

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** July 14, 2020
- 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, Louis 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 Shaun Metcalfe.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the June 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were presented. Councilman Pero moved to accept the June 9, 2020 minutes. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Privilege of Floor:** Thomas Wamp requested privilege of the floor to introduce State Senator George Borello to the Board. Along with Mr. Wamp and Senator Borello was James Culbertson. Senator Borello addressed the Board and all in attendance, assuring all that he will represent our Town in Albany. He really enjoyed our Town Hall along with all its history.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp reported that we now belong to the Association of Towns.
- Financial Report:** The Financial Report for June 2020 was distributed by the Supervisor. Total receipts were \$9,907.40 and total disbursements were \$150,876.41. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway claims #89 through #96 totaling \$22,203.09 (this total does not include two payrolls). General Fund claims #72 through #90 totaling \$7,426.34 were presented for payment. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept all claims as presented (minus the two payrolls). Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Town Clerk Rauber reported a total business for June 2020 of \$295.00. The Towns share is \$250.00 which is presented to the Supervisor.
Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine reported that he issued 3 building permits during June. He also informed the Board that the Village of Canaseraga is building their new water treatment facility.

Town Historian Rhea Walker, who was not present, reported that the pictures of historic markers that she submitted have been selected for inclusion on the Pomeroy interactive marker map. She also stated that the Dansville Historical Society gave some historical letters and photographs to her.

Assessor Smalt reported that she has filed the Final Roll with the Town Clerk.

Highway Superintendent Metcalfe reported that highway crew has been ditching and putting in driveway pipes.

Tom Depuy, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, stated that a variance has been issued to the Sarvis family for cabin.

Judge Wilson reported 'no activity in June'.

Other Business:

Councilman Pero moved to authorize the Town Clerk to send a registered letter to the President and CEO of NYSEDA requesting a response of acceptance of Local law #3-2019 sent to them on 8/29/2019. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Pero moved to except the resignation of Deanne Knapp from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to appoint Jeff Wilson to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Deanne Knapp to end on 12/31/2021.

Councilman Patane asked the Board to consider the purchase of a new Town Highway pickup. After much discussion on highway equipment needs, the Board did not act on the pickup issue since they did not have hard trade-in figures. Councilman Pero moved to replace the Town loader and have the Highway Superintendent order a new one. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Patane requested that the Board consider a third employee to be added to the highway work force. He laid out the math to estimate the cost to add that 3rd employee to the work force. He only asked the Board to think about it.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to enter Executive Session to litigate Zoning Law matters. Councilman Pero seconded the motion Carried.

“ No Action Was Taken”

Councilman Pero moved to leave Executive Session, Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

Adjournment:

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

Stephen Rauber, Ossian Town Clerk
July 16, 2020