

Ossian Town Board Minutes

Date: October 11, 2022

Place: Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York

Purpose: Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing on 2023 Town Budget

Present: Supervisor Dwight Knapp; Councilmen David Mark, Chris Pero, Louis Patane; Pat Jaeger, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Bourgoine; Highway Superintendent Keith Young; Town Clerk John VanHeusen; 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 Natalie Welsh

Approval of The minutes from the September 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were presented. Councilman Pero moved to accept the minutes as presented with the addition of 2023 Budget under Communications. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.

Minutes:

Public Hearing: Supervisor Knapp opened the Public Hearing on the proposed 2023 Town Budget. He made a few comments and asked the Town Clerk to read the Legal Ad from the Livingston County News of October 6, 2022. The Supervisor then stated that the assessed value of the Town increased by 32% which helped to decrease the current tax rate from \$10.57 to a rate of \$8.30 for Fiscal year 2023. The town did not exceed the cap. He also explained how the Budget was done. He then asked the Public if there were any comments or questions, there were none. He then asked the Board if they had any comments on the Budget. Council Mark had some concerns regarding the pay raises for the Highway Employees. Hearing no further comments he kept the Hearing open and would revisit the Budget later in the meeting

Communications: Supervisor Knapp shared the State Comptroller Fiscal Stress Scores with the Town Board .

Financial Report: Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of September 2022. Total disbursements were \$54,490.83 and total receipts were \$168,978.00. Councilman Mark moved to accept the financial Report. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

Claims: Highway Fund claims #153 through #168 totaling \$34,719.74 and General Fund claims #109 through #123 totaling \$4,706.80 were

presented for audit. Councilman Patane moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

Reports:

Judge Wilson reported no activity for September. Town Clerk presented a check to the Supervisor for \$649.00 for Fees collected. CEO Bourgoine reported 5 permits issued. Highway Superintendent Young reported the crew has been filling in pot holes and working on snow equipment. They plan on cutting brush next week. Youth Board Rep. Heather Pero presented the Town with a picture taken of this years winners and the Town Board. Assessor Smalt reported she has been working on exemptions and a Article 7 case.

Other Business:

Again Supervisor Knapp asked for any comments or questions on the proposed 2023 Preliminary Town Budget. Hearing none he declared the Hearing closed. Councilman Patane made a motion to adopt the 2023 Preliminary Budget as the 2023 Town Budget. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. The town of Ossian Christmas Party will be held at the Sierra Inn at 6pm on Saturday December 10. Councilman Pero made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on adopting the 2022 NYS Uniform Fire Prevention , Building and Energy codes as Town codes. And to place a Legal Notice of the Public Hearing. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Pero made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation.and asked the Town Clerk and assessor Smalt to attend. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Pero made a motion to leave Executive Session and to return to the regular Board Meeting. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried. The clerk read the minutes no action taken. Councilman Jaeger made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement and sign said agreement with Hodgson Russ Attorneys at Law to represent us in the Article 7 proceedings. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held November 9, 2022 which is a Wednesday this is due to the fact that Election Day is the same as our Town Board Meeting.

Adjournment:

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



John VanHeusen, Ossian Town Clerk