2017.

Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine stated that he issued two Building permits in November. He informed the Board that he received the \$150.00 fee for a variance. After sending out required notices to adjoining landowners and placing required legal ads, the person asking for the variance, he withdrew his request. He asked the Board how he should deal with the \$150 fee. After some discussion, Councilman Walker moved to set a policy that once a request for a variance is made and the fee has been received, a "No Refund Policy" will be adhered to. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Metcalfe stated that the new Loader has been delivered. Highway crew is plowing snow as we meet.

Assessor Smalt reported is busy doing Agricultural Exemptions. She will then be out reviewing properties for the 2018 re-val.

Youth Board Rep. Tony Scavone stated that Bank of America is funding youth training for 225 applicants nationwide. The deadline for nominating Town of Ossian youth for Teen Recognition will be January 29, 2018.

Public Hearings: Supervisor Knapp again asked if anyone was present to speak on either proposed Local Laws, 2017-2 or 2017-3. Hearing no one he closed the Public Hearing.

Other Business: Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the proposed Local Law 2017-2 as Town Law. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. By Roll Call vote, all responded "aye". Carried.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the proposed Local Law 2017-3 as Town Law. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. By Roll Call vote, all responded "aye". Carried.

Robert Wilson from Wilson Dairy and Sheep Farm was present to request taking over the mining permit (gravel permit), presently held by the Town of Ossian. Supervisor Knapp asked the Board and the Highway Superintendent if they were in agreement. All responded in the affirmative. Councilman Van Heusen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Permit Transfer and give it to Robert Wilson. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. By Roll Call Vote, all members voted "aye". Carried.

Highway Superintendent Metcalfe informed the Board that he would like to purchase a new 2018 F350 Pickup truck at a cost of \$30,001.04. Councilman Van Heusen moved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a 2018 Ford F350 at a cost of \$30,001.04 Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

Copies of Resolution # 2017-6, SEQR Determination of Non-Significance and Adoption of the Town of Ossian Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan were given to Board members.

Councilman Pero read the Resolution # 2017-6 to the Board.

Councilman Mark moved to adopt Resolution # 2017-6, Ag. and Farmland Protection Plan. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. All voted "aye". Carried.

The Organizational Meeting will be held on January 2, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to enter Executive Session to discuss employee matters. He asked Town Clerk Rauber, Highway Superintendent Metcalfe, newly elected Councilmen, Louis Patane and Patrick Jaeger to be present.

'No Action Taken'

Councilman Van Heusen moved to return to Regular Session.
Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.

Adjournment: Councilman Pero moved to adjourn. Councilman Walker
seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Steve Rauber, Ossian Town Clerk
December 14, 2017