

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** February 11, 2020
- Place:** Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose:** Regular Board Meeting
- Present:** Supervisor Dwight Knapp, Councilmen John Van Heusen, 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 Chris Pero.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for January 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were presented. Councilman Van Heusen asked to change the name David Mark to John Van Heusen under “Present” and to change the words expired to unexpired under “Other Business”. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the January 14 minutes as corrected. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Open Public Hearing:** Supervisor Knapp opened the public Hearing on the proposed Local Law 1-2020, a law “Adding Solar Energy Systems article to the Code of the Town of Ossian. Sheila Hess was present to explain the reason for the law and how it was developed. No one was present to ask questions on the law so the Hearing remained open and the Regular Board Meeting continued.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp informed the Board that he received \$656,688.00 from the Tax Collector. This amount was payment in full for the 2020 Ossian Town Budget. He also informed the Board that the Town Justice Wilson will now be required to hold Court twice each month, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Knapp also reminded the Board that the County Administrator will be present at the March Regular Board Meeting and will be available to answer any questions from the Public.
- Financial Report:** The Financial Report for January 2020 was distributed by the Supervisor. Total receipts were \$684,820.60 and total disbursements were \$106,256.34. Councilman Pero moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway claims #12 through #25 totaling \$20,173.41 and General Fund claims #19 through #33 totaling \$20,250.39 were presented for payment. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept all claims as presented. Councilman Pero seconded the motion.

Reports:

Town Clerk Rauber reported that he has collected a total of \$ 965,000.00 in Town and County taxes thus far. He also has had Hurricane Tech of Avon, N.Y. look at the three computers in the offices of the Assessor, Code Enforcement and Clerk. A bid for new equipment or down loading Windows 10 will be forth coming. Town Justice will now be required to hold two court sessions each month. One each on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

Town Historian Rhea Walker reported that the first of the “Our Backyard Series” will take place this Sunday at the County Museum in Geneseo N.Y. and will feature York, West Sparta and Springwater.

Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine stated that he has been working on completing State reports. Otherwise things are slow. Highway Superintendent Metcalfe has been plowing snow and putting up new road signs. He also reported that truck #9 is back in service.

Assessor Smalt reported that she has been working on exemptions. She also reported that there are no forms to fill out for residents receiving Senior Enhanced Star exemptions.

Youth Board Representative Heather Pero reported that there are 5 Ossian youth that have been nominated to be honored at the Livingston County Youth Awards Banquet.

Public Hearing:

Supervisor Knapp again asked if anyone was present to speak on the proposed local Law. Town resident Mike Duffy had a question on private solar panels which was addressed. With no other questions, the Public Hearing was closed.

Other Business:

The Board was then given time to review Parts 1, 2, and 3 of “SEQR” (State Environmental Quality Review) and determined that the proposed Local Law 1-2020 would have no negative effect on the environment.

Councilman Van Heusen read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ossian is considering the adoption of the Town of Ossian Solar Energy Systems Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has completed and reviewed Parts 1,2, and 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form associated with this action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board considers the adoption of the Town of Ossian Solar Energy Systems Law a Type 1 Action pursuant to the New York state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and is the lead agency for the purposes of uncoordinated environmental review in connection with the adoption of this local law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that the adoption of the Town of Ossian Solar Energy Systems Law will not have a significant effect on the environment, and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Councilman Pero moved to adopt the resolution on SEQR.

Councilman Patane seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Board Members voting “aye”.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to adopt Local Law 1-2020, A Local Law Entitled “Adding Solar Energy Systems article to the Code of the Town of Ossian”. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All Board Members voted “aye” Carried.

Audit of Records:

The Board members then audited the 2019 records of the town clerk, Town Justice and the Town Supervisor. Councilman Pero moved to accept the records of the Clerk, Justice and Supervisor as

true and correct to the best of our ability. Councilman Patane 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
February 12, 2020