

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
- Place:** Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose:** **Regular Board Meeting & Public Hearing Local Law 4 of 2023**
- Present:** Supervisor Dwight Knapp; Councilmen David Mark, Chris Pero, Louis Patane; Pat Jaeger, Highway Superintendent Keith Young; Town Clerk John VanHeusen; Assessor Smalt, CEO Bob Bourgoine
- 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 Heather Pero
- A moment of silence was observed for Donald Rawleigh and Ronald Mitchell.**
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from August 8, 2023 and August 21, 2023 Budget work Shop Board Meetings were presented. Councilman Pero moved to accept the Minutes as presented. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.
- Public Hearing:** **Supervisor Knapp opened the Public Hearing for Local Law 4 Of 2023 A Local Law to Over Ride the Tax Cap for fiscal year 2024. He asked the Clerk to read the legal notice that appeared in September 7, 2023 Livingston County News. The Supervisor the went over the Budget and explained the reason for the Tax Cap Override. He then asked if any one from the residents or Town Board had any questions. Hearing none he declared the meeting still open and will revisit the matter later in the meeting.**
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp shared that he received a letter from the County Attorney stating that we are awarded the County ARPA funds for the placement of a kiosk in the town to help with Eco Tourism. The amount received is \$20,000. These monies will be put on a separate line item in our Budget.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of August 2023. Total disbursements were \$ 33,453.56 total receipts were \$45,415.81. Councilman Jaeger moved to accept the financial Report. Councilman Mark seconded the motion. Carried
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #119 through #136 totaling \$51,248.38. General Fund claims #92 through #101 totaling \$2,772.11 were presented for audit. Councilman Pero moved to accept all claims presented for payment. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

Reports: Judge Wilson reported \$0 in fines. The Town Clerk presented a check to the Supervisor for \$707.40 for Fees collected for August 2023. CEO Bourgoine reported doing 5 permits . Highway Superintendent Young reported finished up tiling project, and working for the County. He also stated that the bid for underground propane tank is now \$3,500 still the lowest bid. The Town Hall furnace should be installed end of September first week in October. Holly stated she is verifying 2023 sales and getting exemptions ready.

Public Hearing: **Supervisor reopened Public Hearing and again asked if there were any comments on the Proposed Local Law. Hearing none he declared the public hearing closed.**

Other Business: Councilman Patane moved to approve adoption of Local Law 4 of 2023. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken all voted AYE. Carried.
Councilman Jaeger made a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget as the Town Preliminary Budget. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Jaeger made a motion to hold a public hearing on October 10, 2023 at 7:30 at our regular Board meeting to discuss the preliminary budget.
And to have the Town Clerk to place a legal ad for the meeting. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Pero made a motion to accept the bid of \$1,700.00 from IWORK for new software for the C.E.O. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. The Supervisor shared a proposal for the Kiosk which we will build using the County ARPA regrant monies. He wants to schedule a meeting for October 2,2023 at 5pm to go over with Sheila Hess. Highway Superintendent Young presented 3 quotes for a new loader. Councilman Jaeger made a motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the J.D. 644P Loader for \$58,953.09. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. He also presented 3 quotes for a new town pickup. Councilman Pero made a motion to purchase a Chevy 350 with snowplow for \$ 67,500.00 this is a no trade price. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried Councilman Patane made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and asked for the CEO, Assessor Smalt, and Town Clerk to be present. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Councilman Mark moved to leave Executive Session and to return to the regular meeting. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Clerk read the minutes no action taken.

Adjournment: Councilman Patane moved to adjourn. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm

John VanHeusen, Ossian Town Clerk