

## Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** April 13, 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, Town Attorney Louis Colella
- 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 Louis Patane.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were presented to the Board. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the minutes. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.
- Communications:** The Supervisor shared the receipt of the new Letchworth Park activities pamphlet for Spring 2021.
- Public Hearing:** Town Clerk Rauber read the legal ads that were placed for the proposed local Law 3-2021 and Local Law 4-2021. Supervisor Knapp stated that Local Law 3-2021 was an amendment to the Zoning Law dealing with structure placement around the residence. Local Law 4-2021 deletes a snowmobile local law from 1972. The Supervisor then opened the Public Hearings and asked for comments. After addressing comments, he left the Hearings open and continued the Board Meeting.
- Financial Report:** The Financial Report for March 2021 was distributed by the Supervisor. Total receipts were \$29,040.08 and total disbursements were \$51,328.91. Councilman Jaeger moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway claims #42 through #62 totaling \$161,375.72 and General Fund claims #36 through #51 totaling \$7,169.67 were presented for payment. Councilman Pero 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 March 2021. A check in the amount of \$412.00 was presented to the Supervisor. Tax penalty collected by the Tax Collector was \$2,371.58 which was presented to the Supervisor. The Town Clerk/ Collector then advised the Board that he will not seek re-election.

Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine reported that he has had numerous questions on various zoning issues.

Youth Representative, Heather Pero stated that the Teen Recognition Event will be held on May 26, 2021. She asked the Board to if something special could be done for the 2020 and 2021 Ossian Teens that have been honored. The Board said they would arrange an event.

Assessor Smalt reported that she will file the Tentative Role by May 1<sup>st</sup>. She gave a compliment to CEO Bourgoine for his effort in getting house numbers placed on buildings in the Town.

Highway Superintendent Young states that his crew has been ditching and hauling stone for summer road projects. He expects approximately \$160,000.00 in CHIPS monies.

Justice Judge Wilson turned in \$50.00 in fines.

**Other Business:**

Supervisor Knapp again addressed the Public Hearings and asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearings.

Councilman Pero moved to accept the proposed Local Law 3-2021 which deletes 1972 Local Law allowing snowmobiles on Town Roads as the Towns Local Law 3-2021. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Roll call voting found all Councilman and Supervisor voting ‘aye’. Carried.

Councilman Patane read the SEQR Environmentat Assessment Form including Part 2 and also the SEQR Determination of Non-Significance for the Town of Ossian Local Law 4-2021, known as Resolution # 2021-1 adopted on April 13, 2021. Councilman Jaeger moved to accept resolution # 2021-1. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Roll Call taken – all Board members voted “aye”. Carried.

Councilman Jaeger moved to accept the proposed Local law 4-2021 as an amendment to Local Law 2-2020, an amendment to add a new subparagraph 3 to paragraph A of Section 3-3, as the Towns Local Law 4-2021. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Roll Call vote of all Board members All voted “aye”. Carried.

Attorney Colella stated that Local Law 1-1987, a law dealing with flood damage, precedes Local Law 1-1983 so 1-1983 is deleted. Local Law 1-1987 was amended by Local Law 1-1989.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the Flood Damage Local Law as addressed. Councilman Pero seconded. Carried.

An agreement between the Town of Ossian and the Town of Dansville on shared town road maintenance of Geiger Rd. and Poags Hole Rd. has been sent to the Town of Dansville Board for their approval.

Highway Superintendent Young discussed the need for a new metal roof on the Highway Garage. Councilman Pero moved to have the Highway Superintendent place an ad for bids on the Highway Garage roof and bids will then be opened on May 11, 2021 at the Regular Board Meeting. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation and named who should be present.

Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:50pm. Councilman Van Heusen named Chris Pero to take minutes. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Jaeger moved to leave Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 9:10pm. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Councilman Pero stated that “No action was taken”.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Patane moved to adjourn. Council Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Stephen Rauber, Ossian Town Clerk  
April 20, 2021