

## Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** August 9, 2022
- Place:** Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose:** Regular Board Meeting
- Present:** Supervisor Dwight Knapp, Councilman<sup>merl</sup> David Mark, Chris Pero, Louis Patane, Patrick Jaeger, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Bourgoine, Highway Superintendent Keith Young, Town Clerk, John VanHeusen, Assessor Holley Smalt, Deputy Clerk Natalie Welsh
- 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 Deanne Knapp.  
**A moment of silence was observed for Jesse<sup>Weidman</sup> Wideman long time resident and friend who also served on many boards.**
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, were presented. Councilman Patane moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Communications:** **Supervisor Knapp stated we have received the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final ARPA funds for \$37,692.19.**
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of July 2022. Total disbursements were \$42,016.26 and total receipts were \$50,029.93. Councilman Pero moved to accept the financial Report. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #119 through #139 totaling \$52,343 and General Fund claims #89 through #98 totaling \$2,349.95 were presented for audit. Councilman Pero moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** **Judge Wilson gave the Supervisor a check for \$399.00**  
Town clerk presented a check for July proceeds for \$127.00 and the town retains full amount. Code Officer Bourgoine is resolving 2 issues. Permits have slowed down. Heather Pero will be getting a 8x10 frame and picture of this years Youth and Senior award winners. Assessor Smalt reported 2 SCAR Hearings will be held. She also reported we have 15 Article 7's to be held. We will need to have Legal Council, and hire a Real Property Appraiser both of which we have to pay ourselves. Highway Superintendent Young reported they have been ditching and hauling sand and salt. The new truck should be here late January early February, at a price

increase of around \$20,000. CHIPS paperwork is done and should receive payment September 9,2022.

**Other Business:** Supervisor Knapp presented a agreement between the Town of Ossian and John Ekhardt in regards to the water issue they have. Councilman Pero made a motion for the Supervisor to sign said agreement. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried. A budget workshop will be held August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. All Board members and department heads should attend. Then on Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9AM their will be a meeting held at BBS accounting for Board members to go over the budget. A motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and asked that our Town Assessor be present and for the Town Clerk to attend to take minutes by Councilman Patane. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Mark made a motion to leave Executive Session and return to the regular Board meeting. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. After returning to the regular Board Meeting the Supervisor asked the Clerk to read the minutes of Executive Session. No action taken. Councilman Patane made a motion to pass a resolution for the Approval of The Towns of Ossian and West Sparta to share equally in the Legal expenses for the Court action involving a assessment challenge brought by one property owner in both towns. A real Property appraiser will also be needed and those costs will be the responsibility of the Town in which the parcel is taxed. Councilman mark seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken all voted AYE. Resolution passed.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Patane moved to adjourn. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.



John VanHeusen, Ossian Town Clerk