

TOWN OF OSGOOD
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Tammy Wilhoit, Chris Kuhn, Holley Rose, Bill Roberts, Dustin Payne, Lynn Fledderman, Rachel Runge, Reyna and James Jackson, Doug Baldessari, and Bill Gabbard.

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: none

Chris Kuhn opened the public hearing for the 2026 Budget. He asked if anyone had questions. No one responded. Hearing was closed.

Commonwealth Engineers Project Update Memo: Rachel Runge

Downtown Sidewalk Project:

- O’Mara remaining work items include rotating the graphic stone panel in front of the theatre and revising the markings in the accessible parking places.
- We are still waiting on the final invoice and change order pricing from O’Mara to complete the project.
 - The project has run under budget, and a credit will be issued once these final items are received by O’Mara.

2025 Community Crossings Project:

- Construction began on 9/2/25
- Updates to construction work include:
 - Demolition and storm piping work has been completed on Beech Street and Cravens Street
 - Concrete work has started on Beech Street and Cravens Street
 - Utility verification for the planned sidewalk construction on Railroad Avenue is ongoing
 - Stormwater work is expected to begin soon on Fairground Avenue

2026 Community Crossings Project:

- Survey is nearing completion for this project
- Preliminary design will begin the week of 9/15/2025
- Project components included are listed below:
 - Maple Street (Railroad Ave to Fairground Ave)
 - Railroad Avenue (Walnut St to Maple St)
 - Cravens Street (Walnut St to Maple St)
 - Beech Street (Walnut St to Maple St)
 - Cherry Street (Walnut St to Maple St)

Water Improvements and Lead Service Line Project:

- A meeting was held on 8/19/25 between the Town Council and Commonwealth Engineers to discuss the Water Improvements Project.

- A meeting was held on 7/29/25 between the Town Council, Commonwealth Engineers and Baker Tilly to discuss the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and Water Improvements project. Decision was made to accept SRF's offer of grant/loan mix.
- Commonwealth Engineers met with Baker Tilly on 9/5/25 to discuss interim financing options until closing. Baker Tilly was to contact Tammy for her ideas. Projects must be bid in February 2026. Finance closing in late March.
- Rachel would like to schedule a kick off meeting with the Water Department and asked if anyone from the Council would like to be there. Chris stated the meeting can just be had with water. Rachel will reach out with date and time.

Motion to approve Commonwealth's claim in the amount \$416.85 for the Downtown Sidewalk Project and \$9,250.00 for the 2025 CCMG Project. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

Rumpke's contract is ending December 31, 2025: Rumpke has submitted a 3-year extension to the current contract:

January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026: \$19.50 per unit
January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027: \$20.28 per unit
January 1, 2028 through December 31, 2028: \$21.09 per unit

Bill asked how this compares to current pricing. We are currently at \$17.85. Bill is requesting it to be tabled. He said he remembers pricing going up because of diesel fuel prices, doesn't understand why Rumpke's prices increased. He would like more information.

Best Way has not offered the twice a week pickup like we want and Rumpke does the twice a week pick up with heavy trash items on Thursday's instead of twice a year.

Baker Tilly has submitted their Master Services Agreement along with the Scope of Work for the rate study, proposed SRF bond issue and forgivable loans, and financial section of the asset management plan. Doug Baldasseri was present and explained the funding of the SRF Grants (80%) and Loans. There are certain things that need to be done on the financial side for this to happen, such as a rate study, required coverages, funding reserves, and everything SRF requires. In addition, the financing application, projection reports, and all information they need to make sure we can pay the loans back. There is still quite a bit of information to provide.

Motion to approve the Master Services Agreement along with the Scope of Work. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

Discussion was held on Osgood's map for the County Comprehensive Plan meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow, September 17th. Chris stated that Holley would be attending that meeting. Chris would like to point out possible growth to the south as residential. Chris asked if the municipalities had to adopt an ordinance for zoning. Lynn stated the way it works, the Town proposes an ordinance and it goes to the planning commission. The planning commission will hold all the hearings that are required and give it favorable or unfavorable recommendation. It would then go to the county and back to the various communities for approval. Chris stated our business district is more strung out than Versailles. It is designated on a map what the Town of Osgood's business district is. Chris asked if the Town has a say on variance issues. Lynn stated it could be added to the proposed ordinance. Lynn stated that you do have input, but it's not the final say. That is not the way the statute reads. Holley stated we want to ensure our vision for the town. Lynn stated the Town will want to pass an ordinance similar to Versailles. Each town will have different maps. Dustin Payne (Osgood's representative to the Area Planning Commission) asked why Versailles was only focusing on the square, Lynn was not aware.

Property at 117 W. Ripley was put out for bid and purchased on 2/11/23. According to the purchase: Real estate must be utilized for a Restaurant /Bar with common area for the public, a working area, and event space, an entertainment area, and an open market to be opened within 3 years from the date of closing. If this condition is not met, the Town of Osgood reserves an option to purchase the Real Estate for fair market value as determined by the average of two appraisals by licensed appraisers determined by the Town of Osgood.

Motion was made to hire two appraisers. Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 - ayes

Retroactive to September 1st, Motion to increase Alex Brison's salary for completing the Law Enforcement Academy. Bill 1st, H 2nd
3 - ayes

Motion to set Trick or Treat for Friday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 – ayes

Water Applications received, calls will be made to candidates to interview.

FPBH, Inc. Agreement for Professional Services was presented for the Road Inventory Update.

Motion to approve Agreement for Professional Services. Holley 1st, Chris 2nd
2 - ayes

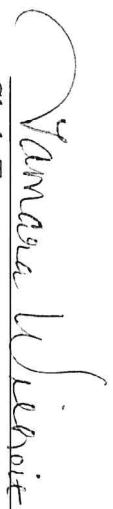
Police Department – Alex Wilhelm gave monthly report. They received a quote to fix the 2016 Charger. The control panel shorted out and it wasn't running sirens. The quote was for \$900 and he would like to use the LIT fund to pay for it. The 2014 Charger that was donated to Sunman has had the decals removed. He is waiting on INDOT to give approval to place the new "Your Speed" signs on the current speed limit signs. Once approval is received he will get with Steve and Rodney to help put them up. Bill asked Marshal Wilhelm for an update on his work schedule, 8 hours vs. 10 hours. He stated this has been an ongoing thing for several months. Marshal Wilhelm would like to remain on 10 hour shifts because it works better for him. Chris stated he was good with it, but when things remedy itself he would like to see him back on 8 hour shifts.

Reyna Jackson was present with a concern. She has been working with the Town on this issue since February of 2022. She stated it was still a mess. Lynn stated that we went to court, they came into compliance, and then things get messed up again. She stated it's a viscous cycle. If they are out of compliance again that Reyna would need to file another complaint with Tad Brinson at the County. Reyna stated she went to the County, but they told her it's up to the Town. Lynn told her to file another complaint with Tad. Reyna would also like to file on the property at 614. Lynn told Reyna to tell Tad we have nothing pending right now and he will understand.

Dustin Payne asked about the ordinance proposal for the County again. He wants to make sure this is in motion. Lynn stated that Versailles hired an attorney from Bose McKinney so that they can explain the procedure. The Town cannot just adopt an ordinance. We have to send a proposal to the County. Lynn feels everyone may be on the same page legally at this point. If the Towns adopt similar ordinances with different maps, that is the way to present it, that way you are dealing with one ordinance with different maps. Dustin stated the bottom line is, the County has to enforce it.

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

Claims were signed.


Clerk-Treasurer


President


Member