

## Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** December 14, 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 John VanHeusen, Chris Pero, Louis Patane, Patrick Jaeger, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Bourgoine, Highway Superintendent Keith Young, Town Clerk Steve Rauber, Assessor Holley 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 Louie Patane.  
*a moment of silence was observed for Bob Vanderboch*
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the November 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, were presented. Councilman Pero moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Patane seconded the motion.  
Carried.
- Privilege of Floor:** Town resident, Robin Mcilwaine addressed the Board about her neighbors pigs, that on occasion, run free and terrorize her horses. The matter was turned over to the Town Code Enforcement Officer for investigation to resolve the issue.  
Amy Burgess, Groveland Town Clerk and President of the Livingston County Town Clerks Assoc. was recognized. She read a proclamation to the Town Clerk recognizing his 20 years of service.
- Public Hearing:** A public Hearing on Local Law 7-2021, a proposed law to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law Article 4 was opened. The Town Clerk read the Public Notice as placed in the Livingston County News. The Supervisor asked if anyone was present to speak on the Local Law. After no comment, the hearing was left open.
- Communications:** A check in the amount of \$13,075.48 was received as a result of the class action suit on the Navistar engine.  
The results of the 2020 Census is in and shows a drop of 65 residents in the 2010 Census.
- Financial Report:** <sup>from</sup> Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of November. Total disbursements were \$38,276.72 and total receipts were \$23,352.74. Councilman Van Heusen moved to accept the financial Report. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #169 through #182 totaling \$19,781.79 and General Fund claims #117 through #131 totaling \$3,945.86 were presented for audit. Councilman Patane moved to accept all claims

presented for payment. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

**Reports:**

Town Clerk Rauber reported a total business for the month of November of \$239.00. A check in that amount was presented to the Supervisor.

Town Judge Wilson reported "no activity" for November. He also stated that he will not hold court in February 2022.

Code Enforcement Officer Bourgoine stated that he issued 1 building permit in November. He also indicated that he is not happy with Larry Brockington concerning his computer knowledge.

Youth Representative Heather Pero stated that a survey will be taken of local businesses to see if job openings can be filled with area youth.

Highway Superintendent Keith Young stated that his department has done some light plowing and sanding. They are also doing tree cleanup due to the high winds.

Assessor Holly Smalt has been busy preparing exemptions. She also stated a need for a legal file. She was instructed to purchase one.

Supervisor Knapp again asked if there was anyone present to speak on the Public Hearing. Hearing none he closed the Public Hearing.

**Other Business:**

Councilman Jaeger moved to adopt Local Law 7-2021, a law to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law Article 4. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken, all members voted "aye". Carried.

John Van Heusen read his letter of resignation as a Town Councilman effective 12/31/2021.

Nominations for an interim Councilman were taken. Board members nominated David Mark and Rob Carter. A vote was taken and David Mark was selected.

Councilman Pero moved to appoint John Van Heusen as Registrar of Vital Statistics effective 1/1/2022.

Sheila Hess addressed the Board and requested that Ossian become a member of a grant that will address the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid issue. The Town will be responsible for \$1000.00 of in kind service such as meeting places, etc. Councilman Van Heusen moved to have the Town of Ossian become a part of this grant. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried.

The yearend meeting will be held on 12/28/21 at 5pm. and the Organizational Meeting will be on 1/4/22 at 5pm.

Councilman Van Heusen moved to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Requested attendance is Councilman, Supervisor, Code Enforcement Officer and Town Attorney.

"No Action was Taken"

Councilman Van Heusen moved to leave Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried.

The Town Attorney informed the Board on solar laws and on lack of remediation language due to more issues coming to light. Set up a meeting with Mary Underhill to discuss our current laws on solar.

**Adjournment:**

Councilman Van Heusen moved to adjourn. Councilman Patane seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.