

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** March 14, 2023
- Place:** Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose:** Regular Board Meeting, Public Hearing Local Laws #1 #2 #3 Of 2023
- Present:** Supervisor Dwight Knapp; Councilmen David Mark, Chris Pero, Louis Patane; Pat Jaeger, Highway Superintendent Keith Young; Town Clerk John VanHeusen; CEO Bob Bourgoine, Assessor 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 Councilman Patane
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from February 14, 2023 were presented. Councilman Patane moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Public Hearing:** Supervisor Knapp declared the Public Hearing on Local Laws 1, 2, 3, of 2023 open and asked the Town Clerk to read the Legal Notices which appeared in the March 2nd and 9th 2023 edition of the Livingston County News. The Supervisor then explained each Local Law. He then asked if any person wished to comment on the proposed Local Laws. Hearing none he said the Hearing would remain open till later in the meeting.
- Communications:** Ossian Ladies Cookie Sale will be held April 1st from 10am to 2pm at the Heath Homestead. Councilman David Mark has agreed to represent the Town of Ossia at the 2023 Livingston County Seniorama to be held May 6th at the Willow Creek Venue in Lakeville at 12 noon.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of Februray 2023. Total disbursements were \$104,978.41 and total receipts were \$103,397.23. Councilman Jaeger moved to accept the financial Report. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #27 through #43 totaling \$264,068.57 and General Fund claims #20 through #27 totaling \$1,511.23 were presented for audit. Councilman Pero moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Jaegar seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Judge Wilson reported \$268.00. for February 2023. The Town Clerk reported total receipts of \$16.00 for February 2023. CEO Bourgoine reported 2 Permits done. Highway Superintendent Young reported the crew has been working in the shop doing

maintenance and some plowing. He also stated he had attended a meeting in Albany for a increase in CHIPS money and the POT program has new regulations. Youth Board Rep. Heather Pero has 6 teens for Teen County Recognition to be held April 6, 2023 at the Willow Creek Venue at 6pm. Assessor Smalt reported she has been working on exemptions. She is also claiming a 99% EQR for the town.

Other Business: Returned to the Public Hearing. Supervisor Knapp again asked if anyone would like to comment on the Local Laws. Hearing none he declared the Public Hearing closed. Councilman Jaeger moved to adopt Local Law #1 A Local Law Providing a Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxes to Persons with Disabilities. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. After no further comments a Roll Call vote was taken All voted Aye. Carried Councilman Pero moved to adopt Local Law #2 A Local law Providing A Partial Exemption From Real Property Taxes To Certain Eligible Senior Citizens. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. After no further comments a Roll Call vote was taken. All voted Aye. Carried. Councilman Patane moved to adopt Local Law #3 A Local Law to add a section on Cabins with Regulations and Definitions to our Current Zoning Law 2 of 2020. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. After no further discussion a Roll Call vote was taken. All voted Aye. Carried
Councilman Patane moved to make a Resolution to authorize the Town Supervisor to transfer from the ARPA account \$12,806.00 to the Highway Money Market account. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. There was a discussion on proposed ARPA money from the County (\$20,000) will contact Sheila Hess and discuss at a later Board Meeting. The topic of painting flags on the side of the trucks was brought up, no interest at this time to do that. March 28, 2023 the final bid on the 2020 Sterling will be in. There will be a Special Meeting held to accept or reject said bid on March 28, 2023 at 4:30 pm
Councilman Pero moved to go into Executive session and for Assessor Smolt and the Town Clerk to join for a discussion on pending litigation. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Patane moved to leave Executive Session and return to the regular Board Meeting. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. The clerk read the minutes of the meeting. No action taken.

Adjournment: Councilman Mark moved to adjourn. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm

John VanHeusen, Ossian Town Clerk