

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** March 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
- Absent:** Assessor Holley Smalt
- 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 Patrick Jaeger.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the February 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and the February 16, 2021 Special Meeting were presented to the Board. Supervisor Knapp corrected the February 16, 2021 minutes to read “Special Meeting and also to change the wording in the Other Business section in the sentence starting with the word “principal”. Councilman Pero moved to accept the both minutes as were corrected. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Communications:** The Supervisor shared that there was a controversy over the final payment for the Zoning Update but has been rectified with the notice of the final payment to being sent soon.
- Financial Report:** The Financial Report for February 2021 was distributed by the Supervisor. Total receipts were \$272,867.93 and total disbursements were \$83,425.58. Councilman Pero moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway claims #28 through #41 totaling \$30,752.68 and General Fund claims #27 through #35 totaling \$2,496.65 were presented for payment. Councilman Patane moved to accept all claims as presented. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Town Clerk Rauber presented the Monthly Town Clerk’s Report for February 2021. A check in the amount of \$150.00 was presented to the Supervisor. Tax collected by the Tax Collector has now surpassed \$1,000,000.00. Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine reported that he issued 2 permits and 2 variances for the month of February. Assessor Smalt sent a report that states that she is working on exemptions and transfers. Highway Superintendent Young states that they have been hauling chipping stone to be used this summer.
- Other Business:** Supervisor Knapp stated that the Board will discuss the option of offering the electronic filing of grievances vs holding a Grievance

Day. The Board is waiting for the Assessors input before a decision is made.

A Public Hearing needs to be held at the April Meeting to deal with repealing Local Law 1972 dealing with Snowmobiles on Town roads. Councilman Pero moved to hold a Public Hearing on Local Law #3-2021 to repeal Local Law 1972. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Councilman Patane moved to hold a Public Hearing at the April Meeting to add an amendment to the Town's Zoning Law. This will be known as Local Law 4-2021. A copy of the proposed amendment will be available at the Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried unanimously. Councilman Van Heusen moved to have a copy of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Law sent to the Livingston County Planning Board for review. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. The Town Attorney stated that Local Law #1-1987 needs to be reviewed. A copy of that law has been requested from the Department of State.

Councilman Pero moved to adopt the Town of Ossian Continuation of Operations During A Public Health Emergency Plan. He then read the Adoption to the Board. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All voted "aye". A copy of this Plan is available in the Town Clerk's office. Code Enforcement Officer discussed his frustration over the new Zoning Law. He was told to go to the Town Attorney for clarifications.

Highway Superintendent Young had questions on obtaining DOT numbers for the Town trucks. He was told to discuss the issue with the Livingston County Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Knapp informed the Board that all Town employees need to take Harassment and Discrimination Training. They can sign up for that training on the Towns Email.

Adjournment:

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

Stephen Rauber, Ossian Town Clerk
March 12, 2021