

Ossian Town Board Minutes

- Date:** October 8, 2024
- Place:** Ossian Town Hall, 4706 Ossian Hill Rd., Dansville, Livingston County, State of New York
- Purpose:** Regular Board Meeting/Public Hearing 2025 Town Budget
- Present:** Supervisor Dwight Knapp; Louis Patane; Pat Jaeger, Chris Pero, Highway Superintendent Keith Young; Town Clerk John VanHeusen, Assessor Holly Smalt, CEO Quinn Golden
- Absent:** Councilman Barron
- 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. Afterwards a moment of silence was held for two life long town residents Helen Bertalon, and Bill Learn who recently passed away.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 10,2024 and Special Meeting of September 24 2024 Ossian Town Board Minutes were presented. Councilman Pero moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried.
- Public Hearing:** Supervisor Knapp explained the. Preliminary Town Budget for Fiscal year 2025. He then asked the Town Clerk to read the Legal Notice for the Public Meeting. He then declared the Public Hearing open. He then asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak no response and then asked if any Board Member wished to speak no response. He then declared the hearing still open and will return to it later in the meeting.
- Communications:** Supervisor Knapp read the NY State Fiscal Stress Monetary System report. Ossian is in good fiscal health.
- Financial Report:** Supervisor Knapp presented the financial report for the month of September 2024. Total disbursements were \$148,378.19 total receipts were \$127,539.65. Councilman Patane moved to accept the financial Report. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. Carried
- Claims:** Highway Fund claims #134 through #147 totaling \$60,018.48 and General Fund claims #100 through #121 totaling \$7,959.31 were

and is very satisfied with their program and will give a overview of that in the future. Highway Superintendent Young reported they are mixing salt and sand, wedging roads, and that he attended a Conference and updated the Board on the "Clean Truck Law" and how it will impact the Town. Assessor Smalt stated she is getting exemptions ready for 2025 and has fielded many questions about school taxes and STAR exemptions..

Other Business:

Supervisor Knapp then returned to the Public Hearing and again asked if any one wished to speak hearing no response he again asked the Board if they wished to comment. No response. He then declared the Public Hearing Closed. Councilman Jaeger moved to adopt the 2025 Preliminary Budget as the Town of Ossian Adopted budget for 2025 with no changes. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. The Supervisor asked if anyone had any questions. A Roll Call vote was taken and all voted AYE. Carried.

Supervisor Knapp opened a discussion on the NYCLASS investment firm. He stated that he had met with our accounting firm and shared their response. Councilman Patane offered a resolution to enter into the NYCLASS investment group. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. The Supervisor asked if there were any more discussion on this matter. A Roll call vote was taken all voted AYE. Carried. Resolution is attached. Councilman Patane made a resolution to authorize the Town Supervisor to transfer funds totaling \$2,627.89 from the ARPA account to pay for updates to the Town Hall from the Computer Medic. Councilman Pero seconded the motion. The Supervisor asked if there was any more discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All voted AYE. Carried. Clerk VanHeusen gave a update on the KIOSK project. It should be done in the next few weeks. The Town's annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday December 6, at the Sierra Inn starting at 5pm and eating at 6pm. The Town Clerk suggested we keep \$200.00 in the Clerk's account in case of returned checks. Will discus later.

Adjournment:

Councilman Patane moved to adjourn. Councilman Jaeger seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm



John VanHeusen, Ossian Town Clerk