

**TOWN OF OSGOOD
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

Present at the meeting were Tammy Wilhoit, Daniel Craig, Bill Roberts, Chris Kuhn, Lynn Fledderman, Holley Rose, Gary Payne, Dustin Payne, and Caleb Payne.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – all present

Motion to waive the reading and adopt the pre-read minutes. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

Old Business:

Daniel Craig stated that talked to the owner of the 2 soda pop machines located in front of the computer store. The owner is supposed to remove them. He is trying to sell them. They need to be removed before the Downtown Project begins.

Council would like for Lynn to create a vending machine ordinance stating that there are no vending machines of any kind allowed on any Town owned sidewalks. Vending machines must be on the business owner's property. Lynn will prepare an ordinance for next month's meeting.

R3 Revision Ordinance: create an ordinance that would not allow R3 development within the LB and GB zones. This could also include that ground level apartments or multifamily dwellings could not be built in the zone areas. This is what we've tried to do with the downtown area and would protect all areas within the LB and GB districts. Dustin Payne was present and stated that if an ordinance was made the County could adopt it. If communities would give a letter of support, Dustin could take to the Ripley County Planning and Zoning for a public hearing.

Commonwealth Project Memo:

Water Improvement Project –

- SIRPC is in the process of submitting documentation needed for the Release of Funds. Once this has been completed, a Pre-Construction Meeting will be scheduled between the Town, The Contractor, Commonwealth, and SIRPC, at which point the contract will be signed.
- We continue correspondence with INDOT regarding the Occupancy Permit for this project.
- IDEM Review / Approval of Plant Shut Down:

Brady and Tony are working on the Emergency Response Plan edits as requested by IDEM. Upon completion of this it will be submitted to IDEM and we anticipate their approval.

Tony has installed the door locks on the WTP required to allow for plant "Shut Down".

Motion to approve Commonwealth's claim for \$367.96 for Professional Fees. Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 - ayes

Trail Project –

- Plan Sheets and Details were presented to the Town on January 11, 2024.

Motion to approve Commonwealth's claim for \$3,188 for Design, Permits, and Bidding. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

Downtown Sidewalks (Buckeye Street from Ripley Street to Beech Street) –

- Preliminary design and related documents (Estimate, Schedule, and List of Specifications) were completed and submitted to Osgood staff prior to the end of year. Town staff are reviewing the submittal in order to provide feedback to CEI for revision to plans. A site walk-through with Osgood and CEI staff was conducted on Thursday, 1/11/24.

- The process of permitting has begun. Documents are being prepared for submittal to INDOT and the railroad. Additionally, conversation with utilities has also started with more discussion to take place as the design continues.

Motion to approve Commonwealth's claims of \$12,820.72 for Preliminary Design and Survey/Data Collection, contingent upon Reynolds Foundation approval. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

Presenting Ordinance 2024-1 for the first reading: An Ordinance Establishing the Local Income Tax – Public Safety Fund. Whereas the Town will receive distributions of local income tax for public safety under IC 6-3.6-6 and the State Board of Accounts has directed the Town to establish the Local Income Tax – Public Safety Fund.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2024-1. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

Notice is hereby given that the Area Plan Commission of the County of Ripley, Indiana on the 5th day of March, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Annex will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Ripley County.

Part of Section 22, Township 8 North, Range 11 East, Center Twp. 0.50 acre.
Osgood Lots 58-61. 101 South Maple Street, Osgood, IN. Rezone from I-1
Enclosed Industrial to general business.

Gary, Caleb, and Dustin Payne were present to discuss the above and did a presentation for the old mill property. They presented Council with plans to develop the property and stated they would like to do it in 3 phases: 1. Restaurant / Retail Space 2. Replicate old depot 3. Establish new shop area in back. This is why they are requesting a rezone from I-1 to general business. They inquired about tax abatements, utility taps, and grants.

Gary Payne also spoke to Council concerning O.B.C.'s Urban Development Committee wanting to submit a 1,000 word document that's due February 16th for Readi Grant funds. He stated these funds could be used for facades, new construction, rehabbing homes, etc.

Police Department – Daniel Craig stated a stolen car had been recovered. He gave Council his monthly statistics and stated the new police truck will be getting wrapped this Friday.

Fire Department – Kyle Negangard was present. Stated the run totals for 2023 was 236 with most of those being first response and EMS. He gave an active roster list to the Clerk-Treasurer stating that it went from 26 down to 19, due to members not coming to meetings or trainings. Their current SCBA cannot be serviced any longer due to no longer being able to get parts. They will need to buy new SCBA this year at an estimate of \$200,000. They will be looking for grants to apply for and asked if the Town would be able to give any assistance. The Town currently has a meeting set up with USDA on February 26th concerning other grant ideas and we will ask if this is something that will qualify.

Claims were signed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 – ayes

Amara Wichot
Clerk-Treasurer

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President

Holly M. [Signature]
Member

William [Signature]
Member



