

## Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** January 12, 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 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 John Van Heusen.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the December 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the December 23, 2020 Year End Board Meeting and the January 5, 2021 Organizational Meeting were presented. Councilman Pero corrected the January 5, 2021 meeting under State of Town. Should read “goals for 2021”. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept all minutes as corrected. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Communications:** None
- Financial Report:** The Financial Report for December 2020 was distributed by the Supervisor. Total receipts were \$54428.60 and total disbursements were \$92,414.23. Councilman Pero moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway claims #1 through #11 totaling \$6,836.81 and General Fund claims #1 through #11 totaling \$4,250.35 were presented for payment. Councilman Jaeger moved to accept all claims as presented. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Town Clerk Rauber reported a total business for December 2020 of \$422.00 which is presented to the Supervisor. Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine informed the Board that he is working on a couple violations. Highway Superintendent Young reported that they have been cleaning the shop. The CHIPS program looks good for this year. The new loader is expected to arrive within the week. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Tom Depuy stated that there will be an Appeals Hearing next week. Youth Board Representative Heather Pero stated that there will be a Teen Recognition event at the Avon Drive In. Applications are being accepted through February 5, 2021 to nominate Town of Ossian youth

Judge Wilson reported court fines of \$893.00 for December 2020. Assessor Smalt stated she is working on Ag. exemptions at present.

**Other Business:**

Jim Smith, Webmaster of the Town Web Site asked if we would like the security of a SSL Certificate for our web site. Councilman Pero moved to reinstate the SSL for 2021. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Patane moved, at the advice of the Town Attorney, to clear out our old zoning laws on the Town's web site and download our new Zoning Laws. Councilman Van Heusen seconded the motion. Carried.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to hold a Public Hearing on two new local Laws – 1-2021 a Junk Law and 2-2021 a Property Maintenance Law. The Hearing will take place at the Ossian Town Hall on February 9, 2021 at 7:30PM. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.

The Town Attorney Colella volunteered to read through Local Laws 1-1983, 1-1984 and 1-1985 and clean them up. The only cost will be to pay his secretary for typing the needed changes.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to have the Town Attorney review and address issues to all Local Laws on file at a cost of \$280.00 per hour up to 10 hours. If more time is needed he will advise the Board. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. Town resident Bob Vanderbosch questioned the Board about using Town Roads to operate 4x4 off road machines on. The Board stated that they will look into the issue and address it at a future board meeting.

Highway Superintendent Young asked the Board for \$1000.00 to purchase materials to build a loft in the Highway Garage for tire storage. Councilman Patane moved to allow the loft to be built by the highway employees at a cost of \$1000.00 after they consult with the Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

The Highway Superintendent asked the Board to consider the purchase of a new Roller. Councilman Van Heusen suggested that the issue be tabled until the February Board Meeting.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. He would ask the Town Attorney and the Highway Superintendent to also be present. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.

“ No Action was Taken”

Councilman Van Heusen moved to re-enter Regular Session. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

**Adjournment:**

Councilman Van Heusen moved to adjourn. Council Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Stephen Rauber, Ossian Town Clerk  
January 15, 2021