

## Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** February 9, 2021
- 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, Louie Patane, Christopher Pero, Patrick Jaeger, Town Clerk Steve Rauber, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Bourgoine, Highway Superintendent Keith Young, Assessor Holley Smalt
- 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 Chris Pero
- Approval of Minute:** The minutes for the January 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting presented. Councilman Pero moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.
- Open Public Hearing:** Supervisor Knapp opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #1-2021, which replaces Local Law # 1-2012. This is a Local Law dealing with Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. A Public Hearing is also opened on Local Law # 2-2021, which replaces Local Law # 2-1999, a Law Regulating Junkyards and the Storage of Junk. Town Clerk Rauber read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the Towns official newspaper. Supervisor Knapp asked if anyone was present to speak on these proposed laws. There was no response. The Hearing remained open.
- Communications:** The Supervisor received a name placard as a gift from an unknown admirer.  
The Supervisor also indicated that the N.Y. State Comptroller indicated that some sales tax money will be withheld from the County for distressed hospitals and nursing homes.
- Financial Report:** The Financial Report for January 2021 was distributed by the Supervisor. Total receipts were \$426,731.30 and total disbursements were \$54,120.06. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway claims #12 through #27 totaling \$18,001.57 and General Fund claims #12 through #26 totaling \$53,547.84 were presented for payment. Councilman Jaeger moved to accept all claims as presented. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Town Clerk Rauber presented the Monthly Town Clerk's Report for January 2021. A check in the amount of \$171.00 was presented to the Supervisor.  
Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine reported that he issued 3 permits and 2 violations for the month of January.

Youth Representative, Heather Pero stated that the Teen Recognition Event will be held at the Avon Drive – In on May 26, 2021. A box dinner will be provided to all who attend. All attendees will remain in their vehicles. A movie will be shown high lighting all recognized teens. Ossian has 3 teens that will be honored.

Assessor Smalt reported that she is working on exemptions. Highway Superintendent Young states that they have been busy plowing snow and cleaning and painting equipment.

**Other Business:**

Supervisor Knapp again asked if anyone was present to speak on either of the proposed Local Laws. Hearing no one he closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Patane moved to accept Local Law # 1-2021 as a new Town Law. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. All members voted “aye”. Carried.

Councilman Jaeger moved to accept Local Law # 2-2021 as a new Town Law. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All members voted “aye”. Carried.

Dan Wensel met with the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent and reviewed the values on all Town equipment. The value on the International truck was lowered. A rebate on the Town’s insurance is expected.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the contract for fire protection in the amount of \$32,221.38 with the Village of Dansville be accepted. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Pero moved to accept the contract with Louis Colella, at a rate of \$3,000.00, to provide limited legal advise to the Town for 2021. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Jaeger moved to allow the Town Clerk to contact the Armstrong Company to provide a cost to service the Town Hall and the Highway Garage with “Wifi” and Phone Service. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to have all Board members sign the “Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds”. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Young stated that he has cost figures on a new roller. A German roller would be \$102,987.00 after trading in our old roller and a CAT roller would be \$120,488.55 after trade in. He stated that he would prefer the CAT roller because of a better warranty and better availability of parts. Councilman Van Heusen moved to purchase the CAT roller. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

Supervisor Knapp stated he would like to schedule a Special Meeting on February 16, 2021 at 5pm to discuss a zoning issue.

The Board began the yearly auditing of the records for the Town Justice, Town Clerk and the Town Supervisor. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept all records as true and correct to the best of their ability. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

**Adjournment:**

Councilman Van Heusen moved to adjourn. Council Pero seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.