

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date: November 9, 2022
- Place: Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Road, Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose: Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing on Local Law 2-2022 Adoption and Implementation of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and Energy Code.
- Present: Supervisor Dwight Knapp; Councilmen David Mark, Chris Pero; Code Enforcement Officer Robert Bourgoine; Highway Superintendent Keith Young; Deputy Town Clerk Natalie Welch
- Absent: Town Clerk John VanHeusen; Assessor Holley Smalt; Councilmen Louis Patane and Patrick Jaeger
- 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 Highway Superintendent Keith Young.
- Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing were presented. Councilman Pero moved to accept the minutes as presented and Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Public Hearing: Supervisor Knapp announced the Public Hearing and asked Deputy Town Clerk to read the Legal Notice (*Notice of Public Hearing. Town of Ossian on Local Law 2-2022*) a phone call was made to Town Clerk VanHeusen for verification of distribution to Livingston County Newspaper. He stated that it was submitted. Code Enforcement Officer offered a brief explanation of the proposed local law. Supervisor Knapp then opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments or questions. With no comments or questions he stated the Hearing to remain open and return later in the meeting.
- Communications: 1) Supervisor Knapp received information that the annual Livingston County Dog Shelter inspection was completed by NYS Agriculture and Markets. 2) Supervisor Knapp stated that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors will vote on the proposed 2023 county budget next Wednesday, November 16th. Tax rate decreased by 17 percent from \$7.56 to \$6.46 /\$1,000 assessed value. Tax levy increased 4.6 percent from 29.44M to 30.8M. The average family house will see about a \$40.00 tax increase.
- Financial Report: Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of October 2022. Total disbursements were \$57,176.57 and total receipts were \$34,775.91. Councilman Pero moved to accept the financial report and Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims: Highway Fund claims #169 through #188 totaling \$25,088.74 and General Fund claims #125 through #135 totaling \$2,577.85 presented for audit. Councilman Pero moved to accept all claims presented for payment and Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports: Judge Wilson: no activity for the month of October.
Deputy Town Clerk: presented a check to the Supervisor for \$195.00.
Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine: working on permits and reports.
Highway Superintendent Young: Boom rented for brush cut back – completed. Trucks are ready for winter. Censor on loader repaired.
Assessor Smalt: (read by Supervisor Knapp) processing monthly transfers, escrows, and other misc. administrative duties. Working on renewal exemptions for 2023 to send to property owners in the next few months. Attended a Webinar on current tax cert cases and imagery technology to help with refute appeals. Attended monthly assessor's association meeting.

Public Hearing: Supervisor Knapp returned to the Public Hearing and again asked if anyone had any comments or questions on the adoption of the Local Law 2-2022. No comments or questions arose. Hearing no further questions or comments Supervisor Knapp declared the Public Hearing closed.

Other Business: Local Law 2-2022 Councilman Pero made a motion to accept law and Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken – all aye and carried.

Supervisor Knapp asked for a motion to extend the Intermunicipal Agreement for Equipment, Machinery, Tools and Services sharing between the Town of Ossian and Livingston County for a period of one year (January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023). Councilman Mark made a motion to accept the extension and Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken – all aye and carried. Deputy Town Clerk Welch will submit the required paperwork to Livingston County Highway Department.

Supervisor Knapp received a request from Vicky Johnson, Genesee Valley Insurance to review the Renewal Agreement of equipment. After discussion, Supervisor Knapp will contact her to set up a meeting.

Supervisor Knapp contacted the Dansville Village Clerk regarding the Fire Contract.

Adjournment: Councilman Pero moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilman Mark. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Recorded by: Natalie Welch, Ossian Deputy Town Clerk