

## Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** September 13, 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, Assessor Holly Smalt, Town Clerk Steve Rauber
- 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 Domenick Martello.
- Privilege of Floor:** Town resident, Domenick Martello asked permission to plant a tree in memory of his daughter Lisa. He would like the tree to be planted in front of the Town Hall. The Board gave their approval.
- Public Hearing:** Supervisor Knapp opened a publicized Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law to override the tax cap of 0.68 % for the 2017 Town Budget. The Board discussed the local Law to some length. There was no one present at the hearing with comments either for or against. The hearing remained opened.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the August 9, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the August 30, 2016 Special Meeting were presented. Supervisor Knapp corrected the August 9, 2016 minutes under "Approval of Minutes should read "first two sentences" instead of "paragraph". Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp informed the Board that GVRP, Inc. has two new programs available to help with access modifications for veterans and for emergency repairs for the elderly. This information is available at the town Clerks office. Councilman Mark informed the Board of "Farm Fest". This will be held at Swyers farm on Kenny Rd. on Saturday, September 17, 2016. A great opportunity for families, especially young people to gain more knowledge about family farms and agriculture.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of August 2016. Total disbursements were \$30,470.40 and total receipts were \$42,678.96. Councilman Pero moved to accept the financial report as presented. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #116 through #136 totaling \$60,763.00 and General Fund claims #113 through #127 totaling \$3,225.72 were presented for audit. Councilman Walker moved to accept all claims

presented for payment. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.

**Reports:**

Town Clerk Rauber reported a total business of \$45.00 for the month of August. A check for that amount was presented to the Supervisor. 130 letters to dog owners will be mailed on September 15, 2016 to announce the dog licensing period.

Town Justice Wilson presented \$361.00 from fines to the Supervisor.

Highway Superintendent Metcalfe reported that the Highway crew is presently working for the County on Mc Ninch Road. The loader is presently in for repairs

Assessor Smalt stated that ag exemptions were discussed at the monthly assessors meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Tom Depuy stated "No Activity".

Youth Rep. Tony Scavone reported that funds for 2017 will remain the same as 2016. A work fair is being scheduled and is posted on the front door of the Town Hall.

Town Historian Rhea Walker was not present but did submit a report that was read to the Board.

Code Enforcement Officer reported that is busy with building inspections.

**Public Hearing:**

Supervisor Knapp asked if anyone was present to discuss the proposed Local Law - #1 of 2016. There was no one present with questions. Supervisor Knapp then closed the public hearing.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to adopt Local Law #1 of 2016. A law to override the tax cap of 0.068. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. A roll call vote found all Board members and the Supervisor in favor. Carried.

**Other Business:**

Councilman Mark presented two sealed bids to seal the Town Hall parking lot. A bid from Hober Enterprises, Inc. was \$1300.00 and a bid from Overholts Driveway Sealing was \$1188.00. Councilman Van Heusen moved to except the low bid of \$1188 from Overholts. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Metcalf secured bids to stain the salt storage. A bid was received from Carone Painting for \$4200.00 and a bid from Ray Sellers for \$3100.00. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the low bid of \$3100.00 from Ray Sellers to stain the salt storage. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

After some discussion about the poor appearance of the landscaping in front of the Town Hall it was decided to have the Highway Superintendent remove all trees, bushes and ground cover.

Supervisor Knapp presented the 2017 Tentative Budget to the Board. He read through the entire proposed budget with explanations. Councilman Van Heusen moved to adopt the Tentative Budget to become the Towns Preliminary Budget for 2017. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried. A hearing on this Budget will be scheduled at a future date.

**Adjournment:**

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