

## Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** May 11, 2021
- Place:** Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose:** Regular Board Meeting
- Present:** Supervisor Dwight Knapp, Councilman John Van Heusen, Chris Pero, Louis Patane, Patrick Jaeger, Town Clerk Stephen Rauber, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Bourgoine, Highway Superintendent Keith Young. Assessor Holly Smalt
- 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 Steve Rauber.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were presented. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp reported that NYMIR is hosting a training webinar on Harassment and Discrimination to be held on June 23, 2021. He also stated that the Republican Caucus will be held on May 18, 2021.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of April 2021. Total disbursements were \$169,081.07 and total receipts were \$2,938.1. Councilman Pero moved to accept the financial report as presented. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #63 through #77 totaling \$22,155.84 and General Fund claims #52 through #58 totaling \$1,078.3 were presented for audit. Councilman Pero moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Town Clerk Rauber reported a total business of \$518.00 for the month of April. A check for that amount was presented to the Supervisor. He also proposed to have small signs made for each road coming into or Town that advertises that it is time to license your dog. These signs could be reused each year. The Board stated that it sounded like a good idea. Highway Superintendent will contact the County Highway sign shop to see if they could make them.  
Judge Wilson presented \$143.00 to the Supervisor from fines. Councilman Pero reported that the Youth Recognition Event will be held at the Avon Drive-In on May 26, 2021.  
Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine stated that he has issued 11 building permits in April with 1 variance being processed.  
Highway Superintendent Young reported that they have been servicing equipment. They also have been hauling gravel from the

Wilson Pit. Oil and stone projects are expected to begin on May 23, 2021  
Assessor  
Smalt stated that she filed the Tentative Roll with the Town Clerk on May 1, 2021. Grievance Day will be held on June 7, 2021.

**Other Business:**

An Agreement has been drawn up by the Town Attorney between the Town of Ossian and the Town of Dansville to formalize the long time verbal agreement on terms of maintenance for Geiger Rd. and Poags Hole Rd. Councilman Van Heusen moved to authorize the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent to sign the agreement and then deliver it to the Town of Dansville for their signatures. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. A roll call vote found all Board Members voting “aye”. Carried  
Discussion was held on Jury Duty payments for Town employees. This would be an issue to be taken up at the 2022 Organizational Meeting. Superintendent of Highways Young discussed a need to hire a Highway Worker to replace John Bodyk who is retiring this summer. Councilman Van Heusen moved to have the Town Clerk to place an ad for the job opening. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

An error has been found in the new Zoning Law under “Building & Lot Requirements Schedule”. Under the heading “other use” – Accessory Structure/ Use, the first (10ft) should read 30ft and the second (10ft) should read 75ft. Councilman Van Heusen moved to refer the change – proposed local law #6-2021 to the County Planning Board for review. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

Sealed Bids for a metal roof on the Highway Garage were opened by the Town Clerk. Mill-Hersh Cons’t bid \$25,648.25 and House Cons’t bid \$30,000.00. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the low bid of \$25,648.25. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Young informed the Board that he was going to order 800 Ton of salt for next winter. Councilman Pero moved to authorize the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent to sign the salt request forms to be sent to the County Highway Dept. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Young informed the Board that the Town will receive additional CHIPS funds in the amount of \$45,000.00. He proposes to use the funds to do oil and stone-wedging and road repairs on Shay Rd., Runyon Rd. and Linzy Rd. Councilman Patane moved to add these projects on the “Agreement to spend Highway Funds” for 2021. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.

**Adjournment:**

Councilman Van Heusen moved to adjourn. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Stephen L. Rauber, Ossian Town Clerk  
May 13, 2021