

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** April 11, 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
- Absent:** Town Clerk Stephen Rauber
- 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 David Walker.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the March 14, 2017 were presented. Councilman Mark stated that the following should be added to the March 14, 2017 minutes – Chairman of the Ossian Ag & Farmland Planning Committee, Tom DePuy, stated that he felt there are many Ossian Residents that are unsure as to the purpose of the Ag Plan. Supervisor Knapp responded by saying that the plan when completed will become a town document and not a law. The plan will not restrict any property owner's rights to the use of their land. The town's role is to compile information specific to the Town of Ossian that will be useful in future decision-making. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the minutes with the changes mentioned. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp stated that the month of April is Child Abuse Prevention month. A display was provided by the county for the town hall. Supervisor Knapp and his son participated in a program sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension at the Wayland Cohocton School in a first grade class. A new Livingston County Dairy Princess will be selected soon. The Veterans Service Agency is seeking to honor our veterans by giving them the opportunity to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at a County Board of Supervisors' meeting.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of March 2017. Total disbursements were \$36,268.65 and total receipts were \$225.42. Councilman Walker moved to accept the financial report as presented. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #42 through #61 totaling \$26,105.01 and General Fund claims #47 through #67 totaling \$13,777.46 were presented for audit. Supervisor Knapp contacted Mayor Vogt of Dansville about a statement for fire coverage but the town has not received it yet. The first payment to the consultants for the Ossian

Ag Planning has been made. This payment will be reimbursed. Councilman Pero moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.

Reports:

Town Clerk Rauber reported a total business of \$190 for the month of March. A check for that amount was presented to the Supervisor. Town Clerk Rauber went to Geneseo on April 5, 2017 for a final tax report. There were no errors.

Historian Rhea Walker received a letter from the State Historian thanking her for her annual report. She attended the Livingston County Historians meeting on March 11, 2017. She stated that the 200th Anniversary of Livingston County will be four years from now and that the Ossian Presbyterian Church 200th Anniversary is next year.

Highway Superintendent Shaun Metcalfe reported that the new lights were installed in the highway garage and the inside of the garage has been painted. He stated that CHIPS work will be started on White Road, some county work had been done on McNinch Rd., and that grating has been started. He also said that 35 ½ hours in overtime has been saved with the new work hours in effect.

County Youth Board Representative Anthony Scavone Jr. reported that applications are being accepted for the Summer Youth Employment Program for ages 14-20 and for the Carpentry Apprenticeship Program for economically disadvantaged ages 18-24. The Teen Recognition Program will be held next week.

Supervisor Knapp stated that there is an Ossian Ag and Farmland Workshop scheduled for April 12, 2017, 5pm-8pm. Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine gave a sample of the letter he created to mail to those with unlicensed vehicles on their property. The Town Board approved the letter which will state that from the date of the notice the owner will have 60 days to comply before a violation notice will be issued. Farm use only vehicles will be exempt from this code. He said he has issued two permits and has attended school.

A member of the Zoning Appeals Board was asked about the result of the variance hearing held on April 4, 2017 and she reported that the variance was approved.

Assessor Smalt stated she attended a solar training class in Ontario concerning assessments. She stated that the tentative assessment roll has to be done by Friday, April 14, 2017 and the final roll will be done on May 1, 2017. Grievance date will be June 5, 2017, hours 4pm to 8pm. She has been reviewing permits that have been issued by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilman Van Heusen stated that Donald Perkins is Ossian's Senior Citizen this year and that the program to honor our Senior Citizens is on May 20, 2017.

Other Business:

Rhea Walker requested that the town board consider installing a light that would provide light for parking lot. Councilman Pero said that he would check into a light and the cost of it.

Supervisor Knapp stated he had received a letter from the Associations of Towns to join. He stated that one thing the association will provide is legal information if requested. The town board decided not to join.

The Highway Superintendent purposed to move the small salt hanger and put a door on it so that more vehicles will be able to be stored inside.

The Ossian Historical Society requested that the town board consider allowing them to build an addition to the town hall for the society to use for their collection and present programs. This would be paid for by the society and all utilities and upkeep would

be the society's responsibility. It was discussed and determined that the Historical Society's lawyer will contact the town's lawyer. Councilman Van Heusen moved to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried. No action was taken. Councilman Pero moved to return to Regular Session. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.

Adjournment: Councilman Pero moved to adjourn. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Rhea Walker, Ossian Deputy Town Clerk
April 11, 2017