

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** OCTOBER 10, 2023
- Place:** Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose:** Regular Board Meeting & Public Hearing 2024 Town Budget
- Present:** Supervisor Dwight Knapp; Councilmen David Mark, Louis Patane; Pat Jaeger, Highway Superintendent Keith Young; Town Clerk John VanHeusen; Assessor Smalt,
- Absent:** Councilman Pero, CEO Bob Bourgione
- 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
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the September 12, 2023 Board meeting were presented. Councilman Patane moved to accept the Minutes as presented. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Public Hearing:** Supervisor Knapp went over the 2024 Tentative Budget and stated that there is a increase of 6.74% he asked the Clerk to read the legal notice that appeared in the October 5 , 2023 Livingston County News. The Supervisor then opened the Public Hearing and asked if any residents had any comments. Hearing none he asked if any Board member had comments. Hearing none he said the Hearing will remain open and revisit it later in the meeting.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp shared that he received a letter from the State on our annual Fiscal and Enviromental stress test. We are Fiscally sound but had a decrease of 47 people. We also received a check for our AIM money which was \$4,003.00.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of September 2023. Total disbursements were \$ 60,010.08 total receipts were \$209,805.56 Councilman Patane moved to accept the financial Report. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #137through #152 totaling \$39,355.64. General Fund claims #102 through #118 totaling \$14,721.85 were presented for audit. Councilman Jaeger moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried.
- Reports:** Judge Wilson reported \$0 in fines. The Town Clerk presented a check to the Supervisor for \$184.00 for Fees collected for September 2023. CEO Bourgoine was absent. Highway Superintendent Young reported doing ditching, mixing salt and installed propane tank at Town Hall. Assessor Smalt reported she is working on Star Exemptions. She is also installing a new program for her computer.

Public Hearing: Supervisor Knapp revisited the Public Hearing and again asked if there were any comments on the Proposed Budget. Hearing none He declared the Public Hearing closed.

Other Business: Councilman Patane moved to approve adoption of the 2024 Preliminary Budget as the Town Adopted Budget for 2024 with no changes. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken all voted AYE. Carried. A partial tax exemption for first responders. No interest was shown. It was decided to settle the Pioneer Research bill with a payment of \$2,501.20. Councilman Jaeger made a motion to pay vouchers 103 and 114 with ARPA Funds and authorize the Supervisor to transfer these funds from the ARPA account to the General Fund account. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Mark made a motion to get quotes for a new Town Hall Roof which will be a metal roof and to have the Clerk place a legal ad in our paper and to have the Highway Superintendent as the contact person. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried. A letter of support was sent to New York Green stating we will provide the Town Hall for workshops and meetings which will be headed up by Sheila Hess. This is a project to help control the wooly adelgid that is infesting and killing our Hemlock trees. A meeting was setup for October 23,2023 at 5pm at the Town Hall with Sheila Hess for the Kiosk project. The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 9, at the Sierra Inn. 5 pm. For cocktails and eat at 6pm.

Adjournment: Councilman Patane moved to adjourn. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm

John VanHeusen, Ossian Town Clerk