

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** November 9, 2016
- 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, Town Clerk Steve Rauber
- Absent:** Assessor Holly Smalt
- 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 Keith Young.
A moment of silence was held for the former Ossian Tax Collector, Betty Rawleigh.
- Three DCHS students were present to fulfill their Government Class requirement, Dillen Kennedy, Kody Everman and Holden Schramm.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the October 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were presented. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.
- Public Hearing:** Supervisor Knapp opened a Public Hearing on the proposed 2017 Ossian Budget. Town Clerk Rauber read the legal ad placed to advertise the Public Hearing. Supervisor Knapp discussed the proposed budget and its contents. He asked if anyone was present that would like to comment on the budget. There were no comments. The hearing remained open.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp stated that the Livingston County 2017 Budget will have a tax rate of \$7.98 unless changes are made at the Public Hearing yet to be held. The Livingston County Planning Dept. has secured a State grant to purchase new radios for all County vehicles. Our Highway Dept. will soon be receiving radios for their trucks.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of October 2016. Total disbursements were \$71,291.82 and total receipts were \$4,936.06. Councilman Walker moved to accept the financial report as presented. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #153 through #169 totaling \$12,922.12 and General Fund claims #142 through #159 totaling \$6,687.66 were presented for audit. Councilman Mark moved to accept all claims

presented for payment. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.

Reports:

Town Clerk Rauber reported a total business of \$1,328.22 for the month of October. A check for that amount was presented to the Supervisor. 79 dogs were licensed during the month.

Town Justice Wilson presented \$143.00 from fines collected in October to the Supervisor.

Assessor Smalt submitted a report stating she is working on transfers and exemptions.

Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine has been doing inspections on new construction projects. He will also be issuing an appearance ticket to Anthony LaPiana for harboring dogs without a kennel permit.

Board of Appeals Chairman Tom Depuy reported "No Activity".

Youth Board Representative Tony Scavone reported that a program on the Heroin problem will be held at Four Square Church on December 6, 2016.

Highway Superintendent Metcalfe reported that the salt storage has been stained. They are currently doing County work and are outfitting the trucks with snow equipment.

Public Hearing:

Supervisor Knapp asked if anyone was present to discuss the proposed 2017 Town budget. There was no one present with questions. Supervisor Knapp then closed the public hearing.

Other Business:

The Village of Dansville has informed the Town that they will provide fire coverage to the 109 parcels in the southwestern portion of our Town at a yearly cost of \$5610.00. This area was formally covered by the Village of Canaseraga. Councilman Van Heusen moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the fire protection contract with the Village of Dansville and to inform the Village of Canaseraga that we no longer need their service.

Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Walker moved to reduce the 2017 Town Budget from \$8000.00 to \$6000.00 for fire protection for the above mentioned 109 parcels due to the savings in fire protection by contracting with the Village of Dansville. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the 2017 Preliminary Budget, as changed, to become the Towns 2017 Final Budget.

Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

Supervisor Knapp stated that the terms for the Highway Traffic Safety Board will end at the end of the year. Councilman Mark agreed to remain on the Board for the 2017 and 2018 term.

Highway Superintendent Metcalfe was asked to consider the 2 yr. term as an alternate. He will give his answer to the Supervisor. A meeting will be held on November 15, 2016 at 5pm for the Selection Committee to discuss the interviewing of applicants for the position of Consultant for the Ag & Farmland Enhancement Program.

Adjournment:

Councilman Van Heusen moved to adjourn. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.