

## Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** November 14, 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, Town Clerk Stephen Rauber, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Bourgoine, Highway Superintendent Shaun Metcalfe, Assessor Holley 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 Tom DePuy.  
A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Terry Rudesil.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the October 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and the October 30, 2017 Special Board Meeting were presented. Councilman Pero moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.
- Public Hearings:** A public hearing on the 2018 Preliminary Budget and a public hearing on the Ag & Farmland Protection plan were opened. One person commented on the 2018 Budget. The hearings were left open.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp recognized the new Councilman, Patrick Jaeger and Louis Patane.  
He also stated that the Livingston County Budget is being raised 2.45% for 2018.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of October 2017. Total disbursements were \$119,686.39 and total receipts were \$53,660.73. Councilman Walker moved to accept the financial report as presented. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #154 through #171 totaling \$37,842.70 and General Fund claims #149 through #166 totaling \$3,179.51 were presented for audit. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Town Clerk Rauber reported that his office did a total business of \$279.00 for the month of October. A check for the amount of \$249.00 was presented to the Supervisor as the town's share. Town Justice Wilson presented \$625.00 to the Supervisor. Highway Superintendent Metcalfe reported that all roadsides have been mowed. He also stated that the new storage building has been completed.  
Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine stated he is following up on

permits and dealing with some junk vehicle issues.

Assessor Smalt stated that she is studying land values and exemptions for the 2018 re-val.

Youth Board Rep Tony Scavone reported “No Activity”.

Town Historian Rhea Walker left a report to be read stating that Amie Alden, Liv. Co. Historian will present a program entitled “The impact of World War I on Livingston County. The program will take place at the Ossian Town Hall on December 10 at 2PM.

**Public Hearing:**

Supervisor Knapp closed the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget. He suggested changes in DA1001 property tax to reduce the amount by the amount by \$3,065.00 and raise DA599B, unexpended balance, by \$3,065.00. This would keep the Highway property tax levy unchanged from 2017. Councilman Pero moved to accept those changes to the 2018 budget. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the 2018 Preliminary Budget to be the Towns Final 2018 Budget. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. All members of the Board voted “aye”. Carried.

Sheila Hess addressed the Board and all those present on the proposed Ag and Farmland Plan. Councilman Van Heusen moved the following Declaration of Intent:

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossian Agricultural and Farmland Protection Advisory Committee ( “Committee”), with the assistance of the residents of Ossian, identified issues and opportunities pertaining to agricultural and farm operations in the Town; analyzed numerous topics and potential options; developed a vision as well as key issues, priority recommendations, and implantation strategies; and drafted the Town of Ossian Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan (“Plan”); and  
WHEREAS, the Town wishes to consider adoption of the Plan;  
and

WHEREAS, the Town, n considering adoption of the Plan, is required to comply with the requirements of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, known as the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 adopted thereunder (collectively, “SEQRA”); and  
WHEREAS, the adoption of an agriculture and farmland protection plan is a Type I Action under SEQRA and as provided in 6 NYCRR 617.4 (b)(1), which requires the preparation of Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (Full EAF) and a coordinated environmental review among all Involved Agencies;  
and

WHEREAS, the Town and NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets are only Involved Agencies under SEQRA for adoption of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, SEQRA requires that a Lead Agency be designated to coordinate among Involved Agencies and conduct the environmental review for adoption of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town has prepared a Full EAF Part 1; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ossian that the Town Board declares its intent to be Lead Agency under SEQRA for the purpose of environmental review of adoption of the Plan;  
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized and directed to sign verification on page 13 of the Full EAF Part 1, thereby completing Part 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor or staff the Supervisor may designate is authorized and directed to notify

the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets of the Town's intent to be Lead Agency, deliver the completed Full EAF Part 1 to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, and request the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets' comments so that the Town may proceed as Lead Agency in conducting environmental review of the adoption of the Plan; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Pero seconded the motion, All Board Members voted "aye". Carried.

**Other Business:**

Councilman Van Heusen moved to opt out of the "Paid Family Leave Act" at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. Carried.

An amendment to the Local Law was passed at the August Board Meeting and was not submitted as a Local Law. Town Clerk Rauber will file that Law.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to authorize the Town Clerk to file that Local Law # 1-2017. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Roll Call vote taken – All voted "aye". Carried.

Councilman Mark moved to schedule a public hearing at the December 17, 2017 Board Meeting to consider a local law for the Town to collect Attorney's Fees. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

The Yearend meeting will be held on December 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to enter Executive Session to discuss an employee matter. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Town Clerk Rauber and Keith Young were asked to attend. "No action was taken". Councilman Van Heusen moved to return to Regular Session Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to hire Keith Young as Caretaker of the Wood Cemetery. Councilman Mark seconded the motion.

**Adjournment:**

Councilman Walker moved to adjourn. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Steve Rauber, Ossian Town Clerk  
November 21, 2017