

**TOWN OF OSGOOD
EXECUTIVE SESSION
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

Present at the meeting were Tammy Wilhoit, Chris Kuhn, Bill Roberts, Lynn Fledderman, Tony Wood, Steve Wilhoit, and Holley Rose.

RE: IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (2) (B)

**TOWN OF OSGOOD
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

Present at the meeting were Tammy Wilhoit, Chris Kuhn, Bill Roberts, Holley Rose, Lynn Fledderman, Steve Wilhoit, Tony Wood, Alex Wilhelm, Alex Brison, Matt Wirth, Alex Mullet, Spencer Hacker, Dustin Payne, and Shawn Negangard.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – all present

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

The public hearing for the SRF Application was called to order: The Town has submitted a SRF Application for a Water Project, lead service lines. We are required to hold a public hearing and a Resolution will need to be signed to accept Commonwealth's Preliminary Engineering Report. Two areas were looked at. One was the replacement of approximately 8,800 L.F. of lead lines and the other was Water Treatment upgrades. Council and the employees feel the lead service lines take precedence at this time. There is a health concern with lead lines, due to the age of the lines. We have 19 confirmed lead service lines and 218 unknown. Bill Roberts feels the project is pretty pricey, but also feels like the government is forcing our hand. Commonwealth asked if anyone had questions, no one responded. At 7:10 p.m., the public hearing was closed.

Commonwealth Project Memo:

Downtown Sidewalk Project

- All permit approvals have been received.
- Work for this project commenced at the beginning of this month for the brick crosswalks, and the work included within the railroad right-of-way.
 - Weather depending, the project is scheduled to be completed by May 30, 2025.

Motion to approve Commonwealth's claims for Construction Engineering \$402.07. Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 - ayes

Motion to approve Kleem Inc. clam for signs in the amount of \$2,451.72. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

2025 COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCH GRANT

- Osgood has been informed that the Community Crossings Matching Grant program application was approved.
 - The 2025-1 CCMG funded amount is \$1,256,360.10
- Preliminary design work is complete, and CEI has met with the Utility Staff to review
- Final design is underway, and CEI is coordinating comments received from the Utility Staff and will incorporate comments for the utility companies.
 - Bidding for this project is scheduled for May of 2025.

Motion to approve Commonwealth's claim for \$46,667.79 for Preliminary Design and Survey/Data Collection, contingent upon Reynolds Foundation approval. Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 - ayes

WATER IMPROVEMENTS PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REOPRT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Commonwealth met with Tony and the Water Utility Staff on March 18th to finalize the scope for the Water Improvements PER.
- Commonwealth presented the finalized PER to the Town Board on March 25th
 - The Osgood Town Board approved the PER for submittal at this meeting.
 - The PER was submitted on March 28th prior to the SRF deadline.
- The Public Hearing for the PER is scheduled for April 15th in conjunction with the Town Board Meeting; comments will be accepted for five days following this meeting
 - A public notice was published on April 1st in the Osgood Journal for this public hearing.

Lynn, proposed Ordinance 2025-1 to update the Gas Utility ordinances and meter rates at the March 18th meeting. Steve Wilhoit was present to explain why the increase is needed. He stated the meter fees needed to be increased due to price increases, a meter use to cost \$68 and now costs \$250. The meter fees would go from \$5 per month for a household meter to \$10 per month. Small commercial would go from \$12 to \$25, and Medium and large commercial and industrial would go from \$25 to \$40. That price is based on the life expectancy of the meters. Grain bin meters use to cost \$1,800 and now cost \$5,000. Commercial farmers may start out with a certain gas meter set up and then need to upgrade due to bigger and faster dryers. That cost will be passed on to the customer at their expense. These fees are needed to update to today's costs. The public hearing will be held May 20th.

Motion was made to primarily adopt Ordinance 2025-1, subject to next month's hearing. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 – ayes

Introducing Ordinance 2025-2 for the first reading: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance §92.01 Prohibited Conduct on Sidewalks. It shall be unlawful for any person regardless of age to utilized town sidewalks in any manner that may damage the sidewalk or pose a danger to its users. Sidewalks shall be utilized in a manner consistent with ADA compliance.

Motion to primarily adopt Ordinance 2025-2. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

Chad and Brandi Schwering were present. They discussed purchasing a property north of town for a church and were enquiring about hooking up to the Town's sewer. They stated it is approximately 3,200 feet past JCD. They were asking for Councils blessing to proceed. Tony Wood has been assisting them with getting pricing. They will need a forced main with a pump station. One engineers quote had been received, but will probably look for a cheaper alternative. The Town is good with the capacity and would be able to take them on.

Police Department – Alex Wilhelm gave the monthly report and schedule. There have been several semi traffic issues due to Buckeye Street being closed. A directive was sent out from the County Sheriff stating that citations should be given if the semi has no business in town. Alex Brison will be heading to the academy.

Discussed Ripley County Comprehensive Plan Chapters for Osgood. HWC Engineering will prepare Comprehensive Plan chapters for the Town of Osgood. We will have a dedicated chapter within the Ripley County Comprehensive Plan. Council and Lynn feel this would be a good idea.

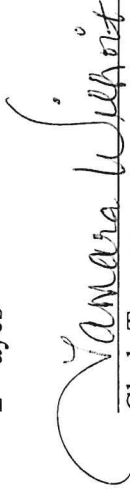



Motion was made to move forward with HWC Engineering's proposal. Holley 1st, Chris 2nd
3 – ayes

Motion was made to file an injunction against David Shane for the property located at 208 N. Maple. At this time he does not have access to his property. Bill 1st, Chris 2nd
3 – ayes

Dustin Payne was present and stated the next Planning Commission meeting is May 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Annex.

Claims signed.

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

 Clerk-Treasurer	 President
	 Member
	 Member

